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## Residents review conceptual designs for MLH site

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WARE – Residents were given the opportunity to review and edit conceptual designs provided by HKT Architects, Inc.; looking at potential reuse of the Mary Lane Hospital site.

The July 11 charette was attended by over 100 residents, who worked together to review three design options provided by the firm, and give feedback on what they would like to see at the 21-acre South Street property.

Amy Dunlap, principal and project manager for HKT Architects, Inc. said her firm has been working with the town since last year to conduct a feasibility study, to help the town envision the future of the Mary Lane Hospital site.

“We’ve been trying to get the community engaged,” Dunlap said of the study, which included a listening session last September.

The feasibility study was paid for using grant funding awarded to the town.

Dunlap gave an overview of the property, noting that the buildings could have continued as healthcare and that to have any other use go in “would be very, very costly.”

The majority of the hospital’s buildings have been unused for some time, with the last services

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Instructor Mary Remington joined her students in a group discussion about creating art with sugar.

Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

## Art Fusion blends creativity and science at Workshop13

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One kid created a flower using glue and salt during this art experiment.

WARE – Workshop13 is offering creative art courses for kids to experiment with art in many forms.

This series of experimental art is referred to as Art Fusion: Creative Stations. Throughout the summer kids can sign up and be innovative during weekly challenges in art and science.

Last Wednesday, participants got to experiment art by using water, salt and sugar to create mesmerizing works of art.

Instructing the class was Mary Remington of Workshop13. She began the

course by using sugar first.

The result was a table full of creative sugar paintings designed by all the kids. Remington was amazed on how many paintings got done she didn’t realize the table where they placed them wasn’t big enough.

According to the kids, sugar painting reminded them of fireworks. The paint expanded with sugar, forming firework shapes. Remington then had the kids gather around their artwork and describe what they made mixing paint with sugar.

All the kids said they enjoyed creating artwork using sugar and were amazed at

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## Performance hearing held for School Street project

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WARREN – John O’Leary from Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission conducted a performance hearing for the town’s fiscal year 2022-2023 Community Block Development Grant.

The grant, awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, totaled \$1,197,000. This amount included the direct project cost, engineering oversight, project management and construction and grant administration.

At the July 11 Board of Selectmen’s meeting, O’Leary said the performance hearing is one of the requirements of the grant, and gives residents an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback about projects the grant is funding.

Projects included by the FY 22-23 CDBG include the School Street Improvement Project (Phase Two) and the Town Common Improvement Project.

O’Leary gave some background on the School Street Improvement Project, which has been ongoing.

“This project came to fruition over years of related projects starting with around 2010 a comprehensive infrastructure planning study of the entire School Street neighborhood,” he said, including Richardson, Prospect and Quaboag streets.

O’Leary said Phase One of the School Street Improvement Project

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## Cruisin’ for a cause at the Club

Event benefited collector car education foundation

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PALMER – Palmer Motorsports Park hosted the first of two cruise nights to benefit the Springfield to Boston Education

Foundation last Wednesday.

Approximately 750 spectators came to view the hundreds of cars, trucks and motorcycles spanning the decades in a wide variety of makes and models.

Founder and Director of the Springfield to Boston Education Foundation, Jeff DeMarey, was joined by his son Chris and friend Ed Cenedella at the inaugural event. All proceeds from the cruise night will go to the foundation, which strives to inspire and educate students about all aspects of the collector car world through

hands-on experiences, events and STEM programs.

Sponsors for the cruise night include DeMarey’s Wilbraham-based business, Stonewall Insurance Group, Inc., Palmer Motorsports Club, Fieldcrest Brewing Company, Batch Ice Cream, LUSO Federal Credit Union, Cupcakes & Confections by Jana, Classic Hits 97.7 FM and Hot Rod Dogs.

Spectators at the event were also able to enjoy a variety of

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Spectators look at various makes and models of cars and motorcycles.

Submitted Photos by Evan Hernandez



Members of Ware Knights of Columbus Council #183 were recently awarded their second consecutive Star Council award.

Turley Staff Photo

## Knights earn consecutive Star Council award

Staff Report

WARE – The Ware Knights of Columbus Council #183 were recently awarded their second consecutive Star Council award.

“Star Council awards recognize outstanding achievement in membership, insurance, programming and overall operations,” Grand Knight Paul Harper said. “Earning a Star award is the marker of a high performing Knights of Columbus unit and the goal to which every council strives for.”

When asked what the Knights of Columbus does in the community, Harper said its members conduct

charitable work, which includes running the annual Tootsie Roll Drive to assist people with disabilities.

“We participate in as well organize some of the town’s community events,” Harper said.

This includes providing scholarships for local high school graduates, assisting with Noah’s Galley, the monthly Take and Eat program, Coats for Kids, Halloween in the Park, and many other events and programs as the need arises.

“All of us at the Ware Knights of Columbus Council are proud of the respect that we have been able to achieve within our church and local

community through our efforts,” said Harper. “We are most grateful to have the leadership and support of Father Piotr Pawlus who serves as our chaplain.”

Ware Knights of Columbus Council #183 was formed in 1896 and now boasts a current membership of 158 men. Membership is open to all Catholic men over the age of 18 years old.

To find out more about the Ware Knights of Columbus Council and membership, they meet on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at All Saints Church, 17 Main St., or email WareKofC@yahoo.com.

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Line dancing is held every Thursday and includes lessons for beginners.



Exercise equipment is available for use daily from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

# Senior Center offers fun and fitness all year long

*Editor's note: This article is part of a series highlighting the services and programs offered at the Ware Senior Center.*

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WARE – The Ware Senior Center, located at 1 Robbins Road, has something for everyone to help main-

tain health and wellness throughout the year.

Classes that are geared toward all abilities are offered throughout the week, including line dancing, Tai Chi and chair yoga. Exercise equipment is available for daily use, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. in the gym area.

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, instructor Ronna Shea leads a Tai Chi class from 9-10 a.m. Tai Chi

is a gentle, low-impact, Chinese martial art that utilizes motion with deep, slowing breathing.

Shea, a 7th degree black belt, has decades of experience in the martial arts and has been teaching at the Senior Center since 1998.

Chair yoga is another option for those looking to reap the health benefits of meditative movement, led by instructor Laure Wickers. This weekly class modifies traditional yoga poses and movement with the assistance of a chair.

Yoga has been shown to improve balance and strength, and help reduce joint pain.

Chair yoga classes are held every Friday at 1 p.m.

For those who enjoy kicking up their heels, line dancing is held every Thursday, starting with a beginner's introductory class at 9:30 a.m. followed by the full class from 10-11 a.m. Instructor J.P. Ellery is well known throughout the region, offering weekly classes across central and western Massachusetts.

In addition to physical benefits, line dancing provides both mental and social stimulation. A 2003 study

posted in the New England Journal of Medicine showed that dancing can help reduce the risk of dementia and improve brain health as well.

The Senior Center also offers a walking club that meets on Thursdays at 9 a.m., before heading out to explore the town's many trails.

For those looking for relief from the summer heat, the Senior Center also serves as the town's cooling center during regular hours, as well as some evenings until 8 p.m. when the heat index reaches critical levels.

Be sure to check the town's website at [www.townofware.com](http://www.townofware.com) or Facebook page for evening hours. Seniors and other residents can stay informed by signing up for the town's alert system through the website.

For more information about the Senior Center, stop by during open hours Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., call 413-967-9645 or visit [townofware.com/departments/council\\_on\\_aging](http://townofware.com/departments/council_on_aging).

Monthly newsletters listing all programs, services and the lunch menu can be picked up at the Senior Center.



Submitted Photos  
Chair yoga is led by Laure Wickers at the Ware Senior Center every Friday at 1 p.m.



Line dancing instructor J.P. Ellery leads seniors through some footwork.

## Are You Old News?

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

File Photo  
Last week's photo from 2022 showed Country Bank employees Kristel Johnson, Joseph Schlecht and Blair Robidoux.

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



Seniors stretch during Tai Chi classes, which are led by Ronna Shea on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9-10 a.m.



Seniors enjoy weekly chair yoga on Fridays at the Ware Senior Center.

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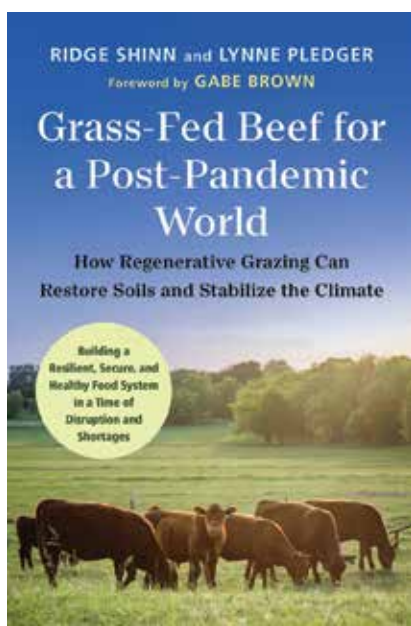


BOOK REVIEW

# 'Grass-Fed Beef for a Post-Pandemic World

How Regenerative Grazing Can Restore Soils and Stabilize the Climate' by Ridge Shinn and Lynne Pledger

By Richard Murphy  
Correspondent



The book, "Grass-Fed Beef for a Post-Pandemic World: How Regenerative Grazing Can Restore Soils and Stabilize the Climate" by local authors, Ridge Shinn and Lynne Pledger, is a well-documented tome about problems on the American farmland and what to do about it. There is much that the authors promise in championing a revolution, or maybe a restoration of ranching to a more human scale. Degraded farmland can be restored, and in doing that, it can be protected against both droughts and floods. Biodiversity can be increased.

Even climate change can be countered by the reduction in emissions and the sequestration of carbon.

Also, regional development would be enhanced.

It is a tall order. Can it happen? Maybe, but just because something is manifestly a good idea does not mean it will automatically occur.

So, the question becomes, will it?

There is a demand for "grass-fed" beef. The authors document it in the chapter; Regional Resilience.

