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## MEMORIAL DAY *Remembered*



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The 14th annual Ware Remembers was held at the front of the Ware Center Meeting House. American flags were displayed in a field to honor the veterans who were part of the community.

### Meeting House hosts 14th annual ceremony

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WARE – The 14th annual Ware Remembers ceremony took place at the Ware Center Meeting House & Museum.

The event is sponsored by the Ware Historical Society and the Ware Veterans Council. It is a day of remembering those living and

deceased who have served and protected our country in the armed forces.

Residents, friends, family members and community members gathered on the front lawn of the meetinghouse to experience the honorable ceremonies of Ware Remembers that is in the spirit of Memorial Day. The lawn was flooded with flags that symbolize the veterans who are also part of

the Ware community.

There were many guest speakers who were part of the annual Ware Remembers ceremony and it began with an introduction from Tony Swiercz of Ware Center Meeting House.

Swiercz wanted to acknowledge the Ware Historical Society for their efforts of continuing to provide Ware Remembers as an annual celebration.

“Your generosity makes this all possible”, Swiercz said.

Dan Flynn of the Ware River News and the Ware Business & Civic Association, served as the Master of Ceremonies for Ware Remembers and acknowledged how important being part of the ceremony is every year. Flynn

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Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

Vietnam veteran Paul Kularski was this year's parade marshal.

### Remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice

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WARE – On Memorial Day, people gather across the nation to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms.

At Ware's Memorial Day ceremony held inside Town Hall, Jeannie Odiorne spoke on behalf of Gold Star families, those whose loved ones gave their lives in service.

Odiorne's grandson, U.S. Army Private First Class Brian

Odiorne, died in Iraq on Feb. 20, 2017, at the age of 21.

“He would do anything for anybody,” Odiorne said of Brian.

As a small child, Brian would give away his lunch money at school (often coming home hungry), and when he got older, he was always quick to help a friend or coworker.

“That's the kind of boy my Brian was,” Odiorne said.

Odiorne thanked the town for all it does to honor veterans and support their families, including

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Quabbin Regional High School NJROTC Cadet Hunter Labier escorts a representative of the Wendemuth family to place a wreath on the Prescott monument.

### Remembering the fallen of the 'Lost Towns'

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WARE – Since 1947, there has been a ceremony at Quabbin Park Cemetery to honor the military dead from the “Lost Towns” of Dana, Enfield, Greenwich and Prescott for Memorial Day.

This past Sunday, this long-standing tradition continued, welcoming members of the Cooley, Crowther, Hall, Wendemuth and Schmidt families; names that have deep roots stretching back to those disincorporated towns.

The ceremony was conducted by the Veterans Council of Belchertown and the Chauncey D. Walker Post #239 American Legion, with support from the Friends of Quabbin, Inc. and the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Division of Water Supply Protection, Quabbin/Ware Region.

The ceremony was emceed by Keith Poulin of Chauncey Walker Post #239, American Legion.

The Quabbin Park Cemetery has served as the center of

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### Warren witnesses annual Memorial Day Parade

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WARREN – The residents of Warren gathered for their annual Memorial Day parade this past Sunday.

The parade began at Pine Grove Cemetery and would soon make its way into the Town Common. Hundreds of residents sported red, white and blue attire as they greeted those who walked in the parade.

The parade was escorted by the cruisers of the Warren Police Department. Members of the Police and Fire departments walked during the parade. At the end of the parade, the Fire Department's ambulance drove making up the end of the parade.

Boy Scout Troup 142 marched during the parade and carried the

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Turley Photo by Ryan Drago  
The Warren Memorial Day parade making its way through the underpass near Town Common. The town's Police and Fire departments marched in the parade.



### Route 9 bridge naming honors fallen soldier

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BELCHERTOWN – Belchertown resident Kenneth J. Iwasinski

Director of Veterans' Services Charly Oliva reveals a model of the signs that are now installed at the Route 9 bridge, crossing the Swift River.

had always dreamed of joining the military, enlisting in the U.S. Army in March of 2006.

Sadly, Iwasinski was killed in action in Iraq on Oct. 14, 2007, by an improvised explosive device. He left behind family members in Belchertown, Chicopee, Ware, Gilbertville, Palmer, Amherst and Holyoke.

This past Sunday, Iwasinski's family, friends, fellow service-

members and veterans, state and local officials, police, fire and community members, gathered on the green of the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center, overlooking the glistening blue of the Quabbin Reservoir, to remember and honor his incredible sacrifice.

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mentioned he is a son and grandson of a veteran and appreciates the way the community honors their heroes not just around Memorial Day, but every day.

"Local heroes who gave it all to the community," Flynn said.

Performing the Star-Spangled Banner for Ware Remembers was Jane Sterndale and Carol Zins. The pair also performed several music selections throughout the ceremony as all residents would rise to remember those who served and will forever be memorialized.

Julie Bullock of the Ware Historical Society shared a remark regarding the importance of preserving history and the families of veterans who are a part of their community. Bullock describes Ware Remembers as an eye-opening experience and truly speaks on the importance of freedom and independence.

Bullock finished by saying, "Say their name...honor the life they live."

Next to share was Steve Kutt of AMVETS 2577. Kutt had mentioned that the veterans have visited all the cemeteries and did give a salute to acknowledge all the veterans of Ware.

Kutt had said "Freedom is not free" to address how important the sacrifices these veterans made to fight for the very freedoms the United States has to offer.

Guest speaker Dr. Eric Kmiec is the Executive Director and Chief Scientific Officer at the Gene Editing Institute. For Kmiec, speaking in front of the Ware Center Meeting House was a tremendous honor and is close to home since he grew up in Ware.

"A piece of us lives in this building," Kmiec said. "I'm honored to speak...this is our history."

Kmiec would then paraphrase a part of a speech given by President Abraham Lincoln back in 1863, known as the Gettysburg Address. This speech amazingly expresses the importance of why the country celebrates Memorial Day.

"The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here."

Kmiec was honored to be a speaker at this year's Ware Remembers and will always remember Ware as his home.

"I always come home to Ware," Kmiec said.

State Rep. Todd Smola had an opportunity to speak and read an inspiring speech given by General Dwight D. Eisenhower during WWII and prior to the Normandy Landings in 1944. Smola believes the speech given by Eisenhower prior to D-Day really sheds light on the fact that many fallen soldiers who were lost belonged to many small local communities.

"They lived right in our backyards," Smola said. "The loss of those individuals of towns, families and communities."

Smola added that it is important that we continue to memorialize our veterans and teach future generations to preserve those acknowledgements.

"Not just acknowledge but teach," Smola said.

State Sen. Peter J. Durant would speak next and mentioned that every flag shown on the field represents a human being and their families. Durant's father served during World War II and believes it's what you give that makes a difference.

Aaron Bateman of Ware Scouts BSA Troop 281 spoke prior to the roll call and finds it important to preserve the town's history especially while honoring its veterans.

"We will continue to preserve our history," Bateman said.

Participating in the roll call for



Members of Scouts BSA Troop 281 helped out during Ware Remembers and promised to continue to preserve the history.



American Legion Post 123 prepared to provide the firing detail during Ware Remembers.

Turley Photos by Ryan Drago



A moment of silence took place prior to the closing remarks of Ware Remembers.



Steve Kutt of AMVETS 2577 speaking during the Ware Remembers Ceremony.



State Rep. Todd Smola spoke at Ware Remembers.



Musical selections including the Star Spangled Banner were performed by Jane Sterndale and Carol Zins.



State Sen. Peter J. Durant spoke about how each flag on the field represents a human life and the family of that veteran.



Julie Bullock of the Ware Historical Society gave a speech regarding the importance of preserving the town's history and the veterans' family history.



The conclusion of the 14th Annual Ware Remembers Celebration. The event was sponsored by the Ware Historical Society and the Ware Veterans Council.

the veterans was done by a total of seven community members. With each flag placed on the lawn of the meeting house representing a veteran, there were over 300 flags placed for this year's Ware Remembers.

The roll call participants were Town Manager Stuart Beckley, retired Fire Chief Ken Willette, William Lak, Nancy Talbot, Tony Swiercz, Steve Kutt and Wanda Mysona. Each individual partaking in the roll call finished by stating either "we remember" or "Ware Remembers".

After a moment of silence and the ringing of the meetinghouse bell, American Legion Post 123 provided a firing detail and fired three shots to pay homage to the veterans who served our nation. On the trumpet was David Deslauriers and the benediction was provided by Henry Deslauriers at the conclusion of Ware Remembers.



Dr. Eric Kmiec is the Executive Director and Chief Scientific Officer at the Gene Editing Institute and grew up in the town of Ware.



ABOVE: AMVETS 2577 prepared to march and place the flags in front of the meetinghouse during the Ware Remembers introduction.



LEFT: Dan Flynn was the Master of Ceremonies during the 14th Annual Ware Remembers.



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## Friends of Ware Town Hall announce Lotto Calendar winners

WARE – “Notifying Lotto Calendar winners is our favorite part of our annual Lotto Calendar event,” Pat Skutnik, President of Friends of Ware Town Hall said in a press release.

“We sold almost all of our printed calendars this year, it was a lot of fun and a great success. Many thanks to all the vendors who were kind enough to sell calendars for us, and also to all our supporters who bought calendars for themselves and also for gifts. Several people purchased the calendars as gifts and few gift recipients were pleasantly surprised to be notified as winners” said Skutnik.

Congratulations to the list of this year’s lucky winners: Frank Kardas Jr., Dan Healey, Jane Saletnik, Maggie Sorel, Evelyn Trela, Deborah Adamczyk, Nancy Guimond, Joe Juszcyk, Carol Zins, Joan Beer, Claire Cone, Alice Bonasio, Edward Machnik, Stanley Pultchtopok, Sean Piechota, Richard Allard, Lorrie Willette, Joe Juszcyk, Miranda Lacoste, Russell King, Alice Bonasio, Pauline Supka, Celeste Noad, Tim Czech, Franco and Lynn Grutti, Fred Lis, Ashley Navin, Dottie DiVecchio, Jim Metcalf and Ashley Navin.

Skutnik said the next fundraiser will be held at Bemis Farms Nursery in Spencer on Sept. 8.

“More information will be available soon, these fundraisers are always a lot of fun so please remember to save the date,” she said.

## Historical Society holds program on Winnimuset Valley

NEW BRAINTREE – The New Braintree Historical Society will share stories and information about the Winnimuset Valley on Friday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m. at their museum on 10 Utley Road.

Paul Benoit will host a round table discussion of the Winnimuset Valley where King Philip had a campsite, where Sarah and Mary Rowlandson were taken after a raid of their home in Lancaster, where the Barre Hiller Airport, the Benoit Farm and the Dump fight took place. They will also discuss where the now abandoned roads and home were. Refreshments will be served. If people have any questions, they may call Deb at 508-867-3324.

# Committee continues talks about MLH property

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WARE – The Hospital Review Committee continued discussion about the Baystate Mary Lane Hospital property, and potential reuse for any or all of the buildings.

### Condition of buildings

At the May 15 meeting, Town Manager Stuart Beckley said he doesn’t believe that anything has progressed on the demolition of the buildings and said that the town has reached out to ask Baystate Health to continue to maintain the property and mow the lawn through the summer and the fall, while under the demolition delay.

Beckley said the Gilbert building has effectively been gutted following asbestos abatement, and it is a wide open space. He said some spaces are being sealed up.

Committee Chair Howard Trietsch said it’s important that the property doesn’t become an eyesore during this time.

Trietsch said the asbestos abatement may make the property more appealing to a new owner.

### Memory Garden and plaques

Beckley said Baystate Health has offered to distribute plants from the Memory Garden, primarily to schools.

Hardwick resident Stephen Granlund said only one rosebush was moved from the Memory Garden and the rest was put into a pile.

Granlund said all of the plaques from inside the hospital have not been located either.

“It’s just the usual process of just delaying the public another 30 days,” he said.

His wife, Barbara Granlund, said she was told that a box of plaques was disposed of in either 2011 or 2012.

“Those are gone,” she said.

Another person in attendance at the meeting said a box of plaques had been found in the basement, and that she had offered her help to Baystate Health in order to return them to the families they came from. She said Baystate Health wouldn’t accept her help.

### Roof

Ware resident Cindy Bourcier said it appears that roof panels are being removed from the hospital, which you can see when you drive by the property.

Bourcier said the panels haven’t been in place for over a week and she is concerned about water damaging the interior of the building.

Beckley said he will have Building Commissioner Anna Marques reach out to Baystate Health.

### Reuse of property

Committee member Elena Palladino, who also serves on the Historical Commission, said the commission has talked about zoning at the site, and they are reaching out to any company or organization that could possibly fit the allowed uses.

They have also reached out to 33 acute care facilities.

Palladino said the commission has now reached out to 78 entities and has not heard back from any of them.

Beckley said the town met with Way Finders, but he has not heard if they met with Baystate Health representatives yet.

Trietsch said reuse of the property is complicated, without a clear understanding of the trust and the deed.

“This has not been clarified yet,” Trietsch said.

Trietsch encouraged the commission to broaden their outreach just in case a particular use will be allowed once the parameters of the trust and deed are established.

### Legislative involvement

Committee member Cathy Cascio asked Beckley if the town’s letter to state legislators about the closure and demolition of the hospital received any response.

Beckley said the legislators have

been very involved on this topic, but nothing specific came back in response to the letter.

He said Director of Rural Affairs Anne Gobi has also expressed her willingness to be involved.

Committee members discussed holding a regional forum about health care needs in rural areas with Gobi and local state senators and representatives.

### Trust and deed

Beckley said the trust, will and deed are being reviewed by two attorneys from Mirick O’Connell, on behalf of the town.

He said discussion have also been ongoing with the Attorney General and Bank of America (the trustee of the trust).

Beckley said after the attorneys talk to the Attorney General, they will talk with Baystate Health about the trust and land use issue.

Bourcier said she is also meeting with the Attorney General and is asking for an inventory of endowments held by Baystate.

Granlund said he has also enlisted the help of an attorney who lives in Gilbertville, and has offered her services pro bono.

“She’s going to assist, not as an official attorney,” Granlund said.

Currently, town of Ware has allocated \$10,000 to pay for the two Mirick O’Connell attorneys.

### Transfer of beneficiary

Granlund read from a 2016 letter written by Dr. Louis Grace to the Baystate Health Foundation. Grace was a doctor on staff at Mary Lane Hospital for his entire 50-year career, and even transferred ownership of his \$100,000 life insurance policy to the Baystate Health Foundation in 2006.