On page 19, they list the large operations that are responding to the demand for grass-fed from Tyson and Cargill to well-known branded operations such as Niman Ranch. In the prior page there is a side bar highlighting the dramatic increases in sales.

It's all good?

There is a difference between conventional grazing and the regenerative grazing that is part of the title. Letting cows out on the grass as in continuous or conventional grazing, means the cattle are in the pasture to graze on their own. This can lead to overgrazing and compacting of soil, and other problems such as rain water run off.

Regenerative grazing in the hands of a skilled grazier is, well, regenerative. Environmental benefits include improvements in soil fertility, water retention, better biodiversity above and below the soil line, stored carbon and less greenhouse gases.

If one is not just letting the cows out to roam on their own, there has to be a system.

There is and it is outlined on page 45:

"In the regenerative modes, the grazier...moves the cattle

throughout a rotation of paddocks, taking care that a grazed paddock fully regrows before the cattle return. This regrowth, stimulated by the previous grazing period is not 'rest'; during

the period when the bovines are grazing elsewhere, the microbes and other organisms in the soil—though unseen—are multiplying and very actively participating in their respective tasks. Nutrients are transported, carbon is stored, roots grow long, and pasture plants grow tall again. The grazer moves the cattle at a pace that allows them to eat only the tops of the plants so that each paddock can successfully regrow. That means short grazing periods followed by longer regeneration periods—much longer in a dry climate. The grazier also adjusts animal numbers to match available forage. This method ensures that the cattle get optimal nutrition and the pasture flourishes both above and below ground."

The authors provide evidence that the method works for the health of the cattle and the soil and addresses the question of hay elsewhere.

The question thus becomes why isn't it more widely adopted?

It does have its practitioners, but is not the dominant practice in our country, or the world.

There are many reasons why regenerative grazing has not become the dominant. Shinn and Pledger do go over them, but as this is a review, it cannot be too detailed.

Still, we can look at a few. One huge reason that keeps the status quo in place is subsidies. Importantly, corn, because of subsidies is made cheap and thus corn-fed beef outcompetes regeneratively raised cattle on price. even if it does not compete in taste.

It is noted on page 21 that most of the 433,000 beef cattle born in the Northeast each year are purchased to be fed in Western feedlots despite the burgeoning inter-

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Ridge Shinn



Lynne Pledger

# School Committee reviews goals in strategic plan

By Ryan Drago  
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WARE – Superintendent of Schools Michael Lovato reviewed the goals of the strategic plan with the School Committee.

Lovato shared a draft of a document at the committee's June 20 meeting that listed all the goals and steps to ensure the measurable accelerations of academic improvement for all the students of Ware Public Schools during the 2024-2027 school years.

Lovato said he plans to get all building principals on the same page and address the issues and academic improvements in the school district that are aligned with the strategic plan.

According to the strategic plan, there are a series of steps that should be followed when analyzing certain topics such as assumptions and values from students and families and beliefs and principals.

Lovato shared a total of five

goals with the committee and listed them off as they are possibly the main goals going into the next school year. The goals will focus on increasing daily attendance.

There is also a focus on increasing student discourse, implementing and purchasing high quality instructional materials for core subjects, implementing effective use of co-teaching and increasing parental involvement.

Lovato shared that there is only so much classroom teachers can do, and he feels they're doing more work than they should in their role.

"Teachers are doing twice the work than what we need them to do," Lovato said. "From a responsibility role to an accountability role."

For co-teaching, Lovato said there are a lot of gaps to fill and challenges.

Members of the committee asked what the best ways are to tackle co-teaching and Lovato said it requires more data collecting. More data can help shape the dis-

trict's co-teaching model.

Part of the model is to make sure all schools are meeting every aspect of students' IEPs.

For more elaboration on parental involvement, the committee asked Lovato for more input. Lovato believes surveys, which have been done in the past, are not as accurate because not all parents fill them out.

According to the superintendent there has to be more useful outreach approach to increase parental involvement.

"Surveys aren't going to tell you that parental involvement increases," Lovato said.

Lovato also believes there can be better communication between the schools and the parents. Lovato said prior administrators used to do a superintendent's message or a principal's message on a weekly basis.

Student discourse is the opportunity for students to ask questions, make comments, and have academic language in the classroom.

Lovato said one of the biggest goals for next school year is increase daily attendance. According to Lovato, every minute in the school day is important for students.

"Capitalize on every single minute that we have," Lovato said.

Overall the School Committee liked the strategic plan and strongly believe it could work going into the next three school years. The wording and approach of the strategic plan is positive in the eyes of the committee and will be approved at the next school committee meeting in July.

The School Committee hopes to have a final draft of the strategic plan. Lovato said he will address all the building principals of this plan as well as all stakeholders once this plan is approved.

### Building walkthrough

The committee has agreed to do a walkthrough of the school buildings on the morning of Saturday, Aug. 24.

## Meeting House free summer concert series starts July 28

WARE – The Ware Center Meeting House will open their free summer concerts series with the RagTime 5 on Sunday, July 28 at 6:30 p.m.

The annual concert series features a variety of musical groups outside on the historic lawn of the Ware Center Meeting House, 295 Belchertown Road (Route 9).

Other concerts include Lori Brooks and the Band on Aug. 4. All concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. and music lovers are encouraged to bring a chair or blanket to sit on.

The concert series is supported by a grant from the Ware Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

"We are very grateful to the Ware Cultural Council for providing funding for our summer concert series," said Carol Zins, coordinator, in a press release. "Over the past years we have invited artists of all different genres to Ware to perform in front of this majestic historic treasure. Our artists this year include a big band, ragtime brass ensemble and a local vocalist and guitarist. We hope folks will come out and join the fun and hear some really great music."

New this year sweets and treats will be available from the Ware Scouts BSA Troup 7281. Parking is available on the grounds and the concerts are weather permitting.

Visit [warecentermeetinghouse.org](http://warecentermeetinghouse.org) for more information.

## Nashville Blues Band performs at Grenville Park tonight

WARE – The Ware Lions Club's Concerts in the Park series continues tonight, Thursday, July 18 with the Nashville Blues Band performing from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Grenville Park, 73 Church St.

Other concerts include July 25, The Time Trippers; Aug. 1, Johnny Cash, Neil Diamond and Elvis Presley performed by Charlie Lask and Robert Black; and Aug. 8, The Deb Deschamps Band. All concerts are weather permitting.

All concerts are free, and refreshments are available for purchase to help support the

Lions Club and its charitable endeavors. Tickets for the club's \$500 meat raffle will be on sale at each concert.

Helping to support the Concerts in the Park are sponsors Lazer's Pizza, Quabbin Wire, Berkshire Blanket, Nat Falk, Jeffrey & Jeffrey Inc., Moulton Insurance and individual band sponsors Brad Matthew Jewels, Cluett's, North Brookfield Savings Bank, St. Germain Insurance Inc., Monson Savings Bank, Westfield Bank and Country Bank.

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being shifted to Baystate Wing Hospital this past December.

Dunlap spoke about the property, which has some flood zones and wetlands, as well as priority habitats. There are a dozen trees which she said are "excellent specimens" that should be saved at all costs.

Using data from the September listening session, Dunlap outlined the residents' overwhelming desire to keep a hospital at the site, or other form of healthcare facility such as an urgent care, doctor's offices, physical therapists and more.

"There was a lot of variety in these," Dunlap said, adding that healthcare was a common theme.

The listening session also showed that many residents were also interested in mixed use including commercial and retail space, hotels, athletic fields and mixed/low income and senior housing.

HKT Architects, Inc. incorporated this feedback into their conceptual designs, with varying amounts of housing and commercial use, but all featuring some form of healthcare.

"These are just concepts," Dunlap said, and not actual plans for the property, which is owned by Baystate Health.

### Design options

Options 1 and 2 preserved the brick Wetherby Building for municipal use, with suggestions



Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

Amy Dunlap of HKT Architects, Inc. leads a charette to review three conceptual designs for possible reuse of the Mary Lane Hospital site.

ranging from a library to community center to town hall annex

The first design also contained one health care space, five commercial/business spaces, nine townhouses, two single family homes, one soccer field and multiple athletic courts including pickleball.

The second design had a second municipal building for community use in addition to the Wetherby Building. There is one space for health care, six for commercial/business, 11 townhouses and one single family home.

Athletic courts are included in Option 2, but there is no soccer field.

Option 3 showed what the site could look like if all of the existing buildings were removed, including the Wetherby Building. The additional space would allow for 14 townhouses and four single family homes, along with a baseball field and athletic courts and six commercial/business spaces.

All three options included walking trails near the back of the property to the river to utilize the property's green space.

HKT Architects, Inc.'s landscape engineer said the site is ideal for many kinds of recreation.

"This site presents some wonderful opportunities for active and passive recreation," he said.

### Feedback from residents

Following Dunlap's presentation, each table was given a blank outline of the property's footprint, along with markers and stickers to add what they would like to see on the property.

"It's a blank slate," Dunlap said. "This is a chance to have your voice heard."

Many residents in attendance questioned why they were making plans for a site the town does not own, saying it was "putting the cart before the horse."

Town Manager Stuart Beckley said that while the town does not own the property, its zoning can decide its future use.

Residents presented their plans, with each group including healthcare as a top need. Many wanted walking and biking trails included, as well as a community center or YMCA.

Other suggestions included a rehabilitation hospital, affordable senior and veteran housing, an Amazon warehouse and a community pool and playground.

Dunlap said the results of the charette will be compiled and shared with the town to post on its website.

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### Life Together

"Nobody's perfect!" "She is a perfectionist." We stress ourselves out by judging ourselves and realize we are not and cannot be perfect.

In fact, as Leonard Cohen wrote, "the cracks are where the light gets." To be vulnerable is to experience the possibility of change, for relief from stress, for a sense of order and hope.

There is a great book entitled, "The Spirituality of Imperfection", by Ernest Kurtz and Katherine Ketcham. It describes the process for discovery of recovery from and affirming such spirituality.