The policy benefit would be used to create an endowment following his death “to be used exclusively for the benefit of Baystate Mary Lane Hospital, or its lawful successors in interest.”

In his letter, Grace said unlike Lewis Gilbert, he was “alive to witness the dismantling and the evolution of Mary Lane Hospital under the direction of the Baystate Health system (evidently to be phased out over time). My and numerous others’ financial support was not intended to be misdirected to facilities in Springfield, Palmer or elsewhere.”

Grace requested that the foundation transfer ownership of the policy back to him, which they did.

Granlund said he believes the residents of Ware and Gilbertville can get the money in the trust back, just as Grace regained ownership of his policy.

“We’re in the same boat,” he said.



Members of Scouts BSA Troop 281 and the Ware Historical Society are shown at the Ware Center Meeting House, where the Scouts laid out a field of American flags for the annual Ware Remembers ceremony.

## TROOP 281 HONORS SERVICE MEMBERS FOR MEMORIAL DAY



Hundreds of American flags each represent a person in the Ware Remembers ceremony.



Submitted Photos  
ABOVE: Scouts BSA Troop 281 also replaced flags in town cemeteries, ensuring that each veterans’ grave was decorated for Memorial Day.

## CORRECTION

The Gilbertville Public Library’s Director Linda J. Payne corrected statements that were made by Hardwick’s Town Administrator at the May 20 Select Board meeting that the library does not circulate to other libraries and does not submit financial statements. Payne said as Library Director for the past 18 years, she has submitted reports to the state that shows how they do circulate to other libraries. She said if the library did not have interlibrary loans, the town’s libraries would not be state certified, and they have been certified since she has been in her position. Payne said the Town Accountant and Treasurer have the library’s financials and that she submits financial expenses to the town every two weeks to be put on the warrant. The accountant sends Payne a spreadsheet showing the library’s expenditures. Payne said she has submitted the state reports to the Town Administrator.

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# viewpoints



## I'm working after age 65; Why aren't I exempt from Medicare Part B Premium?

Dear Rusty:

Why, as I continue to work after age 65 and have FICA taxes taken from my check, am I or anyone also compelled under the threat of penalties, rate increases, etc. to immediately take Medicare Part B?

Am I not then effectively paying into the system twice?

As more and more people over 65 continue to work, isn't that a consideration that should be evaluated by Congress, if one is working past 65, above a specific level of income and paying FICA taxes, the Medicare Part B premium is waived?

Signed: Working Senior

Dear Working Senior:

FYI, 6.2% of the FICA payroll taxes you pay while working goes to Social Security and another 1.45% goes to fund Medicare Part A (hospitalization coverage, which is free to you). None of the FICA payroll tax you pay from your work earnings goes to fund Medicare Part B, coverage for outpatient services, which is the part of Medicare for which you must pay a premium.

Said another way, your FICA payroll taxes do fund Medicare Part A, which is free to you, but do not provide any funding for Medicare Part B. Part B is funded from two primary sources: the premiums paid by beneficiaries and the federal government from the general Treasury. Premiums from enrollees pay for about 25% of Part B healthcare expenses and the remaining 75% of Part B operating expenses are paid from the general U.S. Treasury, not from Social Security money.

So, it's necessary to separate Part B from your thinking about the payroll taxes you pay while working you're not paying anything to fund Part B through your FICA taxes. You aren't compelled to enroll in Part B (it's optional), but if you don't enroll during your initial enrollment period (three months on either side of the month you turn 65) and don't have other equivalent "creditable" coverage from an employer, and you enroll in Part B later, a late enrollment penalty will apply (10% additional premium for each full year after age 65 you go without creditable healthcare coverage).

So, your premise in suggesting that Part B be free (the premium waived) if you're working over a certain age or after an amount of time contributing to the program isn't valid, because no one contributes to Medicare Part B through FICA payroll taxes. Part B beneficiary contributions are only made through premiums paid by those enrolled in it. And you don't need to enroll in Part B if you have "creditable" healthcare coverage from an employer.

The Part B non-enrollment penalty only applies if you enroll after your initial enrollment period has expired and didn't have "creditable" healthcare coverage after you turned 65. "Creditable" is a group plan with more than 20 participants.

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## There's still time to sow Morning Glories seeds

It's amazing how quickly some seeds can germinate.

I was worried that I was late in sowing my Morning Glory seeds when I planted them on the 17th of May. Lo and behold, two days later they are sprouted, and here we are a week plus more and they are nearly ready to be planted in the garden!

My first experience with Morning Glories was with a childhood friend. Her dad used to grow them so that they climbed up his fancy, road-side mailbox.

That memory has to be over four decades old at this point, but I still remember how well he grew those morning glories.

Are you interested in enhancing a lamp post or trellis with summer color? This annual flowering vine can put on upwards of ten feet of growth in just two months!

Although the trumpet-shaped flowers bloom from just dawn to late morning, most gardeners are enamored by them and their lovely heart-shaped leaves.

Here are some tips to get them off and running:

Morning glories have hard seed coats. To speed up germination, nick the seeds lightly with a file and soak them overnight in luke-warm water.

If you are nervous about the nicking part, even just soaking will help. Sow them one-half inch deep directly in the ground in a spot in your yard that receives full sun or light shade.

It is not necessary to fertilize the soil heavily prior to planting. In fact, soil that is too rich will produce abundant foliage at the expense of flowers.

Once the plants are up and growing, thin morning glories to at least three inches apart. It is important to provide them with some sort of support immediately.

Therefore, install your trellis before planting and provide enough twiggy low branches up against lamp posts or fences for twining stems to reach for until they get established. Wire fencing and twine "cages" will also do the trick.

Morning glories require little care other than water during droughty periods.

The hardest part about growing these climbers is deciding which variety to grow! Choose the deep purple, red-throated heirloom "Grandpa Ott's."

It climbs to a remarkable 15 feet with support and will self-sow abundantly each year. Another old favorite and readily available morning glory is "Heavenly Blue."

This variety has five-inch sky blue flowers with creamy white throats. It will top off at six to eight feet.

How about the 1939 All American

Selections award winner "Scarlett O'Hara?" Her rosy red flowers are three to four inches wide, borne on vines eight to ten feet tall.

A new and most interesting morning glory goes by the name "Cotton Candy." Its flowers are double and ruffled, with a shape similar to that of a nasturtium.

With a height of just six feet, this variety is useful on shorter trellises. Another double variety goes by the name of "Sunrise Serenade."

This one boasts three inch flowers with ruby red, frilly petals. Although its height tops off at 15 feet, "Sunrise Serenade" will bloom earlier and stay open longer than most other varieties.

Consult your favorite seed catalog for other neat morning glories, including a pure white, a rosy "chocolate" and numerous bicolors. The sky is literally the limit, and these plants will sure reach for it!

If you want to get a head start next year, sow the seeds indoors two weeks prior to setting out. You will be delighted with flowers earlier in the summer.

Be careful when transplanting, however, or the vines will be set back. Also, use caution when handling the seeds around children and pets; they are considered poisonous.

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I received an email from a Brimfield couple, who spotted a male and female rose-breasted grosbeak a their feeder. They also had an indigo bunting and reported their hummingbirds were back.



Female rose-breasted grosbeak

The female rose-breasted grosbeak like many female bird species lacks the brilliant colors of the male. The female has a white eyebrow, brown in color with heavy streaking and two white wing bars. She shows yellow "armpits" in flight.

The male has a black head and back with a red triangle on its white breast. In flight it shows white patches and rose-red "armpits." Grosbeaks are eight inches long. Their song is a rapid series of whistles often called a "robin in a hurry." Their call is a distinct squeak like a "sneaker on a gym floor."

The female lays three to six pale blue eggs with irregular brown spots in a nest of coarse and fine twigs lined with horsehair, rootlets and grasses placed in the branch of a tree 5 to 25 feet above the ground.

### Belchertown birds

A Belchertown resident sent this email, "We saw our first Northern oriole this year on Thursday, May 9. He was scolding my husband as he changed the bird bath water. We usually have a pair nesting in the shagbark hickory in front of our house. Hopefully, they will do so again this year."

She also said she had not seen any chickadees and usually has many in her yard. She wonders why. She also has redwings, goldfinches, house finches, mockingbirds, catbirds, robins, bluebirds, swallows and house wrens.

### Birds at Warren ponds

A Brimfield resident often reports on the



birds he sees. He visited a pond on South Street in Warren on May 9 and saw an osprey and six great blue heron. There were two new nests at the pond making a total of four nest there.

Other birds were a red-tailed hawk, turkey vulture, two mourning doves, one crow, three three swallows, one barn swallow, six common grackles and six red-winged blackbirds.

On the same day, he visited a pond on New Reed Street in Warren and saw two spotted sandpipers, two double-crested cormorants, two turkey vultures, three Eastern kingbirds, five tree swallows, four red-winged blackbirds, six common grackles and on yellow warbler.

He said, "This week in the yard we have four catbirds, and a pair has started a nest in the quince bush near the house. I've see two female ruby-throated hummingbirds and one male. A male was seen April 29 a little earlier that usual."

### More birds

The same Brimfield resident saw two female Baltimore orioles and one male at the orange and jelly feeder. A common yellowthroat and an American redstart, both

males, were in the yard recently as was a house wren. The wrens have nested in nesting boxes the last several years.

He also said a Cooper's hawk has been patrolling the area the past week or so, but hasn't seen any piles of feather.

### Another visit to Warren ponds

At the South Street pond in Warren, he said, "The ospreys are continuing to tend their nest and there are now four for sure, maybe five great blue heron nests. One of the heron nests has three chicks as of a few days ago."

On New Reed Street in Warren, there were two double-crested cormorants for about a week until yesterday and I saw a blue-headed vireo there."

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# Oliveira keeps focus on western Mass during Senate's budget debate

The Massachusetts State Senate unanimously approved a \$57.999 billion budget for Fiscal Year 2025.

During the robust and spirited debate, which saw the Senate adopt over 400 of the 1,100 amendments filed, adding \$89.6 million in spending, state Sen. Jake Oliveira (Hampden, Hampshire & Worcester District) made sure the Pioneer Valley got its fair share of funding.

The Ludlow Democrat secured additional funds through several amendments he filed to support community programs and initiatives across the district, including an overall increase of more than 2 million dollars for state aid to regional public libraries. This marks the second consecutive year Oliveira has successfully advocated for increased state aid to regional public libraries.

Oliveira's amendment will increase local aid for public libraries by \$2,282,400. The funding aims to enhance the resources available at public libraries, enabling them to pro-

vide critical services like internet access, educational and workforce development programs, social service programs, and professional development opportunities.

"By investing in our public libraries, we are not merely allocating funds; we are investing in the fabric of our communities and the future of our Commonwealth. Our libraries are more than places to borrow books; they are hubs of free thought, inclusivity, and pillars of our communities, and they deserve our unwavering support," said Oliveira in a press release.

During the debate, Oliveira highlighted programs that public libraries across the state were able to expand on with last year's increased funding, including the Browse Borrow Board Program, which gives Regional Transit Riders access to items from the Boston Public Library free of charge.

Due to the increase in funding last year, the Browse Borrow Board program is now active in six Regional Transit Authorities - Metrowest, Berkshire, Worcester, Pioneer

Valley, Franklin, and Cape Cod - and has shown increased engagement with a total of 5,601 QR scans, including 2,058 specific to the statewide expansion made possible through the additional funding approved last year.

Oliveira also secured more than \$500,000 to support community initiatives throughout the district.

### Veterans

\$125,000 to construct a Veterans Memorial in the Town of East Longmeadow.

\$50,000 to the Ludlow Department of Veterans' Services for monthly veterans' lunches, food pantry support, and outreach programming.

### Animal Welfare

\$75,000 for the Zoo in Forest Park to support workforce and economic development, travel, tourism, and wildlife conservation.

\$75,000 to The Palmer Animal Center for the purchase of a specialized vehicle

### Local Education

\$25,000 for the Women's Fund of Western Massachusetts, Inc. to support programming and operations, increasing access to services, philanthropy, leadership development, and enhancing worker training and qualifications.

\$50,000 to Girls on the Run of Western Mass Inc. to provide social-emotional learning and physical activity curriculum to elementary and middle school-aged girls.

### Health and Well-Being

\$50,000 to Baystate Health Wing Hospital in Palmer to assist with strategies related to ensuring health equity by creating open access hours for emergency department mental health patient follow-ups served by the hospital and establishing an open walk-in clinic for patients with mental health issues.

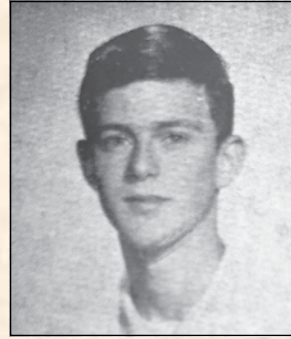
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# Caggiano selected as next TA

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**"My goal is to make an impact; it's not to change Hardwick."**

— Justine Caggiano, Town Administrator candidate

**HARDWICK** – After completing the final round of interviews with two candidates, the Select Board made the decision to offer the Town Administrator position to Justine Caggiano.

At the May 22 meeting, Vice-Chair Eric Vollheim said both candidates for Town Administrator would provide a benefit to the town. Clerk William Tinker said the same, and thanked the candidates for participating in the interview process.

"We have two very, very strong candidates," he said. Chair Kelly Kemp agreed with both Vollheim and Tinker.

Caggiano will succeed Nicole Parker, who had served as Town Administrator since June 2021.

Caggiano has previous municipal experience working as the Human Resources Director in Ware and the Assistant Town Administrator in Leicester. The other finalist was Bryan Sawyer of Shirley.

During the final interview held the day before, Caggiano said finances would be the biggest challenge facing the town.

She said as Town Administrator, she would look through the town's budget line by line looking for

potential savings.

"If I can bring any of my background and experience, and hopefully save the town a little bit of money, I will," Caggiano said.

Caggiano said she would welcome a lot of input from the Select Board and Finance Committee in creating the budget, especially as she learns more about the town.

"I'd be working very closely with the Finance Committee and making sure that it's in the best interest of the town," she said.

Caggiano said she will work to make the town more efficient and ensure that information is easily available for residents. She also wants to become involved in the community.

"My goal is to make an impact; it's not to change Hardwick," she said.