The Japanese have a process for repair of broken pottery called, Kintsugi, the art of putting broken pottery pieces together again with gold. To see the beautiful lines of gold indicating the broken and now restored is beautiful.

In Native tradition, the weaver will include a flaw in the pattern to remind the person we are not and cannot be perfect.

As a therapist, it was not unusual for a former patient to grow, repair, and do the work to become a very good therapist. Henri Nouwen called it, "the wounded healer".

When we are judging ourselves for our lack of perfection, or even doing a good job, we need to remind ourselves of the lines in the Japanese pottery, the light getting in through the cracks, and that we can help others with their vulnerability because we have been there. We are wounded healers.

**Rev. Dr. Randy Wilburn**  
Minister, Therapist, Consultant

*Life Together is written by Rev. Dr. Randall K. Wilburn. With over 54 years as a parish minister, Wilburn is also an experienced marriage and family counselor. Life Together will deal with topics such as stress, grief, anxiety, healing and hope.*

### State Sen. Durant asks Secretary of State to release voter data

SPENCER – State Sen. Peter Durant (R-Spencer) urged Secretary of State William Galvin to release data on voter registration since the implementation of licenses for non-residents was implemented.

"We need to ensure the integrity of our elections. I am concerned about non-residents being able to register to vote in Massachusetts," said Durant in a press release. "I have seen firsthand the voter registration issues happening at the Registry. My wife went in to change her name. She declined the button asking her to register to vote. We found out months later the RMV registered her anyways, so she was on the voters list twice. Hence, I have deep concerns that nonresidents are being allowed to register to vote."

Last year Durant sent a public records request to Galvin which was denied. He requested the following information:

How many people registered to vote in the Commonwealth between July 1, 2023, and July 31, 2023? These would be newly registered voters.

How many people registered to vote in the Commonwealth between July 1, 2023, and July 31, 2023, at the Registry of Motor Vehicles?

How many people registered to vote in the Commonwealth between July 1, 2022, and July 31, 2022?

How many people registered to vote in the Commonwealth between July 1, 2021,

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### Zucchini days of summer

In the last three days I have picked 10 zucchini. The seeds were sown around Memorial Day and I ended up with six plants total.

I am thrilled that the harvest is starting to come in. I just wish I had air conditioning in my kitchen so I'd feel like baking!

Zucchini is the brunt of many jokes due to its prolific nature. Some years, though, the harvest isn't so great. Either borers take out the plants or powdery mildew slows them down until the inevitable comes.

Anyhow, I'll count my blessings this year and try my best to preserve and prolong the harvest as much as possible. If you are blessed with your own supply of zucchini or you have been gifted a few, read on, straight from the archives, as to how to make the best use of your bounty.

#### Store it

Zucchini will keep in the refrigerator for at least one week. Smaller squashes are more flavorful, and less seedy than their overgrown counterparts.

Harvest when the fruits are six inches long or less, and still narrow. It is likely that baseball bat-sized squashes will develop now and then, especially if you are away from the garden for a few days.

Don't worry; they can be used in most recipes that call for zucchini, although you may

wish to remove the largest seeds first; they have a tendency to get tough and chewy.

#### Freeze it

Simply shred whole zucchini, skin and all. Drain in a colander to remove excess liquid and pack in containers or freezer bags.

Nothing beats zucchini bread in the middle of winter. It is helpful to freeze in amounts compatible with your recipe; in other words if you need two cups to make bread, freeze in two cup portions.

If fried veggies are a favorite treat, you can freeze raw, peeled zucchini sections after coating them with bread crumbs.

First, prefreeze on a plate or cookie sheet, then, pack in freezer bags with as much air removed as possible. Fry up at a later date.

I have never been very successful freezing blanched zucchini slices. Experiment yourself and maybe you will have better luck.

#### Steam it

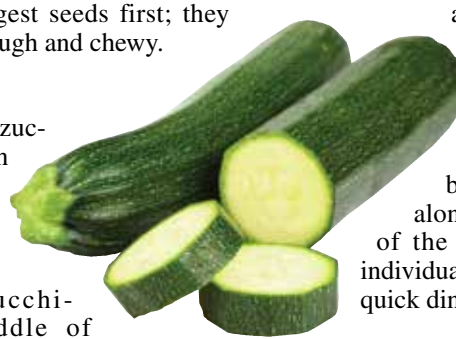
Who likes soggy zucchini? No one. Cut in slices one quarter of an inch thick and steam for a mere two or three minutes.

Sprinkle with dill or lemon juice and thyme for a wonderful summer side dish.

#### Stuff it

Here is the perfect use for the aforementioned baseball bat sized quash. Making zucchini boats are my sister-in-law Janice's favorite way to utilize the vegetable. I can always count on her to take a few biggies off my hands.

With a spoon hollow out the seed cavity. Stuff it with a mixture of cooked rice, sauce



and ground beef or turkey. Top with shredded cheese and bake until it bubbles. Yummy!

Put a Mexican spin on this recipe by using black beans, salsa and taco cheese along with brown rice in place of the other ingredients. Freeze individual portions of this dish for a quick dinner.

#### Bake with it

Zucchini bread and muffins are one thing, but double chocolate zucchini cake? Yes, and there are more enticing dessert recipes where that came from.

Consult your local library or the internet for other mouth-watering selections.

One pointer: drain shredded zucchini well before using in any recipe. Place it in a colander and apply pressure with clean hands or a large mixing spoon. Squeeze all the liquid right out of it.

This way your desserts will be moist but not soggy.

Be creative and experiment to find your own favorite ways of cooking with this vegetable. Zucchini pickles, perhaps? How about zucchini pancakes? Zucchini wedges in place of cucumbers with dip?

The list is endless!

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### We want to claim SS at 62. When should we apply?

**Dear Rusty:**  
My wife and I are going to be taking Social Security at 62. She will be 62 on April 15, 2025. I will be 62 Aug. 7, 2025. When should we apply for Social Security?

*Signed: Ready to file*

**Dear Ready:**  
Social Security recommends you apply for benefits about two - three months prior to when they want their benefits to start to get them time to process the application. You will specify on your application when you wish your benefit to start, so applying early isn't a problem.

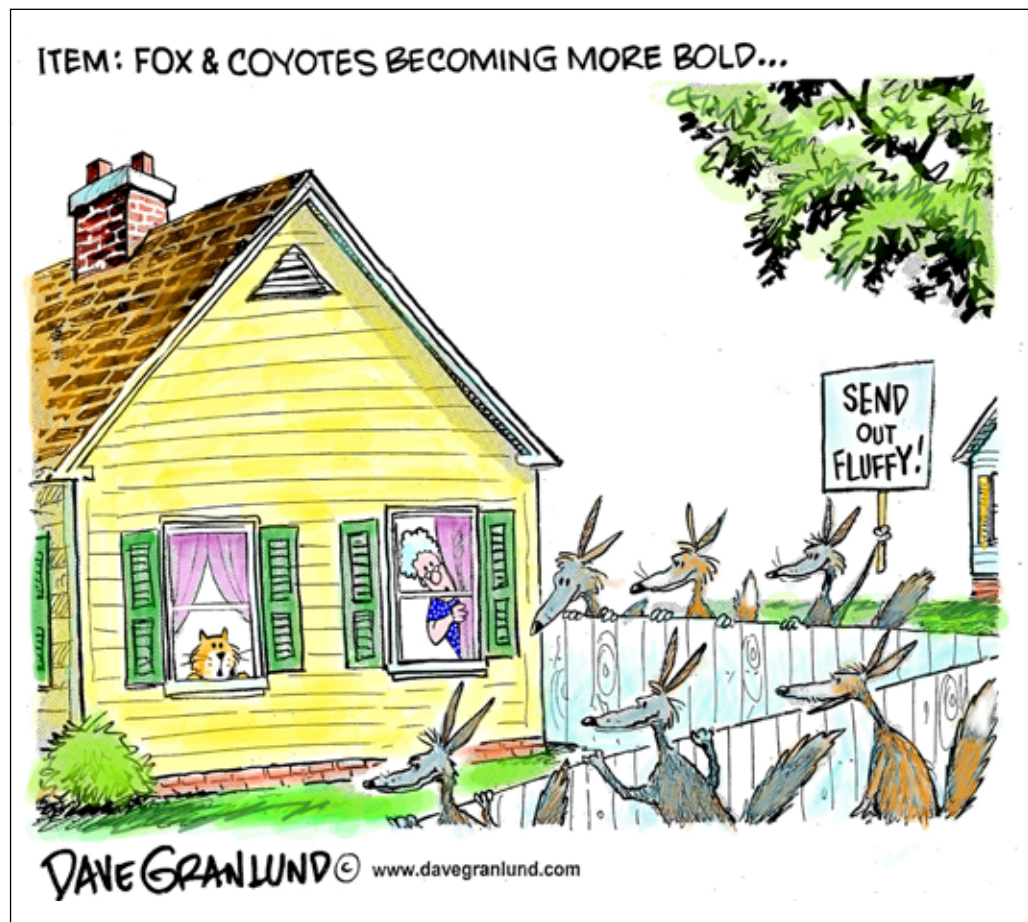
Just a few things to keep in mind:  
Your first month of eligibility will be the first month you are 62 for the entire month. In your wife's case, her first month of eligibility will be May 2025 and in your case your first month of eligibility will be September 2025.

Your wife's benefits will be paid on the third Wednesday of every month and your benefits will be received on the second Wednesday of every month, payment dates depend on when your birthday falls.

Social Security has an earnings test for those collecting early benefits (before your full retirement age).

If you are working and exceed the earnings limit, SS will take away some of your benefits. The earning limit for 2024 is \$22,320 and, if that is exceeded, SS will take away \$1 in benefit for every \$2 you are over the limit (the limit changes annually, so the 2025 limit will be more.

Thus, if you plan to work after collecting, you must stay aware of the earning test. If you earn substantially more than the earnings limit, you even may be temporarily ineligible to collect benefits until you either earn less or reach



your Full Retirement Age when the earning test no longer applies.

By claiming at 62, you will incur a cut in benefits of about 30% from the amount you would get by waiting until your FRA to claim. And, except for annual cost of living adjustments, that is a permanent reduction. FYI, your benefit will continue to grow if you wait longer to claim.

Deciding when to claim Social Security should take into account your financial needs, your life expectancy and your goals as a couple. Claiming at 62 is the right choice for many, but waiting longer, if feasible, will result in a higher monthly amount, which could be beneficial if your life expectancy is long. Of course, we are here for you if you

have any additional questions, so please don't hesitate to contact us again if needed.

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### Hamilton on Foreign Policy



### NATO's 75-year history is worth celebrating

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization is marking its 75th anniversary this month.

The observance, part of a NATO summit hosted by the U.S. in Washington, D.C., will be a big deal, and it should be. NATO is one of the most successful and important alliances in history.

For any partnership of diverse nations to endure for 75 years is no small accomplishment. NATO has not only endured; it has thrived, and it has grown, from its original 12 members to 32 nations. It has been effective in its central missions of deterring aggression by

the Soviet Union - and later by Russia - and promoting security and unity among democracies.

Ever since Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022, there has been no question about NATO's relevance. While Ukraine is not yet a NATO member, the alliance has rallied to its support.

It's well understood that, if Russia can win in Ukraine, the security of Europe is at risk.

And America's security is intimately bound with Europe's. China may pose a greater threat; it is certainly our most significant rival, but a strong and united NATO lets the U.S. focus attention and resources on countering China's aggression in the Asia Pacific region.

When the U.S., Canada and 10 Western European nations created NATO, World War II had left much of Europe in ruins. Over 36 million Europeans had died, more than half of them civilians. Millions were homeless, many in refugee camps.

Children wandered the streets of burned-out cities. Food shortages and power outages were frequent.

The U.S. had launched the Marshall Plan to provide material aid and rebuild Europe's economy, and NATO was needed for the continent's security. The Soviet Union was the primary threat, but the alliance also aimed to deter the rise of militant nationalism and pro-

mote democracy.

Its key feature was Article 5, which declared that an attack on any NATO member would be considered an attack on all of them. The agreement now enhances security for nearly 1 billion people.

With the collapse of the Soviet Union, it made sense to wonder if NATO has served its purpose.

The alliance had its ups and downs. Donald Trump, as president, criticized it and our allies for not spending enough on defense.

But new threats challenged our security, including terrorism, cyberattacks, nuclear proliferation, pandemics and natural disasters. NATO still mattered.

Then Russia sent troops and tanks into Ukraine. NATO became the platform for coordinating the European and North American response.

At this month's summit of NATO heads of state, affirming unwavering support for Ukraine will top the agenda. Ukraine will participate through the NATO-Ukraine Council, launched last year.

In an important transition, Jens Stoltenberg will step down after 10 years as secretary-general and will be replaced by Mark Rutte, prime minister of the Netherlands.

President Joe Biden has aptly called NATO "the greatest military alliance in the history

of the world," and we're right to celebrate its history. At the same time, we need to ensure the alliance continues to safeguard our security in the future and there are reasons for concern.

Russia's war in Ukraine, should it succeed, could embolden Vladimir Putin to threaten more of Europe. The increasing cooperation by Russia, China and North Korea, all of them nuclear-armed, is worrisome.

Recent years have seen the growth of militant nationalism in Europe, one of the trends NATO was founded to counter. Trump's "America First" movement has reawakened the American isolationism that was prevalent before World War II.

It's often said that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. NATO and other alliances keep us vigilant about our freedom and security, and we should do our best to maintain and strengthen them.

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Lyle's Leftovers performed under the St. Stans Pavilion in West Warren.

## Lyle's Leftovers perform at St. Stans

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WARREN – The St. Stans Pavilion in West Warren welcomed Lyle's Leftovers for a Friday night concert.

Lyle's Leftovers is a local band from western Massachusetts performing heavy rock and metal covers, as well as original songs. The band has been playing together for more than four years and really put on a show.

The band's most popular venue for live music is the American Legion in West Springfield. The crowd is always up and dancing when Lyle's Leftovers plays, and it is usually inspired by not only the music but how animated the band can be while performing.

Lead singer Jeff Marek is very animated on-stage adding dance to some songs. Marek also has the heart and lung power to make every song work on stage during shows.

Lyle's Leftovers got its name from their bass player, Lyle Norcott. During the show, the band was handing out stickers to the crowd, but only if they said hello to Lyle first. The band stickers had a funny saying related to Lyle.

As the eldest band member, Norcott considers himself the backbone of the band and is still rocking on the bass.

The band also occasionally welcomes harmonica player, Ray Donnelly. Ray is the father of Lyle's Leftover's lead guitarist, Shawn Donnelly. One of the covers Ray got to play harmonica was the cover of "Rooster" by Alice in

Chains.

The band played some of their original songs including two new ones that were just released including "Longest Day", "You", "Insight", "Calem" and "April's Giant".

Marek announced in between sets that their original songs are now available on all listening platforms, including YouTube, Pandora, Spotify and Apple Music. Some of their original songs also have music videos on their YouTube page, www.youtube.com/@lylesleftovers4136.

To learn more about Lyle's Leftovers, visit them on their website www.lylesleftovers.com or follow them on Facebook. Lyle's Leftovers has several of their music videos and other content to view on their website as well.

## Public hearing reviews application for cannabis facility

By Ryan Drago  
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WARREN – The Planning Board held a public hearing on an application from John Hanley who was seeking a special permit and site plan review to operate a micro-license cannabis cultivation facility at 818 Little Rest Road.

At the July 1 meeting, Hanley said he is looking to produce high quality craft grown cannabis, emphasizing rare strains to be sold to existing dispensaries. Hanley is looking to place the business on residential property, which gave the board some concerns about how the business would operate.

According to the Planning Board's review of the application, Hanley did not have a lot of detail of what he has so far on the property for the business. There appears to be no plan on how to protect the property in case of break ins.

Hanley plans to grow the cannabis in a greenhouse with only sunlight and no electricity.

Board members had questions about how Hanley would control odors at the site, and what a couple of sheds would be used for. They informed Hanley that he needs more work to complete first before approaching the planning board.

For the structures, they need more systems such as alarms and an odor controller. The Planning Board members said they do not want to hear odor complaints from neighbors who live near the proposed site.

"Make sure the smells being maintained and not going out for neighbors to smell it," board member David Dufresne said.

According to Dufresne, circulation and filtering the air can't be done in a greenhouse and odors are easier to control in a concrete building.

The board agreed that Hanley also needs a proper storage space to place his product. As of now, the board is not in favor of approving a special permit without getting a proper site plan for this new business.

"The building you have now

isn't good enough for you to do this," said Vice-Chair Ed Londergan.

Londergan provided the applicant a copy of the bylaws to review section 15 in order to keep a checklist of what he needs to get done before getting approval from the town to operate a micro-license cannabis facility.

Once accomplished, Hanley can provide an updated site plan for review, but as it stands the Planning Board cannot grant any special permit.

"It's too vague right now," Chairman Richard Eichacker said.

The Planning Board agreed to continue the hearing for Hanley's application to Sept. 9. As part of the site plan review the board requested the applicant to provide photographs of the site and see that all details are addressed.

Hanley said he has already gone through the Cannabis Control Commission. The CCC is responsible for implementing and administering the laws enabling access to medical and adult use marijuana in the commonwealth.

## Warren library receives national grant

\$10,000 grant will help library work with residents with disabilities

WARREN – The Warren Public Library has been selected as one of 310 libraries to participate in round two of Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural

Communities, an American Library Association initiative that provides community engagement and accessibility resources to small and rural libraries to help them better serve people with disabilities.

The competitive award comes with a \$10,000 grant that will help the library introduce literary resources through technology. The library will partner with the Warren Council on Aging to begin this outreach program later this

summer.

As part of the grant, Warren Public Library staff will take an online course in how to lead conversations, a skill vital to library work today. Staff will then host a conversation with residents about online library access and use the grant funds to teach courses at the Council on Aging to demonstrate the use of the CWMARS and Libby apps to check out eBooks,

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was completed through a FY 21 CDBG award, which included the replacement of water mains and a retaining wall. Phase Two includes rehabilitating the roadway and sidewalks and the installation of new drainage and some sewer realignment.

"To date, all subsurface utility work, including drainage and sewage, as well as the road's base layer pavement has been installed," O'Leary said.

O'Leary said the contractor is now installing new sidewalks, starting from the bottom of School Street. He said the sidewalks are expected to be completed in early- to mid-August.

With the help of the town's Highway Department, the final paving should take place in early fall.

The Town Common Improvement Project is a design project that will conduct boundary and topographic sur-

veys, develop concepts for site improvements, and design and prepare plans and specifications to enhance the historic property and provide additional recreational opportunities using a qualified design consultant.

O'Leary said there will be ample time for public participation in this project and he expects that they will have a consulting firm under contract by late summer or early fall.

#### Feedback from residents

School Street resident Peter Krawczyk said he had concerns about the depth of which his utilities are buried due to lowering the grade of the road by 20 inches.

"Now the utility that was three feet under is just over a foot under," he said. Krawczyk said two of his three utilities are likely not up to code due to this.

Krawczyk said a curb cut added in front of his house

would prevent him from placing his trash bins in a safe location, and he asked if this could be taken into consideration when creating a berm. He said he had a four-foot wide space for his trash bins prior to the project.

Krawczyk also had damage to his sewer lines due to the construction.

Town Administrator James Ferrera said an on-site meeting is planned to meet with the neighborhood residents on Friday, July 18 at 9 a.m., to hear concerns.

#### Reprogramming of funds

O'Leary said there is approximately \$18,000 left over in the administrative budget in the grant that could be reprogrammed to address improvements at the Senior Center, including repairing the existing bulkhead and installing a new rear exit doorway.

Ferrera said these issues were

identified by a contractor during other improvements made to the building last summer.

Ferrera said at the town meeting, voters had allocated money to make the repairs to the Senior Center, but if the CDBG reprogramming is approved, that allocation would eventually return to the general fund.