The Select Board unanimously agreed to offer the position to Caggiano, pending contract negotiations.

**Recycling Center applicant**  
Kemp said the Recycling Commission has recommended hiring Barry Koch as a laborer at the Recycling Center. The Select Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.

**Scholarship recipient**  
Kemp said the Select Board received an essay application for the Elizabeth Morss Scholarship.

Riley Bassett, a student-athlete from Gilbertville, has been taking college courses while finishing her senior year at Quabbin Regional High School. She will be completing her bachelor's and master's degrees in a four-year program for accounting.

In her essay, Bassett said she wants to become a certified public accountant, and also teach financial literacy to students.

"She wants to give back to the community as well," Kemp said of Bassett.

The Select Board voted unanimously to award Bassett a \$500 scholarship.

**ARPA funds**  
Kemp said there is currently \$52,818.23 available in American Rescue Plan Act funds. Of that amount, \$3,500 will be deducted to pay for the town's website contract.

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Prior to the start of the ceremony, a long convoy of motorcycles entered the park, as the Massachusetts Patriot Guard Riders arrived to support the fallen soldier and his family. The riders stood at attention around the crowd, each holding an American flag.

Director of Veterans' Services Charly Oliva said she was "deeply honored and humbled" to be part of the bridge dedication ceremony in Iwasinski's name.

"Our paths on Earth never crossed," Oliva said of Iwasinski, adding that they both served Baghdad, just years apart.

Naming the bridge after Iwasinski is a way to ensure that his sacrifice will be remembered for generations to come.

"It's the least we can do," Oliva said.

As the ceremony was starting, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation unveiled the new signs at the bridge, which greet motorists traveling between the two towns.

Opening and closing prayers were given by Tyler Pedersen, Assistant Pastor at Christ Community Church.

Oliva said Bill 4008, "An Act to designate the Route 9 highway bridge Belchertown and Ware as the Kenneth J. Iwasinski Memorial Bridge," passed "extremely expeditiously." The Bill passed through the House of Representatives, followed by the Senate, in a matter of

days.

The Bill was written by state Rep. Aaron Saunders and was co-petitioned by state Sen. Jake Oliveira.

Oliveira said the Route 9 bridge is important, and that the many travelers that pass over it will forever see Iwasinski's name on the signs.

Oliveira said he never knew Iwasinski, but being just one year younger, he reflected on all of the life experiences that he's had since he was 22, and how Iwasinski never got that chance.

"His memory will live on through this bridge renaming," Oliveira said. "Ken's name will always be in our hearts."

Saunders said it's difficult to put into words how profound Iwasinski's sacrifice was.

"Our obligation will be fulfilled," he said. "The debt we have to Kenny and his family... every time I drive over that bridge, I'll remember the sacrifice."

State Sen. Peter Durant said he was struck by hearing people talk about Iwasinski, and how he was taken at such a young age.

"His sacrifice is honored, and it means something," Durant said.

Durant said he hopes people passing by the sign will ask themselves who Iwasinski was, and look him up and learn about his life.

"We see these names all over bridges," state Rep. Todd Smola said. "I hope this bridge will become a teaching tool for future generations."

Smola said the Legislature is moving forward to remember people like Iwasinski, and honoring their service and sacrifice.

State Sen. John Velis, a U.S. Army veteran, said that Memorial Day is the most sacred day of the year. He said a veteran is someone who writes a blank check to protect their nation's freedom, and that Memorial Day is when we honor those whose checks were cashed.

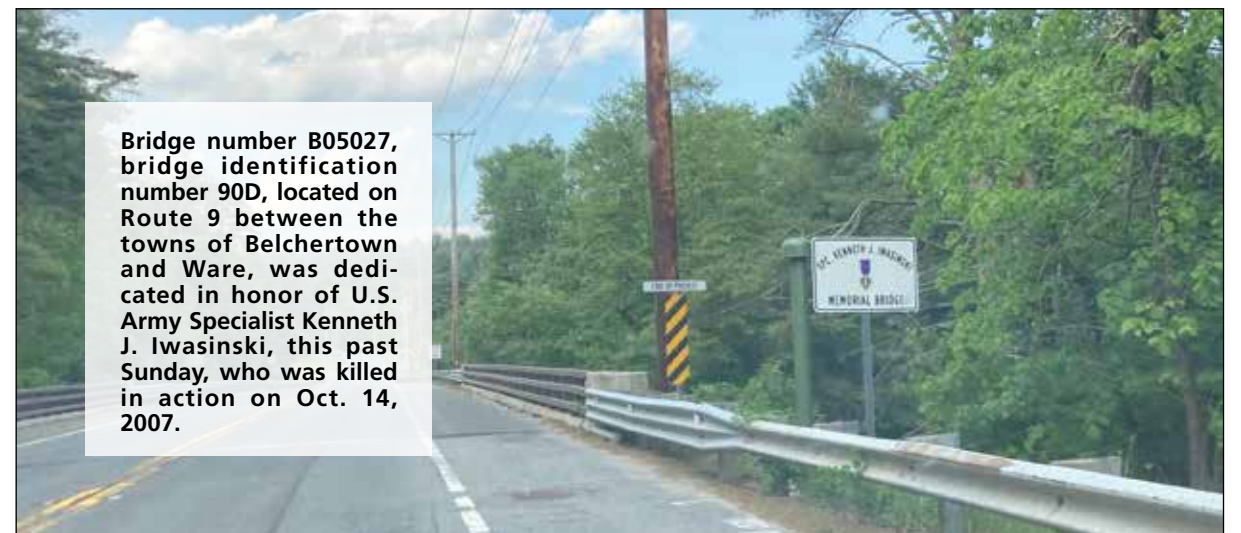
Velis spoke about his own military service, and the moment he was walking up the stairs to leave Afghanistan, and looked at the message on the mural displayed there.

"This mural is dedicated to the men and women who gave their lives during Operations Enduring Freedom," he said. A message on the mural stated, "Live a life worthy of their sacrifice."

Velis said he lost many of his fellow servicemembers on April 6, 2013, in Afghanistan, when a vehicle borne IED detonated, and he understands the loss felt by Iwasinski's family.

"We move on...life moves on – it's natural," Velis said. "But not the families of the dead."

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The Massachusetts Patriot Guard Riders attended the ceremony to dedicate the bridge in honor of Kenneth J. Iwasinski, a U.S. Army veteran who was killed in action in Iraq at the age of 22.



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Veterans Missy Douty, Ed Wyzik, Dan Witt, Caroline Kenyon and John Pajak joined other veterans in the parade.

Veterans gathered inside the Town Hall for the Memorial Day ceremony.

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lining the sides of the streets holding American flags, when her Brian was brought home to his final resting place.

Odiome was joined by Gold Star mother Pat Boynton to lay the wreath at Veterans Park. Boynton's son SFC Christopher Boynton died on Oct. 28, 2015.

Emceeding the ceremony was AMVET's State Second Vice Commander, Robert Bruso, who introduced and recognized Parade Marshal and Vietnam veteran Paul Kularski.

Kularski was the oldest of nine children and joined the U.S. Army in July of 1968. By July of 1969 he was sent to the Republic of South Vietnam.

When he arrived, "he was almost immediately engaged in ground combat," Bruso said.

Bruso said Kularski remembers getting told that the armed forces "were not there to win anything" but rather "go there and bring everyone back, alive if possible."

"He took this advice to heart,"

Bruso said.

After spending close to a year in Vietnam, Kularski returned to the U.S. where he was decorated with a number of awards for his actions. Kularski even received a personal letter from President Richard Nixon.

Bruso said servicemembers like Kularski have become legends for their incredible service and bravery.

"To you and all other Vietnam veterans present; welcome home," Bruso said.

Several local and state officials joined the ceremony, and shared their thoughts on Memorial Day.

State Rep. Todd Smola said he is always honored to be included in the town's ceremony and spoke about the upcoming 80th anniversary of D-Day.

Smola said its important to teach the next generation about the sacrifices servicemembers and their families make.

"If we don't talk about these great things, we are in deep trouble," he said. "Talk about what Memorial Day means...if not, we're destined for failure."



The Ware Lions Club took up the end of the parade in a patriotically decorated truck.

Veterans, he said, "have carried us and they have never failed."

Smola read the Memorial Day proclamation signed by Gov. Maura Healey.

During the ceremony, the Weir River Concert Band performed patriotic songs and marches, and

the Melha Highlanders played the bagpipes and drums. Chaplain Ron Rucki offered opening and closing prayers.

Steve Kutt read the names of those who were killed in action during the Civil War, World War I, World War II, Vietnam and the War



The Melha Highlanders of Springfield perform "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes while Jeff Gopin plays the drums.

on Terror.

Kutt along with Police Chief Shawn Crevier, Fire Chief Jim Martinez and Eagle Scout Tyler Bonilla raised the flag at Veterans Park. Scout Aaron Bateman of Scouts BSA Troop 281 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the firing detail's salute, Dave Deslauriers performed "Taps".

After the ceremony closed, all were invited back to the American Legion for a luncheon.



The Cooley family brings a wreath to the Dana monument.



The Swift River Valley Historical Society participated in the ceremony.



The Sons of the American Revolution Colonel Henry Knox Regimental Honor Guard lead the march through the Quabbin Park Cemetery this past Sunday.

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Memorial Day ceremonies for the Lost Towns since they were disincorporated 86 years ago. The ceremony not only serves to remember lives lost, but also what residents of those towns had to leave behind.

"We recognize the sacrifice of so many whose lives were forever changed," Poulin said.

With the nation preparing to celebrate its 250th anniversary, this year's ceremony also unveiled a new Revolutionary War monument, recognizing the 43 patriots from Hampshire, Worcester and Plymouth counties, whose graves were relocated to the cemetery prior to the flooding of the Quabbin Reservoir.

Joining the ceremony were several chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution, including the Betty Allen Chapter DAR of Northampton, Duxbury Chapter DAR and Mercy Warren Chapter DAR of Springfield. DAR members traveled from as far as North Carolina to attend.

Denise Kindschi Gosselin, Regent of the Betty Allen Chapter, said, "as we prepare to celebrate the 250th, we honor Revolutionary War veterans."

She said these veterans not only sacrificed their lives, but they sacrificed their homes for the creation of the reservoir.

Kindschi Gosselin said we need to assure that those veterans' hopes and dreams are passed on to the next generation of patriots.

The monument was made possible from a grant from the NDSAR America 250! Celebration Grants program.

NDSAR National Vice Chair for Veterans Services Paula Renkas explained what the organization was about and how its mission is historic preservation, education and patriotism. To become a member, you must be able to trace your lineage back to a patriot of the



A monument memorializing the Revolutionary War patriots was unveiled during the ceremony.

American Revolution.

Renkas said she was thrilled to see so many people in attendance at the ceremony.

Terah Allen Harootunian, Regent of Duxbury Chapter DAR, thanked Friends of Quabbin President Gene Theroux for his help with the monument project. Theroux is also a members of the Sons of the American Revolution, Seth Pomeroy Chapter.

"I encourage all of you to please take the tour today and visit Revolutionary War veterans' graves," Harootunian said to the crowd.

Chris Tourtellot delivered greetings on behalf of Massachusetts SAR President Jim Holmes, who was unable to attend. Tourtellot said his ancestors hail from the town of Dana.

Aaron Bateman and Theo Girard of Ware Scouts BSA Troop 281 led the Pledge of Allegiance and Nathaniel Knight of L.A. Tift Camp 15 gave the Gettysburg Address. Director of Veterans' Services Charly Oliva recited "In Flanders Fields".

State Senators Jo Comerford, Peter Durant and Jake Oliveira attended along with state Reps. Aaron Saunders and Todd Smola.

Durant said this ceremony serves to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

"Their legacy is all around us," he said. "We are their legacy."

Smola said the Quabbin Park Cemetery is a "very sacred place in Western Massachusetts." He thanked the Belchertown Community Band for always providing an impressive performance

of patriotic songs and marches.

Oliveira spoke about the Revolutionary War monument, and how he was honored to be a part of securing funding for it in the fiscal year 2024 budget. He said he hopes the monument will renew efforts to recognize those who have served.

Saunders said the Quabbin Park Cemetery Memorial Day ceremony is always moving and inspiring, especially when he hears the words of President Abraham Lincoln.

He said this event is important because there is no Memorial Day event in those Lost Towns anymore.

"There is no home to come back to," Saunders said.

Comerford said this was the first time she attended the ceremony, and it will not be the last.



The Betty Allen Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution march toward the memorials.



The Ware Historical Commission participated in the ceremony.

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Residents gathered at Town Common during the parade. State Rep. Todd Smola gave a speech prior to the parade continuing.



Quaboag Youth Baseball & Softball club walking down Main Street. Turley Photos by Ryan Drago



Warren Police cruiser leads the parade through the center of Warren.

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American flag and the Boy Scouts of America Flag. The youth of our nation was heavily represented as the Quaboag Youth Baseball & Softball club marched the parade and carried a banner that bears their program's name.

The Warren/West Brookfield Youth Football and Cheerleading group marched in the Memorial Day Parade and carried a banner to thank all their sponsors and supporters.

Providing the music was the band of Quaboag Regional Middle High School. The band was led by Superintendent Stephen Duff and Music Teacher James Joinville. The band played a lot of patriotic songs including the Star-Spangled Banner.

Once the participants of the parade arrived to the Town Common, residents joined them to hear the ceremonial speeches. The first to speak was Veteran's Agent Michelle Durkee. A poem was read by Durkee to honor our veterans in the spirit of Memorial Day. "Our heritage brings out the best," Durkee stated in her reading.

Following Durkee's reading, a couple of students talked about the Gettysburg Address that was given by President Abraham Lincoln back in 1863.

This remembrance of the Gettysburg Address from President Lincoln reminds us the importance of honoring our veterans who have fought and died in every U.S. involved war and conflict.

Next to speak was Smola and he read the Memorial Day Proclamation from Massachusetts Governor, Maura Healey.

"It is appropriate that all Massachusetts residents remember the bravery of those who gave their lives, so that their sacrifices serve as a reminder of the cost of our freedom," he read.

The Warren Memorial Day Parade continued as they traveled down Main Street and made their way into West Warren.



Boy Scout Troop 142 marched in the parade and lined up at Town Common.



Police Department made their way through the center of Warren during the parade.



Warren Fire Chief Adam Lavoie leads the firefighters during the parade.



Veteran's Agent Michelle Durkee shared a poem and spoke during Warren's Memorial Day Parade.