"We're always looking at ways...to reprogram every last penny that we can, so that we can get a full value of anything," he said. "I think it's a good use of the excess money."

The board approved the reprogramming of the grant's administrative funds to pay for Senior Center repairs.

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## Cruise Night returns to Dean Park concert series this Friday

WARREN – Cruise Night returns to Dean Park in West Warren on Friday, July 19 during Warren Parks & Recreation Department's annual Concerts in the Park series.

The concert features the band Stomp N Holler. Bring your car, truck or bike for free.

The final concert of the season will be held on Friday, July 26 with

Brookfield Rhythm. This will also be Vendor Night, featuring a variety of crafters, vendors and food trucks.

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## Ware Senior Center news

WARE – The Ware Senior Center, located at 1 Robbins Road, is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. The thrift store is open each of those days from 9 a.m.-noon. Donations to the store are only accepted by Sue LaBarge, who can be reached by calling 413-544-1574.

### ACTIVITIES

#### Monday, July 22

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

#### Tuesday, July 23

9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing  
9:30 a.m. Quilting Club  
10 a.m. Scat  
11:30 a.m. Lunch  
5:30 p.m. Scrapbooking (\$3 per class)  
6 p.m. Pitch (doors open at 5 p.m.)

#### Wednesday, July 24

9 a.m. Tai-Chi

10 a.m. Scat  
10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Office Hours Kirsten Krieger, Quabbin Region DPH Nurse  
11:30 a.m. Lunch  
2:30-3:30 p.m. Knit-Crochet-Laugh (Canceled – will restart mid-September)

#### Thursday, July 25

9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing  
9 a.m. Senior Spring Walk. Meet at Senior Center.  
9:30 a.m. Line Dancing for Beginners  
10 a.m. Line Dancing  
10 a.m. Scat  
11:30 a.m. Lunch  
2:30 p.m. Art Class

#### Friday, July 26

9 a.m. Tai Chi  
10 a.m. Scat  
11:30 a.m. Lunch  
1 p.m. Chair Yoga  
6 p.m. Pitch (doors open at 5 p.m.)

### LUNCHES

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

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

#### Monday, July 22

Grilled BLT Sandwich, Onion Rings, Green & Gold Salad, Tomato Soup, Dessert of the Day

#### Tuesday, July 23

Fried Chicken, Candied Yams, Veggie of the Day, Dessert of the Day

#### Wednesday, July 24

Stuffed Shells with Meat Sauce, Green & Gold Salad, Dessert of the Day

#### Thursday, July 25

Cold Turkey Sandwich with Lettuce, Tomato and Onion, Pickle, Potato Chips, Dessert of the Day

#### Friday, July 26

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

## Vendors needed for Flea Market on the Common

WEST BROOKFIELD – The First Congregational Church, 36 North Main St. has been hosting its Flea Market on the town Common for more than 50 years and this year it will be held on Saturday, Sept. 14 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sellers of all kinds are welcome - flea folk, antique dealers, crafters, product vendors, and those emptying out basements and attics. No food vendors, please.

Spaces are available for \$40 for a 20 by 20 grassy spot. Vendors must bring their own tables and tents.

The church will sponsor a food tent with grilled food, cold drinks and sweet treats. Email to fecofwbfleamarket@gmail.com for an application.

## Free bus and paratransit services offered thru 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.

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.

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.

## Gilbertville Public Library lists summer events

HARDWICK – The Gilbertville Public Library, 259 Main St., Gilbertville, is hosting a number of summer events.

On July 18 from 3-4 p.m., paint and decorate a small wooden bird

house. Plant a mini garden on July 25 from 3-4 p.m.

The end of Summer Reading party will be held on Aug. 8 from 3-4 p.m.

The library has shifted to its

summer hours, which are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2-6 p.m. The library is closed Monday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.



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Great Dane, "Scooby" Robertson, is a loyal follower of the Quabbin Community Band.

## Quabbin Community Band concert presents rock and pop favorites

BARRE – The Quabbin Community Band will be on the Barre Common bandstand Sunday, July 21 at 6 p.m. presenting some rock and pop music favorites.

Come out to enjoy "The Genius of Ray Charles", "The Best of Journey", "Beach Boys Forever", "The Best of Stevie Wonder", "Selections from 'A Hard Day's Night' and more. The band will be swapping in

music from "Titanic" that was removed from a program two weeks ago, plus many more toe-tapping favorites including, "That's Entertainment".

Come take a chance on the weekly 50/50 raffle, enjoy a visit from Scooby the Great Dane who attends the band concerts each week, and stop by the Barre Historical Society for popcorn and lemonade.

## Warren Library hosts Dungeons & Dragons Day July 20

WARREN – On Saturday July 20 from noon-3 p.m., join fellow gamers for an afternoon of adventure at the Warren Public Library.

This will be a beginner-friendly adventure game geared towards players ages 8-13. Space is limited for this event, so registration is required.

For more information, please call the library or visit the library's website, Facebook and Instagram pages. To register, contact the library by calling 413-436-7690 or emailing warrenpubliclibrary@hotmail.com.

## Warren library hosts stuffed animal sleepover

WARREN – Children are invited to come down to the Warren Public Library with a stuffed animal friend on Tuesday, July 30 at 5:30 p.m. for a special story time and snacks.

Stuffies can then stay overnight for a sleepover at the library. Pick up your friend the next day and see pictures of them and all of their adventures.

Stuffies may be dropped off any time during open hours for those who are unable to attend story time, but still want their stuffies to participate in the sleepover.

Please call 413-436-7690 for more information.

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audiobooks, and so much more.

"Everyone should have access to the resources and information the Warren Public Library provides, and we are excited to begin this next chapter in our programming," said Program Director Gena LaScala in a press release. "Our library is a beautiful building, but it presents a challenge in accessibility. If you can't come to the library, then let the library come to you!"

A Community Conversation will

be held on Thursday, July 25, at 11 a.m. at the Council on Aging. If you are interested in taking part in the conversation, please contact Gena LaScala by calling 413-436-7690, or visiting www.warrenpubliclibrary.org for more information.

Since 2014, ALA's Libraries Transforming Communities initiative has re-imagined the role libraries play in supporting communities. Libraries of all types have utilized free dialogue and deliberation training and resources to lead community and campus forums; take

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Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities is an initiative of the American Library Association in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries.

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# Cruisin' AT THE CLUB



This Volkswagen Beetle was one of the hundreds of vehicles featured at cruise night.

Hundreds of cars, trucks and motorcycles were displayed at the cruise night to benefit the Springfield to Boston Education Foundation.

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food and beverage options at the cruise night, provided by the event sponsors.

Auto enthusiasts from around the region attended the cruise night, including a group of friends and car enthusiasts from Palmer.

Joey Brooks drove his 2009 Mitsubishi Galant, which he has owned for three years. Brooks said he hasn't brought the dark red car to a lot of events yet, but plans to in the future.

Dylan Pinto drove his 2014 Subaru BRZ, complete with a new air suspension system. Pinto is a frequent attendee at area car shows and cruise nights.

Joe Freniere drove his 2019 Ford Mustang GT, which he has owned for close to a year and has already attended a number of car shows with it.

Warren resident Devon Kennedy showed up in his 2019 Dodge Challenger, which he has had for five years as of the 4th of July.

"I go all over the country with it," Kennedy said of the car.

Monson resident Jim Williams attended the cruise night with one of the more unique cars, a 1960 Austin-Healey Sprite.

Williams bought the car in 1974, after selling his beloved racecar.

"They were the cheapest car available in the U.S.," Williams said.

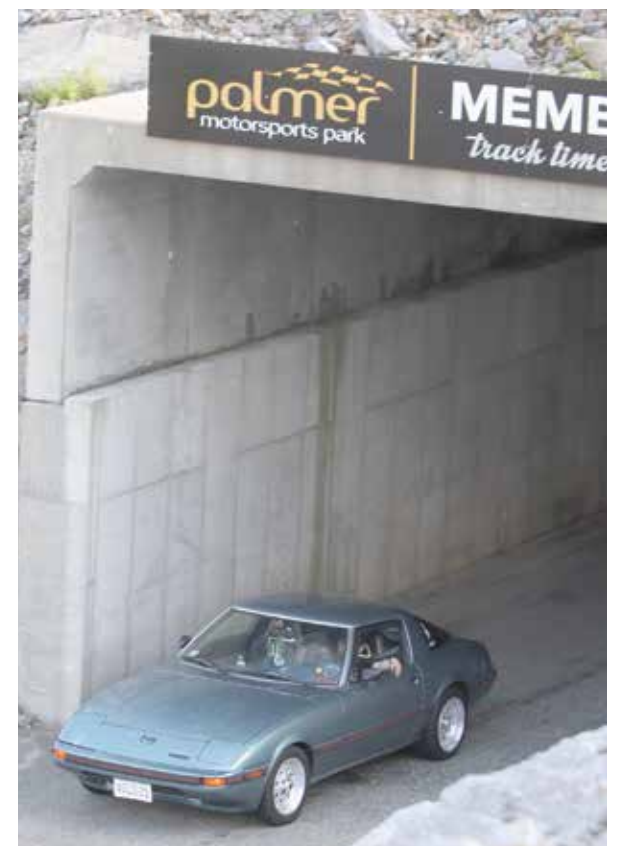
Williams reminisced about driving around in the Sprite with his wife and two young daughters.

The Sprite Mark I was manufactured from 1958 to 1960, the first production line unibody or "monocoque" style car. Its distinctive round headlights quickly lent it the nickname "Bugeye" in the U.S. and "Frogeye" in the U.K.

Williams had his car fully restored using the expert skills of the Sprite specialist, the Bugeyeguy in Brandford, Connecticut.

"This car I wanted to keep as original as possible," he said.

Williams admitted that he never really liked the Sprite up until about four years ago, when he fell in love with it. He also owns a 2008 Mazda Miata, which he brought to the track for the Cars & Coffee "Miata Mania" event held the Sunday before the cruise night.