The Quaboag Regional Middle High School band led by Superintendent Stephen Duff and music teacher James Joinville provided the music for the parade.



Quaboag Youth Baseball and Softball walked during the parade displaying their banner.



The WWBYFC carried a banner to thank all their sponsors at the parade.



Marching in the parade were Selectmen Richard Eichacker and David Dufresne, Town Administrator James Ferrera, State Sen. Jake Oliveira and State Rep. Todd Smola.



A salute given to the flag that waves at the town common of Warren.



Police lined up at the town common prior to the speeches given.

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Lianna Carrasquillo makes a throw to first for the out.

## Pathfinder softball headed for tournament

PALMER – The Pathfinder Regional softball team had a strong finish to its season with a 14-4 record. The Pioneers did fall in their season finale, but won eight straight games leading up to that for a 13-4 regular season. The Pioneers were awaiting their seeding for the Division 5 tournament this week. Preliminary round games were scheduled to begin May 30 or 31.



Isabella Nompoggi rounds second and heads for third.



Kendra Burke sends a pitch to the plate.

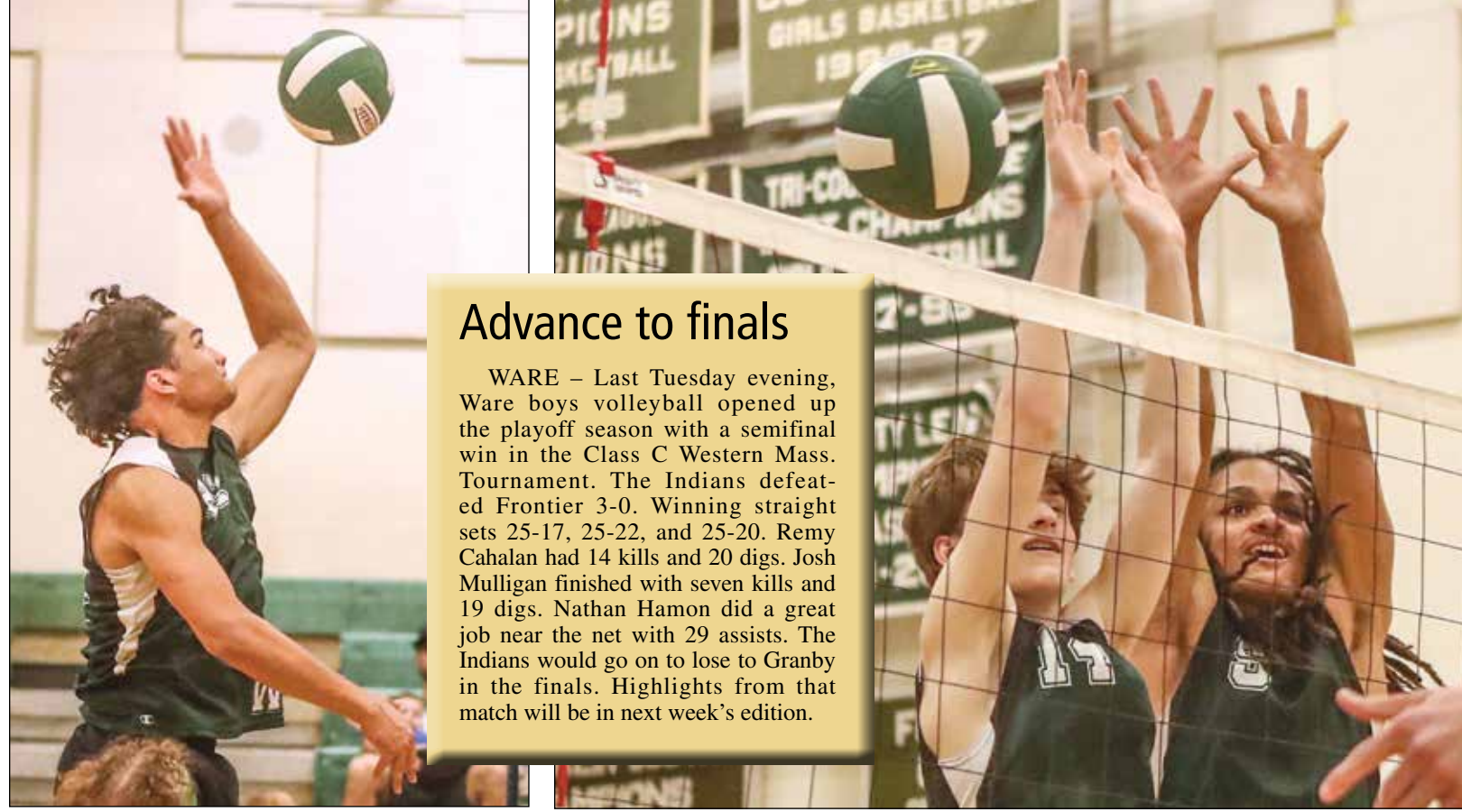


Megan Bly catches the out at first.



Emma Chavalier makes a catch on a pop-up to short.

## Indians win semifinal match



### Advance to finals

WARE – Last Tuesday evening, Ware boys volleyball opened up the playoff season with a semifinal win in the Class C Western Mass. Tournament. The Indians defeated Frontier 3-0. Winning straight sets 25-17, 25-22, and 25-20. Remy Cahalan had 14 kills and 20 digs. Josh Mulligan finished with seven kills and 19 digs. Nathan Hamon did a great job near the net with 29 assists. The Indians would go on to lose to Granby in the finals. Highlights from that match will be in next week's edition.

Kyle Gordan stays steady at the net as he attacks this ball.

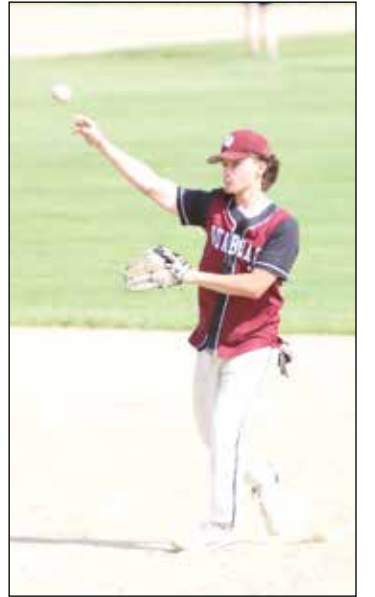
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Jonathan Adkins and Jayden Kern team up to provide an effective defense.



Remy Cahalan makes a diving save.



Nathan Hamon is all concentration as he digs out the ball.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli  
Jacob Cacace makes a throw to first.

## Cougars likely to make tourney

WARREN – Last week, Quaboag Regional baseball finished up the regular season with a pair of losses. The Cougars lost to Leicester 6-4 at home. The pair of defeats results in Quaboag finishing the season with 6-12 record. However, Quaboag is ranked No. 18 in the top 32 in Division 5, meaning the Cougars are nearly a lock for state tournament. Seeds were set to be released at the end of the week.



Liam McGrath delivers a pitch to the plate for the Cougars.

## Ware advances in Western Mass. tournament

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

WARE—The two regular season meetings between the Palmer and Ware varsity baseball teams ended a couple of innings early due to the ten-run mercy rule.

When the archrivals battled each other for the third time this spring in the Western Mass. Class D quarterfinals, the contest didn't finish early, but the winning team was the same.

The second-seeded Indians advanced into the semifinals with a 9-2 victory over the seventh-seeded

Panthers at Memorial Field, last Monday night (May 20).

"This was a playoff game and Palmer came ready to play. We faced their two top pitchers," said Ware head coach Scott Slattery. "We were patient at the plate and kept hitting fastballs. We did a very good job tonight."

Ware (13-6), who are the defending Western Mass. Class D champions, swept the regular season series against the Panthers (5-14) for the third consecutive year.

The Indians were scheduled to host third-seeded Hopkins

Academy in a semifinal game last Thursday night. The Western Mass. Class D championship game was slated to take place on Tuesday.

Palmer, who don't have any seniors listed on their roster, closed out the 2024 campaign with a home non-playoff game versus Granby. They haven't won a post-season tournament game since 2017.

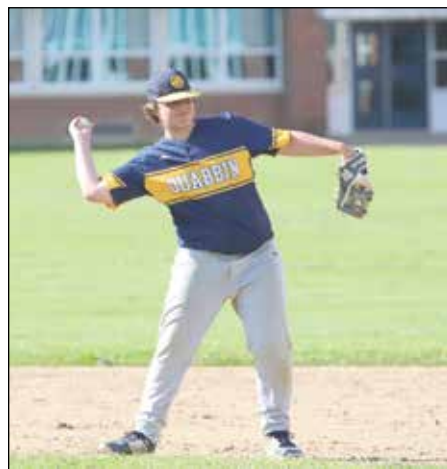
"I thought we battled a very good Ware baseball team for all seven innings," said Zach Handzel, who coached the Panthers in the quarterfinal game. "We put a lot of pressure on them, but things just

didn't go our way tonight. Having this playoff experience will only help the players in the future. Everyone will be returning next year."

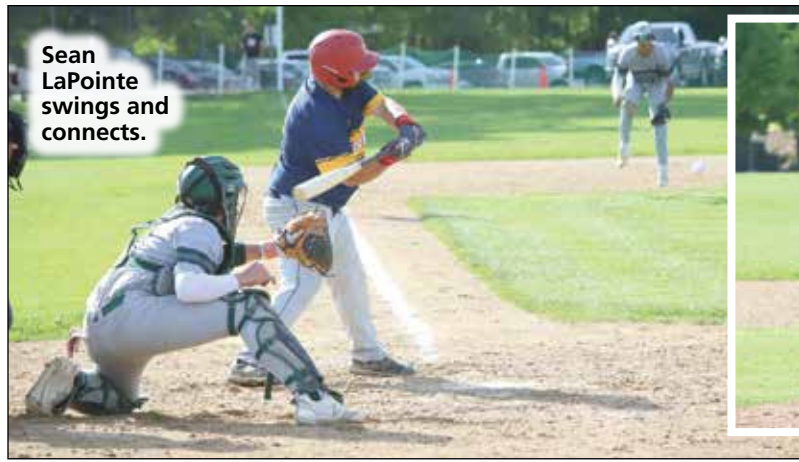
Handzel, who graduated from Palmer High School in 2016, has also coached the Panthers junior varsity baseball team.

Ware senior righthander John Mumper made his first start of this season against the Panthers. He only pitched three innings allowing just one base hit and no runs. He struck out five.

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Andrew Warfield makes the throw to first.



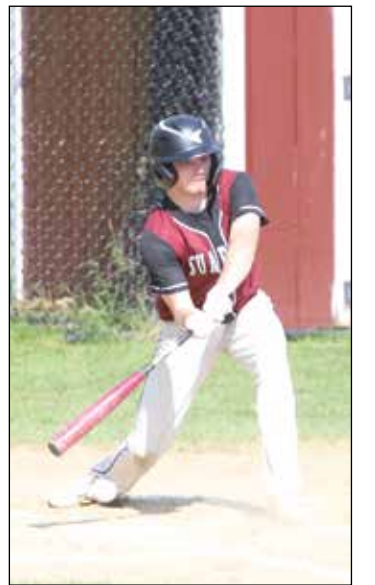
Sean LaPointe swings and connects.

## Quabbin baseball falls at home

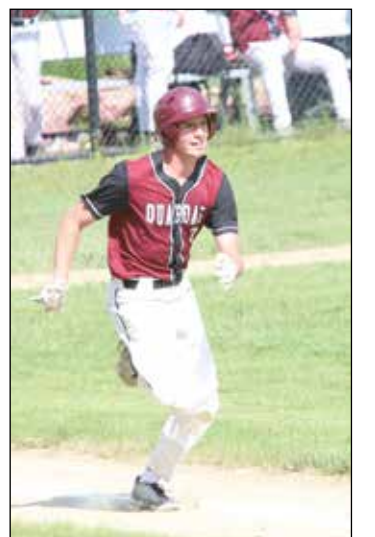
BARRE – The Quabbin Regional High School baseball team suffered a 6-1 loss at home against Oakmont. The Panthers followed that with a 6-5 win over Leicester before finishing the regular season with a 6-4 loss against Montachusett. The Panthers regular season finishes with a 5-12 record. As of press time, the Panthers were on the outside of the top 32 in the Division 4 rankings.



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Wes Sanderson is hit by a pitch.



Brasen Sauriol swings and fouls off a pitch.



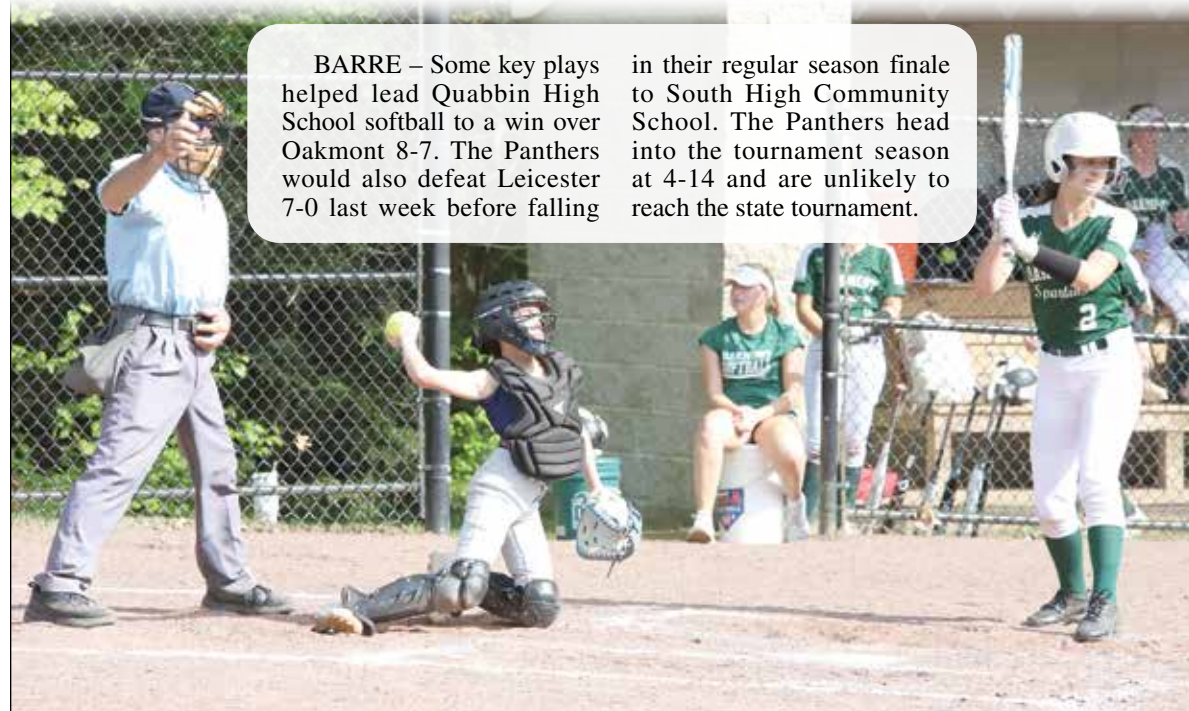
Matt Tiberii hustles down the first base line.