A cruise night participant drives his Mazda into Palmer Motorsports Park.



Founder and Director of the Springfield to Boston Education Foundation Jeff DeMarey (right) is shown with his son Chris (middle) and volunteer Ed Cenedella in front of DeMarey's 1968 Ford Mustang. A cruise night was held at Palmer Motorsports Park on July 10 to benefit the foundation, which strives to inspire and educate students about all aspects of the collector car world through hands-on experiences, events and STEM programs.

## Upcoming events at PMP

The next Palmer Motorsports Cruise Night to benefit the Springfield to Boston Education Foundation will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 21 from 4-8 p.m. All cars are welcome.

The club will also host Cars & Coffee on Sunday, Aug. 18 from 9 a.m.-noon featuring all Subaru vehicles, sponsored by Patrick Subaru; and Sunday, Aug. 25 featuring all Audi vehicles. Register for these events at palmermsp.com/carsandcoffee.

Optional pace laps at Cars & Coffee events are \$35 for a 20-minute pace car controlled on-track session at noon. All participants will receive a Dunkin' gift card.

For more information about Palmer Motorsports Park and upcoming events, follow them on Facebook or visit palmermotorsportspark.com.

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Devon Kennedy of Ware drove his 2019 Dodge Challenger to the Palmer Motorsports Cruise Night.



Dylan Pinto of Palmer displayed the air suspension in his 2014 Subaru BRZ.

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This Dodge Challenger is outfitted like the iconic General Lee.



Joey Brooks of Palmer (second from right) was joined by his friends for a photo next to his 2009 Mitsubishi Galant.



Jim Williams of Monson is shown with his 1960 Austin-Healey Sprite, which he has owned for 50 years.

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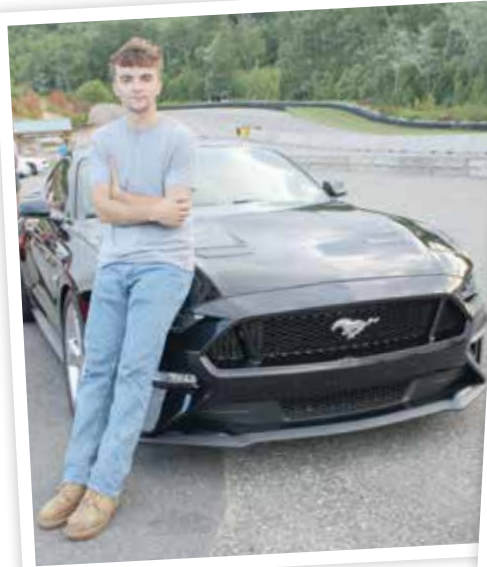
There were also trucks at the cruise night, including this Dodge Ram.



Jeeps and their ducks flocked together.

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Joe Freniere of Palmer is shown with his 2019 Ford Mustang GT.



A Dodge Viper was featured at the cruise night.

# Art Fusion



Workshop13 is currently hosting creative art classes experimenting with different objects in art. This past week kids experimented with water, salt and sugar.

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how their artwork came out. Some kids were originally going for a certain object to paint but thanks to the sugar they came out a lot differently than they expected.

One student described their artwork as "a cloud of stardust."

Remington shared with the class that these experimental artistry are made to "observe and see how materials can affect the way paint moves."

One of the kids, Edmund, said one of his sugar paintings was originally intended to be a fish. As the paint spread a mallard head shape appeared on one side of his painting.

The next art experiment was painting using glue and salt. Remington gave all the kids some cold press paper and made a sample artwork for the salt experiment.

Remington started off by taking glue and applying it to the cold press paper. The glue is used to form a shape that the artist wishes to create. Afterwards, Remington would sprinkle the glue with salt.

Remington suggested several types of salt to use for this type of art experiment. Remington provided sea salt, Himalayan salt and regular salt.

The artist would then shake the paper of the remaining salt and the rest of it would stick to the glue shaped figure the artist wishes to paint. Finally, the kids would then use watercolor paint to add color to their salt painting.

Remington was assisted by interns of Workshop13 during the art experiment class. The interns were Ellie Frost, Jackie Dahlstrom and Goldking Lee. The kids had fun experimenting new art styles and got to take their salt and sugar paintings home.

This program provided by Workshop13 is funded



Kids got started on their own salt painting, consisting of glue to hold the salt shapes together.

by the Ware Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

### Upcoming Art Fusion workshops include:

July 24 – Dancing Oobleck Experiment. Learn how different sound waves can move the physical.

July 31 – Scribble Bot. Learn how to assemble a mini motor and see a filly motorized marker make rainbows.

Aug. 14 – Ice Dyeing. Kids will get to design their own T-shirts with ice dyeing. Learn how to make watercolor patterns using ice.

Aug. 21 – Kinetic Sculptures. The kids will gear up and make their first moving sculpture. This course will be an introduction to simple mechanics.

To get the kids involved, visit workshop13.org for registration. Art Fusion event series continues at Workshop13 throughout July and August.



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These sugar paintings were created by the kids taking the experimental artistry course at Workshop13.

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# SPORTS

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## Legion Post 241 suffers loss to Wilbraham

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—Samuel Przybyl is one of the pitchers listed on the Wilbraham Falcons Junior Legion baseball roster. The righthander has also made three starts so far this summer for the Wilbraham Senior Legion team.

Przybyl, who was the winning pitcher in all three games, needed a little bit of help to post a victory at Monson Post 241, last Monday night, July 8.

Monson had the tying run on second base with one-out in the bottom of the seventh inning when the lights at Legion Field went out. Following a 20-minute delay, the lights hadn't come back on, and the umpires decided to call the game at that point.

The two managers were notified by league officials via email the following morning that it was an official game, and the contest wouldn't be resumed. Just like in a rain out, the score went back to the previous inning. The score was 8-5 entering the seventh inning and that was the final.

"We've dealt with many rain delays in the past, but I've never been involved in a baseball game before where the lights went out," said Wilbraham Senior Legion manager John Breton. "Monson just kept battling back against us."

Monson manager Steve Tripp wasn't very happy that the lights went off, but he was pleased with the way his squad kept battling back until the end.

"Even though we lost the game, we kept battling back against a very good baseball team," Tripp said. "We've been struggling the past couple of games."

The victory improved Wilbraham's overall record to 8-4, while Monson's overall record fell

to 3-8.

Przybyl, who'll be a sophomore at Minnechaug Regional in the fall, officially allowed five runs on six hits in the road start against Monson. He recorded five strikeouts and issued only two walks.

"Sam did a good job out there in tonight's game and I'm very proud of him," Breton said. "He's a very hard worker."

Prior to the lights going off, Monson put-together a rally in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Shortstop John Mumper drew a leadoff walk. After the next batter hit a pop-up caught by

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Kyle Kaczuwka slides into home.

John Mumper collects a grounder to second base.



Austin Meacham slides safely into second.

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James Delaney pitches for Post 241.

## Hammann picks up win in late model event

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT — Stafford Speedway's Limited Late Model division took center stage on Friday, July 12 with their lone extra distance feature event of the 2024 season, the Riley Generators 30. Rich Hammann was the big winner of the night, taking advantage of a late race restart to win the Riley 30. Hammann becomes the first repeat Limited Late Model feature winner after there were 9 different winners in the first 9 races. Other feature winners included Michael Christopher, Jr. in the SK Modified® feature, Adam Gray in the Late Model feature, Alexander Pearl in the SK Light feature, and Travis Hydar in the Street Stock feature.

In the 30-lap Riley Generators Limited Late Model feature event, Jeremy Lavoie brought the field to the green flag and he took the lead on the opening lap. Gary Patnode took second behind Lavoie with Connor Jencik, RJ Surdell, and Matt Clement making up the top-5. Surdell took third from Jencik on lap-5 while Adrien Paradis, III was on the move and he took fourth place on lap-6 to drop Jencik back to fifth as Lavoie continued to hold the lead with Patnode giving chase from second place. Mike Hopkins backed into the turn 1 wall to bring the caution flag out with 9 laps complete.

Lavoie took the lead back under green with Patnode still holding second. Surdell was third in line with Kevin Cormier moving up to fourth. Rich Hammann took

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## Blue Sox return home to get win

HOLYOKE - After not being home for seven days, the Valley Blue Sox played host to the Upper Valley Nighthawks. On a beautiful early Sunday afternoon, the players came out energized and bats hot, as the offensive later proved. The stage was set for a great game of summer baseball in Holyoke Massachusetts.

With Ethan Lyke starting on the mound for the Blue Sox, pitching was off to a good start. In six innings, Lyke gave up three runs, off five hits, with four additional strikeouts. While it was not the best day for the pitching crew, the offense picked up the slack.

Led by a monster Jonathon Hogart home run in the third inning, nine total runs over three innings. From the third to the fifth, it was an absolute clinic put on from the Blue Sox offense to take a strangle hold of this game as the lead bloomed to 9-1 at one point.

The Blue Sox biggest issue in today's game seemed to be fielding. With two errors notched in the stat sheet, the Blue Sox also gave up ten total runs in this game, as well four runs over the last four innings. This may seem like a simple stat, but with under a month left in the season, every game is crucial and an opportunity to touch up these smaller issues that can show up against tougher competition. At the end of the day, it was another great showing from the home team. With this win, Valley broke even once again with a 0.500 record at 15-15.

Martha's Vineyard 10, Blue Sox 3

The Blue Sox were plagued once again by one bad inning

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## Quabbin falls in little league tourney

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

NORTH LEOMINSTER— The District 3 Major Division championship baseball game was held at Felton Field in Barre last Friday night. Unfortunately, the Quabbin All-Stars wasn't one of the teams playing in it this year.

Quabbin's postseason journey came to an end following a 12-3 setback to Leominster at Justin DeSantis Field in North Leominster, last Tuesday night.

Quabbin, who defeated Leominster, 3-2, at home in the first game of the District 3 All-Star tournament, finished with a 1-2 record. Their other loss was at Athol/Orange, who beat Leominster, 5-0, in the finals.