LEFT: Martin Stoddard sends a pitch home.



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## Panthers edge Oakmont



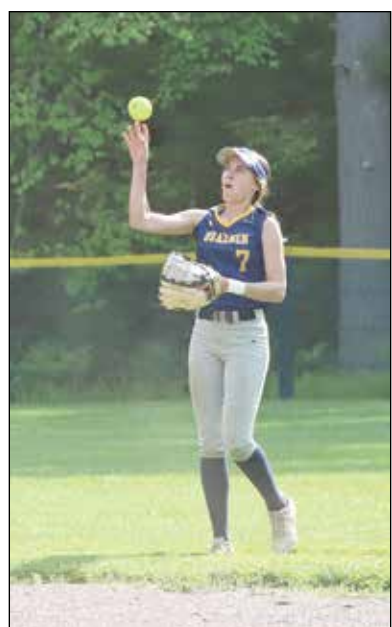
BARRE – Some key plays helped lead Quabbin High School softball to a win over Oakmont 8-7. The Panthers would also defeat Leicester 7-0 last week before falling in their regular season finale to South High Community School. The Panthers head into the tournament season at 4-14 and are unlikely to reach the state tournament.

Juliana Guilderson corrals a pitch.

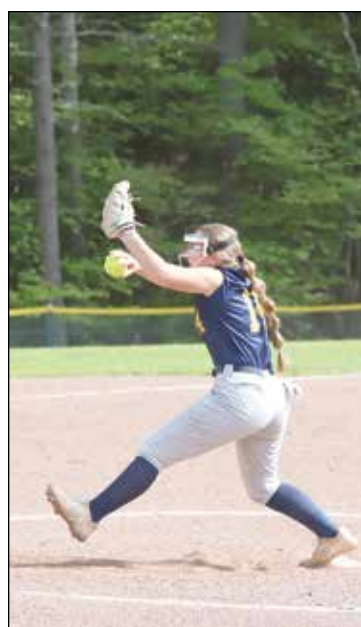
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Jordan Blanchard comes up throwing to first.



Meg Doyle comes up throwing from center.



Mady Breault sends a pitch to the plate.

## Doiron dominant in Granite homecoming

CLAREMONT, N.H. - The last time the Granite State Pro Stock Series raced at Claremont Motorsports Park, Joey Doiron turned in a dominant performance to take home the big winner's purse.

And neither a year away from the tricky third-mile nor a different car could keep the two-time GSPSS champion from the winner's circle.

Doiron led every lap of Sunday night's Key Auto Group 125, earning his seventh career GSPSS win and a \$5,000 check.

The veteran racer from Berwick, Maine, was quick all night, turning the fastest lap in time trials and handily winning his qualifying heat. Former series regular Jeremy Sorel lined up alongside Doiron after his own heat win, but Doiron jumped out to an early lead as Sorel faced challenges from Casey Call and Cory Casagrande.

Call and Casagrande settled into second and third, and as the field stretched out over a long green-flag run, the three leaders drew closer together, setting up a thrilling battle for the closing laps.

Contact between Alex Quarterley and Ryan Green brought out the race's second caution on lap 77, though, and as the yellow flag waved, Call made a beeline for the pits with a flat

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## Candlepin League News

### Summer Edition

By Ryan Drago  
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EAST BROOKFIELD – It is now week two of the Wednesday Night Mixed Summer League at Bogey Lanes.

After week one, Team Three and the Rolling Stones started off the summer league undefeated at 8-0. Three teams are at 2-6 and two teams are at 0-8.

In one match, The Gutter Snipes bowled against the Straight Shooters. In game one, Gutter Snipes defeated Straight Shooters by a score of 435-418. In game two, both teams tied at 423. As a result of the tie, each team receives one point in game two.

In game three, Gutter Snipes won 450-439. Gutter Snipes also won total pinfall by a final score of 1308-1280.

Team Three bowled against Team Seven. In game one, Team Three won 474-456. In game two, Team Three won by a score of 460-406. In game three, Team Three won for a three-game sweep over Team Seven by a score of 464-433.

Team Three won by a final score of 1398-1295. Team Three is now undefeated at 16-0.

Straight Shooters bowled against Team Nine. In game one, Team Nine won by a score of 467-435. In game two, Team Nine won again by a score of 437-425. In game three, Straight Shooters won the last game by a score of 460-417.

Team Nine won total pinfall by one pin, 1321-1320 and receive six points.

The Split Smashers bowled against Gutter Fingers. In game one, Split Smashers won by a score of 456-418. In game two, Split Smashers won again by a score of 464-426. In game three, The Split Smashers won for a three-game sweep by a score of 457-415.

Split Smashers won total pinfall by a final score of 1377-1259.

Team Swish bowled against the Gutter Dolls. In game one, Team Swish won against the Gutter Dolls by a score of 436-418. In game two, Team Swish won again by a score of 434-403. In the last game, Team Swish swept the match by winning 469-448.

Team Swish won total pinfall by a final score of 1339-1269.

The high series of the week was bowled by Nate Fontaine of the Split Smashers. Fontaine's scores consisted of 115, 126 and 124 for a series of 365.

High single of the week was bowled by Ryan Drago of the Split Smashers. Drago scored 127 in game two and bowled a three-game series of 347. Phil Clough had the third highest series of the week with a 330.

For the women, Sophia Hearnlaye of Split Smashers bowled a 106 game. Behind Hearnlaye was Emily Black and Dawn Swistak, each bowling a 96.

Visit Bogey Lanes at 199 North Brookfield Road. The lanes can be reached by calling 508-867-6629.

## Pioneers post shutout in home opener

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—A couple of hours after winning his first soccer match as the New England Mutiny head coach, Federico Molinari guided the Western Mass. Pioneers to another win in their home opener.

The Pioneers, who held a 2-0 lead five minutes into the contest, posted a 4-0 shutout victory over Pathfinder FC at Lusitano Stadium on May 18.

"It feels very good to win our first game of the season in front of our fans. I'm happy for them," Molinari said. "Scoring the two early goals gave the team a lot of confidence."

The Pioneers (2-0) began the regular season with a 1-0 shutout road victory against the Boston Bolts on May 14.

The only goal of that contest was scored on a header by Scott Testori following a corner kick in the middle of the second half.

"Our first game of the season was very close," Testori said. "It was still scoreless going into the last twenty minutes. Then Jared Smith sent a perfect corner kick to me, and I headed it home. We were able to keep the clean sheet in that game."

Testori, who's one of the Pioneers first-year players, assisted on the Pioneers first goal in the home opener, which was scored by Alec Hughes during the third minute. Hughes is a second-year Pioneers player.

A couple of minutes later, Testori received a pass from Camilo Comi before lining a shot into the right corner of the net.

"We really needed to have a quick start in tonight's game," said Testori, who'll be a senior member of the UConn men's soccer team this fall. "Alec got things going with a huge goal. Then Camilo made a perfect pass to me, and I was able to finish the play by scoring a goal of my own. I'm very excited about being a member of this soccer team."

Testori and Hughes, who was a senior on last year's UMass men's soccer team, both graduated from different high schools in Connecticut.

"My high school soccer team never played against Alec's team," Testori said. "Our club soccer teams did face each other a few times. It has been a lot of fun being teammates with him for the first time. He's an outstanding soccer player. We complement each other very well."

Last Saturday's home opener wasn't the first time that Testori played a match on the turf soccer field located on Winsor Street in Ludlow. A couple of years ago, he



Jared Smith looks to get around an opponent.



Kwame Adu-Gyamfi sends a pass up the field.



Scott Testori looks to center the ball.

played for AC Connecticut, which lost to the Pioneers.

"I've played a game in this stadium two years ago, so I already knew what the atmosphere was like here," said Testori, who signed several autographs following the match. "To have these fans rooting for you is just a great feeling. This is a talented soccer team, so I wanted to join them this year. I'm hoping that we can qualify for the playoffs."

During the 36th minute, Patrick Gryczewski dribbled the ball down the right side before cutting into the middle of the box. He then slid a shot into the lower right corner for the Pioneers third goal of the match, which was unassisted. Gryczewski, who's also from the

Nutmeg state, plays college soccer at U.R.I.

Holding a commanding 3-0 halftime lead, the Pioneers final goal was scored by Lawrence Goddard, who's a returning player, during the 72nd minute.

Western Mass goalie Gianluca Cersosimo didn't see very much action in recording his second consecutive clean sheet.

The Pioneers defensive unit is led by Jared Smith, Zach Sauer, Aidan Kelly, and team captain Nicholas Oberrauch.

The Oberrauchs were scheduled to play at the Albany Rush on Wednesday night (May 22) before returning home to face Black Rock FC at 7 p.m. on May 31.



Alec Hughes clears the ball away.



Patrick Gryczewski advances the ball up the field.

Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

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"Our game plan was to have Mumper throw less than 55 pitches in tonight's game. It would keep him eligible to start the semifinal game against Hopkins," Slattery said. "We played Hopkins the other day and Mumper was the only pitcher that we didn't use in that game. That's the reason why we also need him to start the semifinal game."

The Indians closed out the regular season with a 13-3 loss at Hopkins Academy on May 17.

Ware sophomore righty Jack Gaudreau wound up as the winning pitcher in the quarterfinal victory.

He hurled the final four innings

allowing two runs on three hits with three strikeouts and a walk. He did hit a couple of batters.

Sophomore first baseman Kyle Kaczuwka and junior leftfielder Nathan Kaczuwka led the way offensively for the home team. The brothers combined for five hits and seven RBIs.

"Anytime that you can contribute offensively, it's very helpful," said Nathan Kaczuwka, who finished the game with two hits and three RBIs. "It has been a lot of fun playing on the same baseball team with my younger brother. I'm very glad we have one more year together."

Kyle Kaczuwka had three hits and four RBIs.

"It feel great to contribute offen-

sively in a postseason tournament game," Kyle Kaczuwka said. "We hit the ball very well."

Ware senior second baseman Jack McKeever helped the cause offensively with three singles in his final varsity baseball game against the Panthers. He also made an incredible diving catch in shallow left field for the first out of the fifth inning.

The other two Indians seniors are Dylan Sutkaitis, who's the starting catcher, and Octavio Cotaj, who's the designated hitter.

The Indians scored at least one run in five of the six innings that they batted.

The Kaczuwka brothers began things against Palmer sophomore

righthander Brendan Hess in the bottom of the first inning.

With one-out, Nathan Kaczuwka grounded a single down the left field line. After advancing to second base on a passed ball, he scored when his younger brother blasted a double to left field.

It was the Indians only run of the opening frame, as Hess stranded a pair of runners in scoring position.

In the following inning, John Mumper grounded into a fielder's choice play which plated a run. Two more runs scored when Nathan Kaczuwka doubled to left.

Trailing 4-0, the visitors managed to load the bases in the top of the third inning.

Eighth grade second baseman

Grayson Griswold began the rally with an opposite field single to right field. Two batters later, sophomore catcher Theo Haley drew his second walk on a 3-and 2 pitch. After the next batter hit a foul pop-up caught by Sutkaitis, sophomore Sebastian Mayberry, who started at third base, was hit by a pitch. Mumper, who threw a total of 45 pitches in his outing, got out of the jam when the next batter hit a ground ball to sophomore shortstop Brady Guimond, who tossed the ball to McKeever for the inning ending force out.

The Indians put three more runs on the left field scoreboard in the bottom of the fourth. Their first run was scored on a sacrifice fly by Nathan Kaczuwka. Then a two-run

single to left by Kyle Kaczuwka gave the Indians a commanding 7-0 lead.

Hess switched places with Mayberry before the start of the bottom of the fifth inning.

The Indians added another run against the righty relief pitcher before the visitors finally got on the scoreboard in the sixth. With two-outs, Hess and freshman centerfielder Taydem Haley had RBI singles against Gaudreau.

Kyle Kaczuwka had another run scoring base hit in the bottom half of the frame before Gaudreau quickly retired the side in order in the seventh.



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## Konowalchuk named new head coach of T-Birds

ST. LOUIS, MO — St. Louis Blues President of Hockey Operations and General Manager Doug Armstrong announced today that the team has named Steve Konowalchuk head coach of its AHL affiliate, the Springfield Thunderbirds.

"We went through an extensive interview process, and through those conversations, it became clear that Steve best fit what we were seeking in a head coach," said Thunderbirds General Manager Kevin Maxwell. "We look forward to seeing him work with the next wave of Blues prospects and developing them into successful NHL players in St. Louis."

Konowalchuk, 51, spent last season as an associate coach with the AHL's Colorado Eagles, where he helped lead the team to a 40-25-7 regular-season record and a 5th-place finish in the Western Conference. The Salt Lake City, Utah, native's coaching career began in Colorado where he served

two seasons as an assistant coach for the Avalanche. Then, in 2011, he was named head coach of the WHL's Seattle Thunderbirds and went on to spend six seasons behind their bench. During his tenure, he guided the Thunderbirds to five postseason appearances, including 2017 when they captured the Ed Chynoweth Cup (WHL championship). Following his time in Seattle, Konowalchuk served one season as an assistant coach with the Anaheim Ducks before spending two seasons as head coach of the WHL's Red Deer Rebels.

As a player, Konowalchuk was drafted by the Washington Capitals in 1991 and enjoyed a 14-year NHL career. Overall, he dressed in 790 career NHL regular-season games, including 693 with the Capitals. He also represented the United States in several international competitions, including the 1996 World Cup of Hockey, where he captured a gold medal.

## Quaboag Valley's Relay for Life 'flocks' to Common

Annual event will be held all day on Saturday, June 1

BELCHERTOWN — Get ready to "Flock towards a Cure" at the Relay For Life of Quaboag Valley to be held on Saturday, June 1 from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. on the Common.