"The Quabbin little league will be hosting the championship game for the first time on Friday night," said Quabbin manager Jason Poulin. "I really wish that my team was playing in that game, but we're looking forward to watching it. We just got off to a slow start in tonight's game."

The members of the 2024 Quabbin All-Star baseball team, who live in either Barre, Hardwick, or Oakham, are Brady Aiesi, Oliver Poulin, Henry Poulin, Colin Kania, Davis Burch, Deegan Pope, Gabriel Houle, Jacob Cavanagh, Jonathan Doherty, Logan Smith, Noah Kelter, and Nolan O'Connor.

"All of the players on this year's All-Star team are great kids and it has been a lot of fun coaching them," Jason Poulin added. "Everyone gets along with each other very well. They'll probably forget about this loss by tomorrow."

Seven of the Quabbin players will be moving up to the bigger diamond next year. They are Kelter, Cavanagh, Aiesi, Houle, Doherty, Burch, and Henry Poulin.

"I believe that District 3 is supposed to be starting a Junior League next year," the Quabbin

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Davis Burch makes a throw to first during Little League tournament action for Quabbin.



Henry Poulin catches a tough pop-up



Nolan O'Connor makes the out at first.



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Brady Aiesi takes a swing.



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Hope Santaniello, of Agawam, fights to get the ball by the goalie.

## Mutiny successful in league semifinals

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Entering last Friday night's United Women's Soccer East Conference semifinal match, the New England Mutiny had outscored their previous five opponents, 35-3.

After a scoreless first 45 minutes of the contest, Steel City FC took a 1-0 lead by scoring an own goal in the 53rd minute. The Mutiny quickly tied the score by converting a penalty kick.

The score remained tied until the 68th minute. That's when Emma Pedolzky, who lives in Westfield, became the hero for the home team. She scored a cor-

ner kick goal giving the Mutiny a 2-1 victory at historic Lusitano Stadium.

"Scoring the game winning goal is really exciting," Pedolzky said. "I'm glad that we were able to win tonight's game. We're now looking forward to playing in the finals on Sunday."

Emma Pedolzky, who began her collegiate soccer career at Bryant University transferred to UMass-Amherst last year. One of Emma's teammates at UMass is her twin sister, Chandler, who also plays for the Mutiny. They'll be seniors on this year's squad.

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# sports

## T-Birds win community service award

SPRINGFIELD — The Springfield Thunderbirds received more recognition from the American Hockey League on Thursday night during the Awards Gala at the Board of Governors' Annual Meeting at Hilton Head Island, S.C.

The franchise was presented with the Eastern Conference Award of Excellence for Community Service following a record-setting year in the community. During the 2023-24 season, the Thunderbirds raised more than \$128,000 for local charities, while players and mascot Boomer combined to make over 300

visits in the area for various charitable causes.

"Being ingrained in the community has been among the top priorities for our franchise since the day we were established," said Thunderbirds President Nathan Costa. "We take immense pride in this award and are honored to be recognized by our peers, but ultimately, we want to continue to do right by the wonderful Springfield community in any way we can. As with everything else in our business, we want to raise the bar even higher."

A number of the Thunderbirds' marquee game nights in 2023-24 had distinct tie-ins to the community, from the annual Pink in the Rink to benefit the Rays of Hope Foundation to the return of the annual Sensory-Friendly Sunday game in conjunction with the Center for Human Development (CHD). The organization is currently planning the 2023-24 promotional schedule, which will feature many returning events to benefit the local community around Springfield. A complete list of such promotions will be available later this summer.

## Quabbin League seeking to start fall league

The Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball League is looking to start an eight-game fall program for the over-28 population. The league, which plays a spring/summer regular season with six teams for 15 games followed by playoffs, is hoping to continue the fun into the fall with a short eight-game schedule for interested players.

Preliminary details are still being worked on, but the league is looking to have four teams with six "regular season" games followed by a semifinal in the seventh week, and a final/consolation game in the eighth week.

The league will be a bit more informal than the regular spring/summer league with the goal being for players to have fun playing more baseball, work on field and batting skills through more innings in the field and extra at-bats, or potentially working on or trying out pitching.

As has been traditional in other fall leagues, the Quabbin League will likely be wood-bat only for the fall.

There is an interest form and survey interested players can fill out at [www.quabbinvalley-baseball.org](http://www.quabbinvalley-baseball.org). The league is open to all current Quabbin league players as well as players from other leagues who are age 28 and over during the calendar year of 2024.

The league will look to keep the cost very low for the league with preliminary indications having the league in the \$40-50 range to play eight games.

Games will likely be held in the West Springfield, Agawam, Southwick area and are likely to be held on Sunday mornings, though a few games may be held at alternate times. Games are scheduled to begin in September after Labor Day.

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the third baseman, catcher Dylan Sutkaitis lined a single to center. Another single by pinch hitter Dylan Holbrook scored Mumper which closed the gap to 8-6. Sutkaitis also crossed the plate on the back end of a double steal play. At that point the lights went out and the game ended abruptly.

Wilbraham took a 3-0 lead against Monson righty James Delaney in the top of the third inning.

Second baseman Jack Straut, who hit a leadoff double down the left field line, scored the first run of the game following a fielding error by the third baseman. Another run scored on a ground ball out by leftfielder Ryan Keating. A couple of batters later, catcher Vinny Chiarizio (2-for-4) drove home another run with a double down the right field line.

Monson took the lead in the bottom half of the frame.

Their first run scored when leftfielder Nathan Kaczuwka lined a single to right field. His younger brother, Kyle, who started the game at second base, also reached first base on a fielding error which scored another run. The home team would then take the lead when third baseman Jesse Cygan blasted a two-run double to left field.

Wilbraham tied the score in the top of the fifth when Keating hit a leadoff home run to deep center field. Chiarizio also had an RBI single, and third baseman Matt Nordstrom smashed a double bringing home another run. Straut capped off the five run inning with a two-run triple to left field giving

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against the Martha's Vineyard Sharks.

Last Friday night's game featured a similar outcome to Wednesday afternoon's game: One bad inning. Valley gave up five runs in the first inning en route to a 10-3 loss.

Blue Sox starter Gregory Shaw had a rough bottom of the first inning. He started off by giving up three straight singles. The inning was highlighted by a Reese Robinett grand slam to put the Sharks ahead 5-0.

Valley added two in the top of the third to make it a 5-2 game. But



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**Brayden Mega makes a catch in the outfield.**

the visiting team an 8-4 lead.

Monson scored an unearned run in the sixth before they came very close to tying the score in the seventh inning before the lights went out.

Vineyard responded with three in the bottom of the fourth to make it 8-2.

Robinett hit another home run, his seventh of the season, in the bottom of the fifth to make it 9-2. Derek Williams hit an RBI single in the top of the sixth to make it 9-3.

Tryston McCladdie hit a solo home run in the bottom of the eighth to make it 10-3. Out of the 10 runs Valley allowed, only seven of them were earned.

Vineyard starter Harry Deliyannis went 3 innings and allowed just two runs on four hits. He walked one and struck out four.

### MUTINY from page 9

"It has really fun playing on the same college soccer team with my sister," Emma Pedolczyk added. "I'm looking forward to playing with her for one more season."

The semifinal victory improved the Mutiny's overall record to a perfect 9-0-0. It was also their first playoff win in five years.

Steel City FC (5-1-3) also didn't lose a match during the regular season.

"We didn't know very much about Steel City, but they were organized and played well in the first half," said Mutiny head coach Federico Molinari. "I thought we dominated in the second half after allowing a goal. It was very important for us to score the tying goal right away."

The Mutiny were awarded a penalty kick in the 55th minute after Jess Mazo was fouled hard in the box. She was forced to leave the match with a right shoulder injury. Abbey Jones stepped up to the line and booted a low shot into the right corner of the net.

"I've been taking a lot of PK's at practice," Jones said. "It was the first time that I've taken a penalty shot during a game this season. I wasn't very nervous before making the shot."

Jones, who plays college soccer at UConn, also assisted on Emma Pedolczyk's game winning goal.

"Abbey is a very good technical soccer player," Molinari said. "She understands the game very well."

The Mutiny had an opportunity to take a 3-0 lead at the end of regulation, but a breakaway shot attempt by Palmer's Maddy Theriault was saved by Steel City goalie Payton O'Malley.

Highlights from the Mutiny's appearance in the finals will be in next week's edition.



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**Alexis Legowski, of South Hadley, moves up the field.**



**Abbey Jones heads up the field.**



**Maddy Theriault, of Palmer eludes a defender.**



**Hannah Peric sends a pass forward.**

### QUABBIN from page 9

All-Star manager said. "I think we'll have enough players to field a team in that Division. It'll be a lot of fun watching these guys compete at that level."

Quabbin won the pregame coin toss in the second meeting against Leominster, and they were the home team.

The top of the first inning wasn't very much fun for the Quabbin players, as Leominster scored 11 runs on six base hits.

Quabbin scored a run in their first at-bats.

With one-out, Oliver Poulin reached first base on an infield hit. O'Connor drove him home with a line-drive single down the left field line.

Leominster scored another run with two-outs in the top of the third inning.

Holding a 12-1 advantage, Leominster needed to keep Quabbin from scoring two runs in the bottom of third to end the game with the help of the 10-run mercy rule.

Quabbin didn't allow that to happen.

Kania and Oliver Poulin, who both singled, scored when Henry Poulin blasted a triple to left field.

However, the contest was halted two innings later by a thunderstorm.

The returning Quabbin baseball players will be trying to capture the Major Division championship title at this time next year.

### RACE from page 9

fifth on lap-13 to drop Paradis back to sixth. Surdell made a move on lap-19 to move into second and that move allowed Hammann to take third and drop Patnode back to fourth as Lavoie continued to lead. Ari Jencik spun in turn 1 to bring the caution flag back out with 22 laps complete.