The schedule of events includes campsite setup at 8 a.m., Gift Basket Tent open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Opening Ceremony and Survivor Lap at 10 a.m., Mascot time with Boomer and Sam the Minuteman at 10:30 a.m., Team Lap at 10:45 a.m., Comfort Dogs from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Lions Club food sales from 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Survivor lunch with Andy the Armadillo at noon, Touch a Truck from noon-2 p.m., face painting from 1-3 p.m., Police K-9 Unit at 2 p.m., Kids Flamingo Pinata at 3 p.m., Flamingo Dash for a Cure at 4 p.m., Jimmy Buffet Lap at 5



p.m., Gift Basket announcement/pickup at 6 p.m., Selfie Lap at 7 p.m., Luminaria Ceremony at 8:45 p.m. and Closing Ceremony and Lap at 9:30 p.m.

A "Fun with Flamingos Photo

Shoot" will also be held during the Relay for Life, courtesy of Team Lynn — Peach Pedestrians.

For a \$5 donation to the American Cancer Society, you can come and get your photo taken

(and printed) with a tropical theme back drop with flamingo props and an assortment of other props. Stop by and get your picture taken for a great cause.

## 18th annual Tri-Parish Community Church event June 1 and 2

HARDWICK — The Tri Parish Community Church welcomes the public to their 18th annual plant, bake, tag and craft sale Saturday, June 1 and Sunday, June 2 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on the beautiful Hardwick common.

The sale will feature traditional, favorite, and connoisseur perennials, plus selected annuals, heirloom vegetable plants, and herbs.

A delicious assortment of home-baked desserts and breads

will also be sold. The proceeds from the plant and bake sale support the operational expenses of the church.

The church will be holding a drawing featuring the "best" of the plant sale. No purchase is necessary to win.

Live music will be provided on Sunday though a grant to the Paige Memorial Library from the Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency which is

supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Several activities will be available for children as well.

A number of tag and craft vendors have rented space on the common for the event.

The Tri Parish Community Church's Pastor, Nathan Pederson, will lead a brief prayer service Sunday morning on the common in lieu of the 10 a.m. Sunday worship service.

Browse the plants and vendor booths, connect with old friends, visit the Hardwick Historical Society that will be open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. both days, and the 1906 Paige Memorial library which will be open from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday. The library is holding an on-going book sale on their lower level.

All are welcome. This is a rain or shine event.

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tire. Casagrande, still searching for his first GSPSS win, lined up alongside Doiron for the restart, but Doiron slipped away with the advantage.

Once again, Casagrande reeled in Doiron, closing the gap as the laps wound down. But he could not catch Doiron to make a move, and the veteran racer held on for his third career win at Claremont.

"I don't know how much [Casagrande] had left," Doiron said after the race. "But if that was all he had, I had a little bit more in the tank."

Doiron joins Gabe Brown and Ray Christian III as drivers who have scored consecutive GSPSS wins at Claremont. Doiron's third win also ties him with Brown, Christian and D.J. Shaw for the most series wins at the track.

Casagrande matched his GSPSS career best with his runner-up performance. Outside polesitter Sorel matched his own career best in third. Call drove back from his flat tire to place fourth, while Sorel's teammate and crew chief, Quarterley, was fifth in his GSPSS debut.

With top-five finishes in the first two races of 2024, Casey Call unofficially leads the standings headed to the series' next race, a stop at Speedway 95 in Maine on June 16.

## PVTA kicks off Golden Anniversary celebration

Free bus and paratransit services offered June 1-Aug. 31

SPRINGFIELD — The Pioneer Valley Transit Authority is celebrating its Golden Anniversary of providing public transportation services for 50 years.

PVTA was created in 1974 to provide oversight and coordination of public transportation within the Pioneer Valley region. Over the past five decades, PVTA has been committed to providing the highest quality of convenient and accessible public transportation service that meets the changing needs of riders in the most efficient and cost effective manner.

"Over the past fifty years, PVTA has grown, expanded service, and implemented technological improvements that have benefited the region's residents. PVTA has one of the most professional and dedicated workforces that allow us to provide transit services that make a difference in the lives of our passengers" said Sandra E. Sheehan, PVTA Administrator in a press release.

To commemorate this incredible milestone, PVTA will be celebrating all year long by announcing exciting news, events, and promotions that will spread enthusiasm like confetti across the calendar.

To kick off PVTA's 50th Anniversary celebration, and to thank passengers for their continued loyalty, starting June 1 through Aug. 31, no fares or passes will be needed for PVTA bus and paratransit services.

The PVTA is extremely appreciative of the funds appropriated by the state Legislature for the Try-Transit Program for FY24. PVTA is proud to serve the residents of the Pioneer Valley and be an integral part of the success and growth of the communities it serves.

The PVTA looks forward to the next 50 years. For information on the PVTA's Golden Anniversary Celebrations, please visit pvta.com.

### About the PVTA

The PVTA is the largest regional transit authority in Massachusetts with 189 buses, 145 vans and 24 participating member communities. Additional information about the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority may be found at www.pvta.com or by calling 1-877-779-7882.

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# public safety

## Ware Police Log

During the week of May 19-28, the Ware Police Department responded to 38 miscellaneous calls, 29 administrative calls, seven traffic violations, 20 emergency 911 calls, two thefts/larcenies, one fraud/deception, four harassments, four breaking and entering/burglaries, two trespasses, three motor vehicle accidents, two damage/vandalisms, nine animal calls and 11 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

**Sunday, May 19**  
10:24 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Upper Church Street, Services Rendered  
1:54 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Palmer Road, Report Made  
6:10 p.m. Fraud/Deception, North Street, Services Rendered  
9:33 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Horseshoe Circle, Dispatch Handled  
10:35 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Investigated

**Monday, May 20**  
7:48 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
5:28 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Monson Turnpike Road, Dispatch Handled  
9:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
10:18 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Eddy Street, Advised

**Tuesday, May 21**  
7:36 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Services Rendered  
9:58 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Dispatch Handled  
10:36 a.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Church Street, Service Rendered  
4:37 p.m. DUI/Impaired, East

Main Street, Investigated  
5:41 p.m. Warrant Service, Webb Court, Arrest Made  
Arrest: Ciarah Caraid-Starr, 18, Ware  
WMS Warrant  
6:38 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Beaver Lake, Could Not Locate  
8:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Warren Road, Report Made  
11:48 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Convent Hill Road, Services Rendered

**Wednesday, May 22**  
11:07 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Route 9, Assist Given  
4:20 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Services Rendered  
9:52 p.m. Gas Leak/Gas Odor, West Street, Investigated

**Thursday, May 23**  
5:31 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Pulaski Street, Arrest Made  
Arrest: Michael J. Estridge, 34, Gilbertville  
WMS Warrant  
6:43 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Repot Made  
8:34 a.m. Weapons/Firearms, West Street, Report Made  
11:15 a.m. Assault, West Street, Investigated

**Friday, May 24**  
12:11 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Advised  
1:14 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Dispatch Handled  
2:58 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Gilbertville Road, Advised  
7:23 p.m. Warrant Service, Webb Court, Arrest Made  
Arrest: Hailey Powell, 29, Ware  
WMS Warrant; Resist Arrest; Escape from a Police Officer; Disorderly Conduct; Assault and Battery on Police Officer

Arrest: Arthur T. Powell IV, 41, Ware  
Resisting the Arrest of Another; Resist Arrest; Assault and Battery on Police Officer; Assault and Battery Attempt to Disarm Police Officer (Taser); Disorderly Conduct  
8:36 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Dispatch Handled

**Saturday, May 25**  
8:04 a.m. Breaking and Entering/Burglary, Valley View, Investigated  
10:39 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Services Rendered  
4:25 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Bondsville Road, Dispatch Handled

**Sunday, May 26**  
6:51 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Mountain View Drive, Dispatch Handled  
2:18 p.m. Breaking and Entering/Burglary, Glendale Circle, Could Not Locate  
7:47 p.m. Damage/Vandalism/Mischief, Walnut Street, Services Rendered  
8:07 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Fisherick Road, Report Made

**Monday, May 27**  
8:09 a.m. Breaking and Entering/Burglary, Valley View, Services Rendered  
9:19 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Hardwick, Services Rendered  
9:30 a.m. Breaking and Entering/Burglary, Valley View, Services Rendered  
1:56 p.m. Weapons/Firearms, North Street, Dispatch Handled  
5:32 p.m. Damage/Vandalism/Mischief, West Street, Services Rendered

## Warren Police Log

During the week of May 19-26, the Warren Police Department responded to 117 building/property checks, 17 community policings, 16 emergency 911 calls, one trespass, two complaints, one larceny/theft, one hazmat incident, one safety concern, one fraud/forgery, one property damage, two motor vehicle accidents, three animal calls and 40 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

**Sunday, May 19**  
7:48 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Town Common, Citation Issued  
11:08 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Crouch Road, Transported to Hospital  
12:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
1:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

**Monday, May 20**  
1:29 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Dunham Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
5:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
8:13 a.m. Complaint, Keyes Street, Officer Took Call  
9:18 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
9:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
10:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
10:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
10:34 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
10:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
11:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
7:05 p.m. Hazmat Incidents, School Street, Referred to Other Agency  
7:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
8:24 p.m. Complaint, Boston Post Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
9:19 p.m. Sick/Unknown,

Walkeen Koziol Road, Transported to Hospital

**Tuesday, May 21**  
9:12 a.m. Larceny or Theft, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
1:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
1:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint  
1:21 p.m. Welfare Check, Boston Post Road, Investigated  
2:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Citation Issued  
9:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint

**Wednesday, May 22**  
6:01 p.m. Abdominal/Back Pain, East Road, Mutual Aid Transport  
8:14 a.m. Property Damage, Ware Road, Report Filed  
11:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Pursuit, Boston Post Road, Arrest(s) Made  
Arrest: Anthony Johnson, 65, Hartford, Connecticut  
Warrant  
Arrest: John Plummer, 56, Hartford, Connecticut  
Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle; Stop for Police, Fail; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Marked Lanes Violation; Speeding Rate of Speed Greater than was Reasonable or Proper c90 §17; Passing Violation; Stop/Yield, Fail to  
2:51 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Winthrop Terrace, Officer Advised  
3:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
9:19 p.m. Safety Concern, Quaboag Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal

**Thursday, May 23**  
11:04 a.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Main Street, Report Filed  
1:20 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Main Street, Mutual Aid Transport  
4:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Hit

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and Run, Bridges Avenue, Report Filed

**Friday, May 24**  
9:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint  
10:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
10:39 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
11:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ware Road, Criminal Complaint  
12:11 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Cutler Road, Transported to Hospital  
8:11 p.m. Trespasser/Prowler, Old West Warren Road, Report Filed  
9:26 p.m. Bleeding, Pine Street, Transported to Hospital

**Saturday, May 25**  
5:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
7:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation Issued  
8:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ware Road, Criminal Complaint  
9:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Boston Post Road, Vehicle Towed

## Student receives award for Arson Watch Poster Contest

By Ryan Drago  
Staff Writer  
rdrago@turley.com

BARRE – The Quabbin Regional School District welcomed members of local fire and police departments to provide an assembly at the middle school regarding fire safety.

This special presentation on May 24 taught students the importance of making an emergency call, fire prevention, fire safe practices and how to recognize an emergency. Barre Firefighter and EMT Christina Gustafson spoke during the assembly and explained to students how important it is to report an emergency to the police or fire department.

"Let fire and police know what you know", Gustafson said. For fire safety, Gustafson would go on explaining the importance of fire safe habits and encouraged students to not misuse fire or flammable tools. Fire is a tool and should only be used for its intended purpose when required, and it is always encouraged to use them with permission and under supervision.

Fire must be used safely, otherwise situations can get bad very quickly. According to a study, flames can spread and double in size every 30 seconds.

The fire department staff encouraged youth and adults to always report when an incident occurs.

"See something, say something," Gustafson said. "Do not wait."

Gustafson said in Massachusetts alone, there were 86 reported fire incidents that were caused by juvenile misuse. It was shared during the assembly that every fire is investigated in order to determine the cause.

The annual Arson Watch Reward Program Poster Contest is sponsored by the Massachusetts Property Insurance Underwriting Association and the Rhode Island Joint Reinsurance Association, on behalf of all property and casualty insurance companies of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The poster theme is "Fire Prevention – Everyone/Everyday".

Fire safety education is important at any age level, but especially for children. Many children who



Silas Flint was the winner of the 2024 Arson Watch Reward Poster Contest. Flint is shown alongside his parents and Christina Gustafson of the Barre Fire Department.



Silas Flint is shown with Barre Firefighter and EMT Christina Gustafson.

play with fire do not realize the dangers and injuries their play can cause. T

The Arson Watch Reward Program was established in 1981 and was one of the first programs sponsored by any group to advocate for an active public response to the senseless incidence of arson related fires on behalf of the insurance industry.

Every year, a countywide poster contest is held for students in grades sixth through eighth. First and second place county winners are chosen by an impartial panel of judges.

All First-place County winners are entered into the Massachusetts Statewide Contest and are soon selected.

Last year, the winner of the contest was Ella Reeves who was first place in Worcester County.

This year, seventh grade student Silas Flint was the winner of the Poster Contest. Flint was the first place winner in Worcester County and second place in the whole Commonwealth.

The school and the departments congratulated Flint as he received a trophy at the assembly and held a framed copy of the poster he created. Joining Gustafson in the presentation was Taylor Wilkinson of the Hubbardston Fire Department and New Braintree Fire Chief Dennis Letendre, Jr.

After the award, the departments took questions from the students at the assembly. It was a great way for the departments to connect with the youth of the community and help them understand real life emergency situations.

## Hardwick Police Log

During the week of May 20-27, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 37 building/property checks, 26 directed/area patrols, seven radar assignments, 14 emergency 911 calls, five citizen assists, six complaints, four motor vehicle investigations, two motor vehicle accidents, one missing person, one vandalism, one threat, one safety hazard, two animal calls and seven motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

**Monday, May 20**  
11:39 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Greenwich Road, Transported to Hospital  
4:36 p.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Officer Handled  
9:33 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Jackson Road, Services Rendered  
10:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Lower Road, Spoken To

**Tuesday, May 21**  
12:41 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Main Street, Services Rendered  
12:42 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Pine Street, Services Rendered  
11:13 a.m. Assist Citizen, Petersham Road, Officer Handled

2:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Lower Road, Services Rendered  
4:22 p.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Negative Contact

**Wednesday, May 22**  
9:09 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Patroll Hollow Road, Officer Handled  
10:10 p.m. Medical Emergency, Mechanic Street, Transported to Hospital

**Thursday, May 23**  
1:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Barre Road, Officer Handled  
4:34 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Barre Road, Officer Handled  
6:09 p.m. 911 Animal Call, Parker Court, Officer Handled  
6:10 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Main Street, Negative Contact  
8:39 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital  
11:53 p.m. Assist Citizen, Grove Street, Transported to Hospital

**Friday, May 24**  
4:08 a.m. Missing Person, Jackson Road, Services Rendered  
10:06 a.m. Vandalism, Main

Street, Officer Handled  
12:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Town Hall, Officer Handled

1:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Officer Handled  
2:48 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Lower Road, Negative Contact  
3:12 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Barre Road, Spoken To  
5:51 p.m. Safety Hazard, Thayer Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
9:18 p.m. Threat, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled  
9:50 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Main Street, Spoken To

**Saturday, May 25**  
3:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued  
7:33 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, River Run, Spoken To

**Sunday, May 26**  
1:44 p.m. 911 Misdial, Grove Street, Spoken TO  
4:33 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled  
9:07 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Services Rendered

## Free community shred day will be held June 15

MONSON – Monson Savings Bank will be hosting a free Community Shred Day on Saturday, June 15, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Bank's Monson Branch, 146 Main St.

As in past years, Monson Savings Bank is partnering with PROSHRED of Wilbraham for this event. The Bank will be welcoming the public to dispose of their private documents onsite. All are welcome.

Storing documents that contain personal information in your home can pose a major security risk. Monson Savings Bank is encouraging residents to shred any documents they no longer need, especially those that contain private information.

Monson Savings Bank's free Community Shred Day is a per-

fect opportunity to properly discard unwanted documents, such as tax returns, bank or credit card statements, bills, medical records, and more.

"Protecting the personal information of our customers and community members is a top priority at Monson Savings Bank," said Dan Moriarty, President & CEO of Monson Savings Bank in a press release. "Our entire team works diligently to keep personal information secure and safe. We are happy to extend additional protection to our customers with a free Shred Day, allowing them to dispose of their sensitive documents in a secure way."

Prepackaged refreshments and giveaways will be available, while supplies last.

## SNHU announces winter 2024 Dean's List

MANCHESTER, NH – Southern New Hampshire University congratulates the following students on being named to the winter 2024 Dean's List: William Melendez and Kristen Glover, both of Hardwick.

The winter term runs from January to May.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.



# obituaries

## Cecilia Catherine Zajk, 79

PRESCOTT VALLEY, AZ – Cecilia Catherine Zajk, beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, passed away peacefully on the morning of Dec. 24, 2023, in Prescott Valley, Arizona at the age of 79.



Cecilia was born on the 31st of January 1944 in Ware, to the late Winifred (Zuchara) Bubon and Corporal Edward Bubon. A former resident of Ware and Ludlow, she is predeceased by her loving husband of 56 years, Joseph Charles Zajk of Prescott Valley, Arizona; her sister Melanie Mikus of Ware; and her stepfather Stanley Chrabaszcz.

Cecilia was a graduate of St. Mary's School and Ware High School in Ware. She attended Our Lady of the Elms College in Chicopee and graduated in 1965 with a bachelor's degree in history and a minor in education.

A passionate educator her entire professional life, her first teaching position was at the former Ware Junior High School where she taught history.

In 1969 she moved to the Palmer school system and assumed a position at Quaboag Elementary School teaching social studies in the fifth, sixth and seventh grades. This was followed by a move to Bondsville Elementary School where she continued teaching social studies while gradually moving into more administrative positions as Head Teacher and later, Teaching Principal.

Combining her passion for education with a love of travel, during the summer of 1988 Cecilia participated in a teacher's exchange program at the American School in Bilbao, Spain sponsored by the Department of Education. She spent a memorable summer working at the school, followed by travel throughout Spain, France and Sweden in the company of her two daughters.

In 1988 Cecilia was nominated to participate in a course of study

in academic administration at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, where she graduated with a master's degree in educational leadership. Not long thereafter, in 1990 she obtained a position as Adjunct Professor at Our Lady of the Elms College, followed by a move to the new Converse Middle School in Palmer in 1991 where she served as Assistant Principal until 1993.

After 24 years teaching in the Palmer school system, Cecilia moved to the Quaboag Regional School District where she was appointed Principal of the Warren Community Elementary School. It was there that she and her staff took great pride in implementing new methods and programs to support students with learning disabilities, which was one of her top priorities and areas of focus in her teaching practice for many years.

Six years later Cecilia returned to Palmer where she became Principal of Old Mill Pond Elementary School and continued her work with students with disabilities. When she finally retired from teaching in 2004, Cecilia was an Adjunct Professor in Education at American International College in Springfield, and Anna Maria College in Paxton.

She also spent time working with student teacher trainees as an Adjunct Professor at Cambridge College.

Throughout her professional life nothing gave Cecilia more joy than being in the classroom and working with students. Not only was she recognized as a leader in her profession as evidenced by the many professional memberships she held throughout her career; but she had a lasting and profound impact on the lives of innumerable students and colleagues through her mentorship and friendship.

Her leadership also extended to her community. Not only did she seek involvement in local civic

activities, but her love of the arts saw her become an active member of the Board of Directors of the Ware Community Theatre, where she could be found not only behind the scenes, but occasionally performing on stage as well!

Cecilia loved reading historical fiction and cooking, especially her treasured Polish family recipes; but most of all she loved spending time with her family.

Following retirement, Cecilia and her husband Joe purchased a summer home in Old Orchard Beach, Maine – a place that meant so much to both of them and their family. During their retirement, they divided their time between Maine and Prescott Valley, Arizona, where they had moved in recent years to be closer to their grandsons.

Cecilia is remembered by her three children: daughter Melissa (Zajk) Laight and her husband Paul of London, England; Joelle Zajk of Arlington, Virginia; and Joseph Zajk, his wife Dawn and their two sons Matthew and Jonah of Prescott, Arizona; her sister Jean Chrabaszcz and her partner Jan Magee of Queensbury, New York; her brother-in-law Gary Mikus of Berlin, Vermont; her sister-in-law Marcia Iwanicki and her husband Richard of West Chester, Pennsylvania; her two nephews: John Iwanicki and his wife Ann Marie of Birmingham, Alabama, and David Iwanicki, his wife Tarrayon and their son Connor of West Chester, Pennsylvania; and her two nieces: Jennifer (Mikus) Zera, her husband Josh and their daughters June and Josie of Greenfield, and Allison (Mikus) Pelski, her husband Ryan and their children William and Olivia of Burlington, Vermont. She will also be remembered by her two closest life-long friends, Carolyn Glew of Ware and Johann Taylor of Westfield.

A memorial service is planned for June at St. Mary's Church in Ware.

## David C. Lawrence, 71

WEST BROOKFIELD – David C. Lawrence, 71, a former longtime resident of North Brookfield, died Thursday, May 23, 2024, at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester.



He is survived by his children, his son Kenneth Lawrence and his wife Sarah of Parker, Colorado, and his two daughters, Elissa Boos and her husband James of West Brookfield, Julie Lawrence of Parker, Colorado, and five grandchildren, Chloe, Colby, Jackson, Ellie and Juliette. One great-grandchild Rylenn. He also leaves his former wife Ann Merriam of North Brookfield, and his siblings, his twin brother Daniel Lawrence of Ware, John Lawrence and his wife Susan of Northborough, and Stephen Lawrence of Groveland, and three sisters Mary Kay Lawrence Moulton of Ware, Ann Lawrence Hoffman of Providence, and Maureen Lawrence Vadnais and her husband William

## Death notices

**Lawrence, David C.**  
Died May 23, 2024  
Services June 1, 2024

**Zajk, Cecilia Catherine**  
Died Dec. 24, 2023

of Pleasant Hill, California. He was predeceased by his brother Paul Lawrence, two grandchildren Tyler Kubert, and Grace Boos.

David was born in Tacoma, Washington, son of Andrew and Elizabeth (Fitzgerald) Lawrence. He graduated from Ware High School, and retired after working 43 years, at Kanzaki Specialty Papers as a machine operator.

He enjoyed hiking, birdwatching, carpentry, traveling, and his favorite television shows were "This Old House" and "Antique Roadhouse". A special shout out to his favorite celebrity "Jennifer Aniston".

The family is creating hosting A Celebration of Life that will be held at noon on June 1, 2024, at the North Brookfield Sportsman Club, 20 Boynton Road, North Brookfield.

Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy St., Southbridge is assisting the family.

## Ware River News OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$225, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph. **Death Notices & Paid Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: [obits@turley.com](mailto:obits@turley.com).

*Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.*

## Applications being accepted for St. Aloysius Catholic School

HARDWICK – St. Aloysius Catholic School in Gilbertville is presently accepting applications for the 2024/2025 school year.

The popular preschool/pre-kindergarten program is available in a two, three or five day option and there are just a few openings left.

Jennifer McNally has been the preschool/pre-kindergarten teacher at St. Aloysius since the school's inception in 2016.

"My favorite part of teaching young learners is to see those 'Ah Ha' moments, where they get a concept that they might have been struggling with prior. They are also full of life all the time; to see things through a child's eyes is heartwarming and awakening to the soul. Working at a Catholic school is wonderful, in that our faith is woven into our day. From morning prayer, grace before meals, to learning about the wonderful world God made and how we are best to love one another, it's great to be able to reinforce what children are learning at home in regard to their faith!" McNally said. "I love being able to prepare my students for success in Kindergarten and beyond. We learn primarily through play, with a focus on age appropriate

early literacy and math skills."

There are also select openings in kindergarten through grade eight classrooms.

"We have had a upsurge in inquiries for older students this year. I think some parents are looking for a different approach to their child's education and if faith is important to them, they want their children to be in that type of environment during the school day. We are a big family at St. Aloysius. We support each other and rally for one another. It's a great environment to be part of and the education is top notch. Our graduates remain successful in their high schools and beyond," said Enrollment Coordinator, Roberta McQuaid.

Tuition at St. Aloysius is affordable, and all students, even preschoolers, are eligible for a scholarship discount.

Reach out to McQuaid ([rmcquaid@staloyusiuscatholicsschool.com](mailto:rmcquaid@staloyusiuscatholicsschool.com) or call 413-477-1268) to schedule a tour while school is still in session and experience how a faith-filled education can shape your child's future. All of the necessary enrollment paperwork is available online at [www.staloyusius.com](http://www.staloyusius.com), under the "Join our Family" tab.

## Participants wanted for Ware's Town Wide Tag Sale

WARE – The Town Wide Tag Sale to benefit the Ware Center Meeting House, a 1799 historic building in the first center of Ware, will be held Saturday, June 8 from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

The proprietors of the Meeting House have been working on the restoration of this building for over 25 years. It's open to the public on alternate Sundays in the summer, during an educational day for third graders, and during special events.

Sign up at [warecentermeetinghouse.org](http://warecentermeetinghouse.org) or send a check for \$15 to Ware Center Meeting House P.O. Box 1401, Ware, MA 01082. Payment must be delivered by June 1.

Once registered, put your number on your house for shoppers to find you. Those shopping the tag sale can come pick up a list of streets having tag sales at the Ware Center Meeting House after 8 a.m. on June 8 and have fun shopping.

This is a rain or shine event. For more information or questions, email [janicehills110@gmail.com](mailto:janicehills110@gmail.com).

## MSB to host clothing drive in June

MONSON – Monson Savings Bank announced they will be hosting a clothing drive during the month of June to collect professional work attire for Suit Up Springfield and Dress for Success of Western Massachusetts, at all Bank branch locations.

Suit Up Springfield is happy to accept donations of suits, shirts, ties, shoes, and outer coats. Dress for Success of Western Massachusetts is accepting donations of blazers/suits, dress pants, skirts, shoes, outerwear, and jewelry.

Gently used and clean professional business attire donations will be accepted at these branch drop-off locations during normal business hours: Monson Branch, 146 Main St., Monson, MA 01057; Hampden Branch, 15 Somers Road, Hampden, MA 01036; Wilbraham Branch, 100

Post Office Park, Wilbraham, MA 01095; Ware Branch, 136 West St., Ware, MA 01082; and East Longmeadow Branch, 61 North Main St., East Longmeadow, MA 01028

Suit Up Springfield is a non-profit (501c3) organization focused on providing the young men of Springfield area professional attire. Their goal is to help each individual find a suit that will give them the confidence, knowledge, and tools to help them become a successful member of their community.

Learn more at <https://suitup-springfield.com/>.

Dress for Success of Western Massachusetts has a mission to empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire, and the development tools to help women thrive in work and in life. Learn more at [\[mass.dressforsuccess.org/\]\(https://mass.dressforsuccess.org/\)](https://western-</a></p>
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"We are thrilled to partner with both of these vital community organizations who greatly contribute to the success of individuals of our communities," said Dan Moriarty, Monson Savings Bank President & CEO in a press release. "Many of our team members, Corporators, and Board of Directors have already begun to collect items to help contribute to the clothing drive during June. We hope those in our local neighborhoods will also donate items to make this endeavor a success."

Monson Savings Bank was proud to work with AM Lithography Corporation, a certified Veteran-owned, small commercial printing business based out of Chicopee, to produce collection boxes for the clothing drive.

## Mobile Blood Donation Team holds drive June 5

PALMER – The community is invited to join the Baystate Health blood drive held on Wednesday, June 5, at Baystate Wing Hospital, from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Additionally, Blood Drives will be held every other month on Wednesday throughout the year at Baystate Wing on Aug. 7, Oct. 9 and Dec. 11.

"The need for blood donations never takes a break. When you donate blood to Baystate Health, your precious gift remains in our local communities," said Nicole VanZandt, MLT III, Supervisor, BRL Blood Donor Services in a

press release. "Please help us to ensure a safe and adequate blood supply is available by donating blood with the Baystate Health Blood Donor Program."

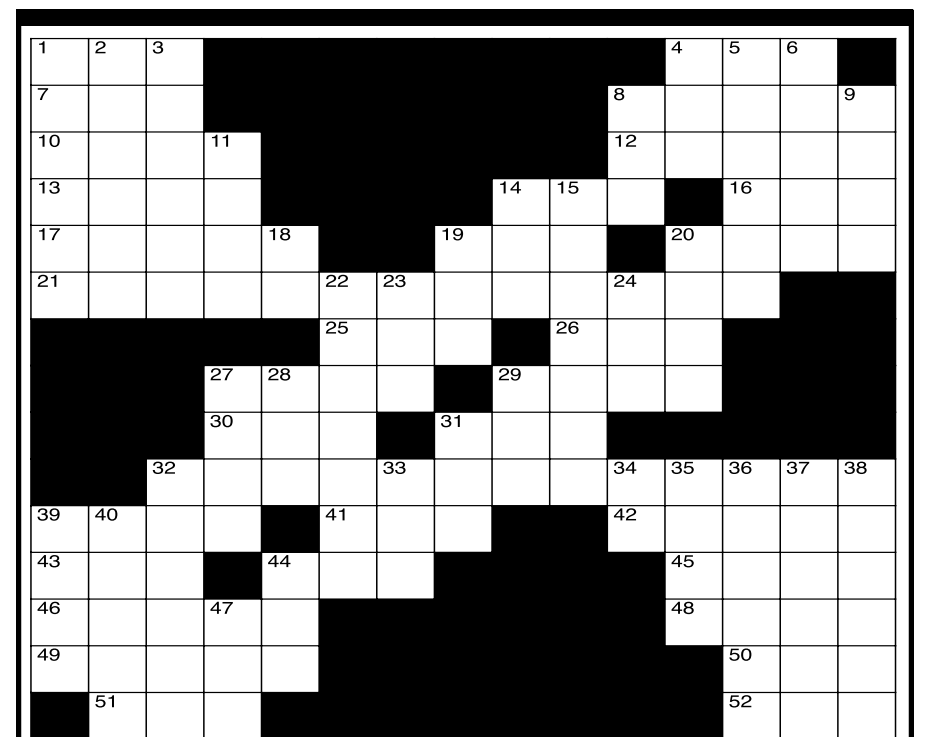
There is no substitute for human blood, VanZandt said.

"Every donation is critical, and you can make a lifesaving difference. Blood donations take approximately one hour to complete, including the interview, donation, and refreshments. To donate blood, you must be at least 17 years old; weigh at least 110 pounds have a photo ID; be in good health (no colds, or sore throat); and have not

donated blood within the past eight weeks."

Blood drives will be held at Baystate Wing Hospital, 40 Wright St., in Snow Conference Room C. In appreciation, all eligible donors will receive a \$10 gift card.

For more information or to book an appointment to donate blood please call the Blood Donor Center at 413-794-4600. Please be sure to note the Baystate Health hospital location where you would like to make your donation when you make your appointment.



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Fashion accessory
4. Engine additive
7. Small, faint constellation
8. Gives a job person
10. Self-righteous person
12. Caucasian language
13. Surinam toad
14. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
16. Former French coin
17. Levels the score
19. What stage performers do
20. Egyptian Sun god
21. Localities
25. Spherical body

### CLUES DOWN

1. Occur
2. Show up
3. Capital of Taiwan
4. Brother or sister
5. Secret get-togethers
6. Type of tea
8. Where the action is
9. Cast out
11. Crime group
14. Type of vessel (abbr.)
15. Accept and handle
18. Sacrifice hit
19. One who buys and sells securities simultaneously
20. Month
22. Most thin
23. Naturally occurring

### material

24. Luke's mentor - Wan
27. Postmodernist Austrian "House"
28. Aquatic salamander
29. Baseball stat
31. Beginning military rank
32. Talk rapidly and unintelligibly
33. Paddle
34. Caregiver (abbr.)
35. Old Irish alphabet
36. Japanese city
37. In a way, acted
38. Things to see
39. Nursemaid
40. Type of tooth
44. To be demonstrated
47. Defunct European group

## Summer Reading starts June 25 at Paige Memorial Library

HARDWICK – What are you doing this Summer? The Paige Memorial Library hopes you will be joining its Summer Reading program, "Read, Renew, Repeat," which will start on June 25 and end on Aug. 7 and will offer activities for all ages.

The library staff are planning many activities and want your input. Come to the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, to register for programs featuring the conservation idea, a movement focused on protecting, maintaining, and

restoring. "Read, Renew, Repeat" encourages reading, creative activities, and socializing as restorative methods of self-improvement and self-preservation and will respect conservation by encouraging the reuse and recycling of materials.

The library is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-7 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information call 413-477-6704.

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Library hosts author of Ware inspired book series

WARE – The Young Men’s Library welcomes Sonja F. Blanco, author of the “Witch of Ware Woods” Trilogy, on Saturday, June 8, at 11 a.m.

“The Witch of Ware Woods” Trilogy is an upper young adult fantasy series centered on Sara, an 18-year-old witch with dangerous powers.

The story is primarily a “hero’s journey” about personal growth as Sara discovers a magical world and her role in it.

The series is applauded by readers for its multi-faceted characters and immersive forest setting; the latter based in part on the author’s childhood experiences of growing up in Vermont

and visiting family in central Massachusetts.

Blanco said she began writing the series in 2019 when inspired by a dream and the desire to imagine a different outcome for a relative who was hung for witchcraft in the 1700s.



Sonja F. Blanco

Blanco shared that her grandfather, Leon Rogers from the Town of Orange, was one of the locals who helped move the dead to the Quabbin Park Cemetery prior to the flooding.

This family history is reflected in fictional Ware Woods as a body of water with a similar origin. The series prequel novel, “Flood & Fire”, describes

how and why Ware Woods was formed, including the body of water, and is available as a free download on the author’s website.

“Witch of Ware Woods,” the first book in the trilogy, published in October 2021. The second book, “Death & Dragons,” published in February 2023.

The third and final book, “Spells & Shadows,” recently released in April 2024 and includes an Author’s Note with a nod to the Quabbin.

Signed paperback copies are also available at the Quabbin

Visitor Center. With the series now complete, Blanco, who currently lives in Arizona, is celebrating with a New England book tour, including stops in Vermont, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire.

She hopes the book series brings a positive awareness to the central Massachusetts landscape and its unique history.

Everyone is welcome to the Young Men’s Library on Saturday, June 8, at 11 a.m. to join her discussion on the series and its inspirations, and to chat with her about the writing and publishing process.

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**ART SHOW** from page 6

coal piece of a shark fin hovering above water.

Piermarini plans on pursuing more artwork opportunities and future classes. The class she took this school year was foundations in art. The next mediums she plans on trying out next are oil paints and oil pastels.

In Quaboag's Media Center guests got to witness the projects made by more than 60 students who have taken woodshop classes. Mr. Howard spoke highly of his woodshop students have taken interest in advancing their craftsmanship.

Projects such as chairs, tables, shelves, furniture, and boxes were all made by talented students in all grades. One student who has been involved in woodshop in all his high school years is Owen Stevens.

Stevens is a senior at Quaboag and has picked up an interesting hobby during his time in school. Howard has Stevens as his intern and has watched him get more involved in wood crafts. The effort and hard work has definitely paid off for Stevens and his teacher of four year and four different classes has taken notice.

"He takes his time working on certain projects," Howard said.

For Stevens, woodworking is a mix of a hobby and a future career. His work displayed in the media center consists of a coffee table, a jewelry box, a cutting board and a chess board with all the pieces.

Stevens' woodshop classes throughout high school consist of introduction to woodshop, custom furniture making, and advanced woodshop. It is an activity that Stevens plans on doing on the



Birds were a theme behind the artwork of Skylar Cook.

side after finishing high school. "I definitely plan on doing it for a long time," Stevens said. "I'm very proud of it."

Stevens plans on becoming an environmental police officer but still make time to continue working on his wood crafts. He's planning on taking the next step and focusing more on grain patterns and wall pieces.

The details Stevens adds to his small box projects can only be described as incredible. For wall pieces, Stevens wants to try adding certain brands to them.

Other mediums featured throughout the Quaboag Art Show were ceramics, digital photography, self-portraits,

watercolors, markers, sharpie, collaging and colored pencils.

The show highlighted all the hard work done by Quaboag's students. Each student had written a paragraph to talk a little bit about their artwork and the inspiration behind their art.



*Turley Photos by Ryan Drago*  
**ABOVE:** Persephone Piermarini alongside her artwork. One of her favorite projects to make was the Shark Fin.



**LEFT:** Ceramics created by Asya Osei-Opoku.



Ceramic artwork created by Norah McElroy.



Artwork by Isabelle Aberle focusing on rendering different European buildings and cityscapes.

# public notices

**Hardwick Planning Board**

**Notice of Public Hearing**

Notice is hereby given that the Hardwick Planning Board, acting as Special Permit Granting Authority for the Town of Hardwick, will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville, MA 01301.**

Pursuant to Hardwick Zoning Bylaw Sections 3.2.6.1-3 and 4.0, this Hearing is regarding the application by Sunrun Installation Services for a Special Permit to install a ground-mounted 11.20KW Photovoltaic Array system at 1167 Lower Road, Hardwick. All interested parties are asked to attend.

Interested parties can also view this Legal Notice at <http://masspublicnotices.org>

Hardwick Planning Board  
 Jenna Garvey, Chair  
 05/23, 05/30/2024

**Hardwick Planning Board**

**Notice of Public Hearing**

Notice is hereby given that the Hardwick Planning Board per Hardwick Zoning Bylaw, Sections 3.2.2.e and 5.0 will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 6:45 PM at the Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville, MA 01301**

This Hearing is regarding the application for Site Plan Approval by Kathryn Hosley to add an accessory apartment and three car garage to the residence at 158 Clapp Road, Hardwick. All interested parties are asked to attend.

Interested parties may also view this Legal Notice at <http://masspublicnotices.org>

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**Town of Warren**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE**

**Special Permit-313 Site Plan - 71**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Warren Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority, will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, June 10, 2024 at 7:15 PM** on the application of John Hanley, of 818 Little Rest Road, Brimfield, MA, for a Special Permit and Site Plan review to operate a micro-license cannabis cultivation facility at 818 Little Rest Road, Warren, MA, to produce high quality craft grown cannabis, emphasizing rare strains and to be sold to existing dispensaries under Section 15.2 and 15.3, of the Zoning Bylaw, and pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A. Pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, this hearing will be conducted in person and via remote means, in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the Planning Board as well as members of the public may access this meeting in person, or via virtual means. In-person attendance will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Shepard Municipal Building, 48 High Street, Warren, MA. It is possible that any or all members of the public body may attend remotely, with in-person attendance consisting of members of the public. The meeting may be accessed remotely via zoom.

Meeting ID: 869 2706 4530  
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**SITE LOCATION: 818 Little Rest Road, Warren, MA 01083**  
 Said premises being further described in deeds recorded in the Worcester County Registry of Deeds, Book 9056, Page 283.

WARREN PLANNING BOARD  
 05/30, 06/06/2024

Property is also identified as Assessor's Parcel # 11-0-82. Zoned: Rural (RU).

A complete copy of the application may be inspected in the Office of the Planning Board or the Town Clerk during normal business hours. Anyone interested or wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the time and place designated.

WARREN PLANNING BOARD  
 05/30, 06/06/2024

**(SEAL) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 24 SM 001813 ORDER OF NOTICE**

**TO: Sultana Anton** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 *et seq.*

**Movement Mortgage, LLC**

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Ware, numbered 5 A and B Mirabile Drive, Hampshire Probate and Family Court 15 Atwood Drive Northampton, MA 01060 (413)586-8500 Docket No. HS24P0286EA** Estate of: **Betty A. Davis** Date of Death: **03/22/2022**

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons: A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Bonnie L. LaMadeleine of Ware, 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: **Bonnie L. LaMadeleine of Ware, MA** be appointed as

Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal 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 06/26/2024.**

**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.**

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

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

WITNESS, Hon. **Diana S. Velez Harris,** First Justice of this Court. Date: May 23, 2024

**Mark S. Ames** Register of Probate  
 05/30/2024

(SEAL) **COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 24 SM 001968 ORDER OF NOTICE**

**TO: Rachael Johnson** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 *(et seq):*

**loanDepot.com, LLC** claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Ware, numbered 6 Park Street a/k/a 6-8 Park Street, given by Rachael Johnson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for loanDepot.com, LLC, dated November 10, 2020, and recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 13851, Page 290, as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement

WITNESS, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on May 21, 2024.

Attest: **Deborah J. Patterson** Recorder  
 05/30/2024

**Legal Notice Town of Hardwick FY2025 Pavement - Surfacing & Road Materials Bid**

Hardwick, MA is seeking FY2025 Invitation for Bids for Road Materials and Pavement Surfacing

dated December 1, 2023 and recorded at said Registry in Book 15024, Page 183 and now held by the plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **July 8, 2024** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on May 21, 2024.

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in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30B, Section 5. Bid awarded to lowest most responsible, responsive bidder. IFB available May 29, 2024 in the Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville, and on Town's website <https://www.hardwick-ma.gov> or by email [Highway@town-ofhardwick.com](mailto:Highway@town-ofhardwick.com). Sealed Bids clearly marked "HWY IFB - FY2025 Pavement-Surfacing & Road Material" due no later than **2:00 PM on June 12, 2024** in the Municipal Office Building, or mail to PO Box 575, Gilbertville, MA 01031. Bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m. The Town reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. 05/30, 06/06/2024

Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

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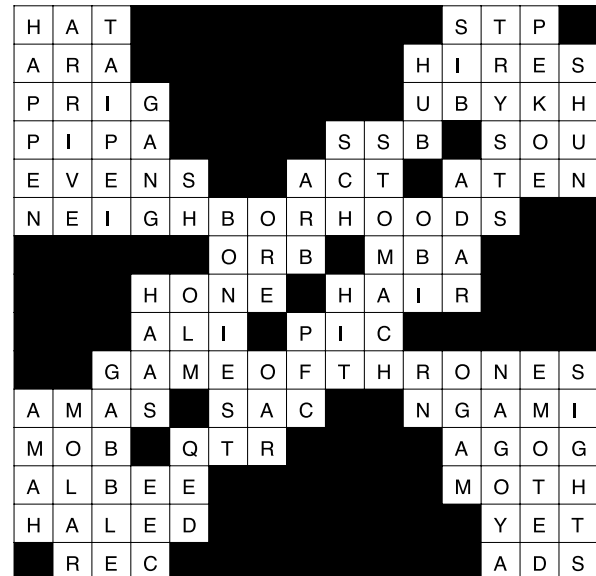
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