Lavoie took the lead on the restart with Hammann moving into second. Surdell was third with Kevin Cormier up to fourth and Paradis in fifth. Hammann made a move in turn 3 to take the lead from Lavoie but Matt Winter, II spun in turn 2 to bring the caution flag out with 26 laps complete and negate that pass. Patnode was sent to the rear of the field by Stafford officials for making contact with Winter.

Hammann was able to stay even with Lavoie on the restart and Hammann led lap-27 by a nose. Hammann cleared Lavoie on lap-28 while Surdell was third and Devon Jencik took fourth place from Paradis. Hammann took the checkered flag to pick up his second win of the season and become the first repeat Limited Late Model winner in 2024. Lavoie held off Surdell for second with Kyle Theriault and Devon Jencik rounding out the top-5.

In the 40-lap SK Modified® event, Wesley Prucker took the early lead at the drop of the green flag while Keith Rocco quickly moved up to second. Marcello Rufrano and Anthony Flannery were wheel to wheel for third with Andrew

Molleur in fifth place. Rocco made a move to the inside of Prucker on lap-3 and he took the lead from Prucker on lap-4. Prucker came right back to the inside of Rocco on lap-5 and he retook the lead. RJ Marcotte and Curt Brainard spun on the frontstretch with Ethan Durocher getting collected to bring the caution flag out with 6 laps complete.

Prucker and Rocco went wheel to wheel on the restart with Rocco holding the lead by a nose to complete lap-7. Prucker got clear into the lead on lap-8 with Rufrano taking second. Rufrano took the lead from Prucker on lap-10 with Flannery taking second. Michael Christopher, Jr. took third with Prucker falling from the lead back to fourth place with Rocco in fifth.

Michael Gervais, Jr. took fourth on lap-15 with Rocco taking fifth and Prucker falling back to sixth while Flannery took the lead from Rufrano on lap-16. Prucker's great night came to an end against the backstretch wall to bring the caution flag out with 16 laps complete.

Flannery took the lead back under green with Rufrano slotting into second behind him. Rufrano didn't stay behind Flannery for very long as he made a move going into turn 3 and came out of turn 4 with the lead. Christopher was now third behind Rufrano and Flannery with Rocco in fourth and Cory DiMatteo in fifth. Christopher started to apply heavy pressure to Flannery for second, but Flannery

was able to keep Christopher behind him. Flannery then started looking high and low for a way to get around Rufrano for the lead but wasn't able to make a pass. Flannery lost second to Christopher on lap-27 and Christopher immediately began to hound Rufrano for the race lead. Christopher made a bottom shot move going into turn 1 and he took the lead from Rufrano on lap-30.

With 5 laps to go it was still Christopher in the lead with Rufrano, Flannery, Rocco, and Gervais lined up behind him. Christopher led Rufrano and Flannery to the checkered flag to pick up his second win of the season. Rocco finished fourth and Gervais rounded out the top-5.

In the 30-lap Late Model feature event, Alexandra Fearn streaked into the lead at the start of the race with P.J. Zarrella in second. Tom Fearn was third in the early going followed by Tom Butler in fourth and Andrew Durand in fifth place. Darrell Keane spun in turn 4 to bring the caution flag out with 5 laps complete.

Alexandra Fearn took the lead on the restart with Tom Fearn moving up to second. There was a scuffle midpack that saw cars scrambling but there was no contact or spins and everyone continued on under green. Durand moved up to third with Adam Gray up to fourth and Chris Buffone was now up to fifth on lap-8 with the two Fearns leading the field.

Gray took third place on lap-11 with

Durand falling back to fourth. Paul Varricchio, Jr. was up to fifth while Buffone fell back to sixth, just in front of Kevin Gambacorta, who was on a charge through the field after starting 12th. Varricchio took fourth on lap-13 with Durand and Gambacorta following him through to move into fourth and fifth and drop Buffone back to sixth.

Tom Fearn caught Alexandra Fearn on lap-15 and began to look for a way to move into the lead. Tom made his move on lap-17 to the inside of Alexandra in turn 4 and he took over the race lead. While the Fearns were contesting the lead, Gray ran the two leaders down and on lap-19 it was now a 3-car fight for the lead with Varricchio just behind the lead trio in fourth. Gray worked his way around Alexandra on lap-20 to move into second with Varricchio now applying heavy pressure to Alexandra for third while Gray was all over the back bumper of Tom Fearn looking to take the lead.

Gray got to the inside of Tom Fearn on lap-25 and he took the lead on lap-26. Varricchio was now side by side with Alexandra Fearn for third with Varricchio taking the position on lap-27. Gambacorta was now in fifth with Durand back to sixth. Gambacorta took fourth on lap-29 to drop Alexandra Fearn back to fifth but it was Adam Gray taking down the feature win, his first of the season. Tom Fearn finished second with Varricchio, Gambacorta, and Alexandra Fearn rounding out the top-5.





MJ Haesche of the Wickaboag Sportsmen's Club presented fifth grader Zoe Hebert with her first place prize for her entry in the club's 15th Annual Fifth Grade Essay Contest.



Evelyn Potvin earned second place in the club's Fifth Grade Essay Contest.



Giovanni Lindsay won a prize for submitting the best drawing. *Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette*

# Sportsmen's club awards essay contest winners

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WEST BROOKFIELD – For the 15th year, the Wickaboag Sportsmen's Club held its annual Fifth Grade Essay Contest at West Brookfield Elementary School.

On June 13, club members visited the school and announced the winners of the contest, while also recognizing the participation of all of the students.

"You've all worked hard on your essays," club member MJ Haesche said.

Haesche was joined by club members Denise Martinelli and Paul Lapenas, as well as her two prized hunting dogs, Roly a 13-year-old American Brittany and 7-year-old Okefenokee or "Okee," a French Brittany (Epagneul Breton).

Haesche explained the process of selecting the winning essays to the students, and how each submission gets read multiple times by different people.

In this year's contest the class was instructed to demonstrate the basics of expository writing using the Wood Duck as the subject.

The contest began in January, with a presentation by Edward J. Snyder, a well-known, western Massachusetts artist and wildlife enthusiast who has been instrumental in rebuilding Wood Duck habitat and the resurgence of their numbers throughout the northeast.

After the topic had been enthusiastically introduced, the class began their personal research and drafts to achieve their final results. In addition to being read and ranked by volunteers of the Sportsmen's Club, the essays become a graded part of the students' portfolios that is part of their academic record.



Fifth Grade Essay Contest winners stand with teacher Nicole Jones (from left) and Wickaboag Sportsmen's Club members Denise Martinelli, Paul Lapenas and MJ Haesche.

Grand prize of a week at Camp Marshall in Spencer was presented to Zoe Hebert. Second through fifth places in order of their ranking were: Evelyn Potvin, RJ Gough, Christian Tetrault, and Colton Allen. Giovanni Lindsay was recognized for creating the best drawing.

Hebert read her essay, sharing an impressive amount of knowledge of the Wood Duck, which is sometimes referred to as a "swamp duck" because of its habitat. The male Wood Duck has red eyes and is known for its brilliant plumage. "It's one of the most colorful birds in all of Massachusetts," she said.

Wood Ducks typically nest in trees above water and most travel south for the winter. Some Wood Ducks overwinter in the commonwealth.

Hebert said the Wood Duck almost went extinct in the 1900s due to loss of habitat, over-hunting and pesticide use. In 1918 the Migratory Bird Treaty was passed, and conservation efforts were taken to protect the Wood Duck.

Hebert said nest boxes continue to be built to provide a safe place for females to hatch their eggs; safe from predators.

Now, the Wood Duck is no longer facing extinction, Hebert said. Fifth grade teacher Nicole Jones said all of the students wrote amazing essays.

"I'm proud of each and every one of your efforts," Jones said.

Haesche said the club members have invested over \$10,000 in awards and prizes in support of the essay contest. The fundraisers include "open to the public" chicken barbecues, and spring and winter fishing derbies.

"It's a really great group of people who really want to support getting kids outdoors," she said. Martinelli recalled making plaster casts of animal tracks with her children when they were young and exploring nature. She encouraged the students to ask their parents to take them outside and enjoy the space around them.



MJ Haesche demonstrates some tricks with 7-year-old Okefenokee or "Okee," a French Brittany (Epagneul Breton).



Students enjoy time with Roly, a 13-year-old American Brittany.

"Take a look around you this summer," she said. "Look at the wildlife. You'd be surprised what's out there."



Christian Tetrault earned fourth place in the essay contest.



RJ Gough earned third place in the Fifth Grade Essay Contest.



Fifth place went to Colton Allen.

## Barre, North Brookfield and Ware benefit from grants for broadband access

BOSTON – Three communities in the Worcester-Hampshire Senate district represented by state Sen. Peter Durant, R-Spencer, will benefit from grants awarded through the Broadband Infrastructure Gap Networks Program to fund high-speed internet lines to Massachusetts communities that lack access to broadband.

"I'm pleased to announce that Barre, North Brookfield and Ware will be part of this grant award which will help bring internet access to underserved areas," Durant said in a press release.

The funding, from the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative's Massachusetts Broadband Institute, will help expand high-speed broadband internet infrastructure to underserved homes, business and community anchor institutions across the Commonwealth.

The program is funded through the U.S. Treasury's Capital Projects Fund which aims to expand high-speed broadband internet infrastructure.

"Having access to high-speed internet give students a leg-up, helps local businesses thrive and allows opportunities for socialization using digital communication for those who might wish to stay in touch with friends and family using social media," Durant said.

Comcast, which was one of four grant recipients, provides service to Ware; while Verizon New England Inc. provides service to Barre and North Brookfield. Other recipients were Greenfield Community Energy and Technology and Spectrum Northeast LLC.

The grants must be used to deliver service that meets or exceeds internet speeds of 100 megabits per second (Mbps) for

downloads and 100 Mbps for uploads and provide internet access to 100% of all existing unserved and underserved serviceable locations.

They must also provide a minimum 20% funding match with waivers provided to certain municipalities that have existing debt obligations associated with municipal fiber-to-the-premise projects and reach substantial project completion before Dec. 31, 2026.

The first round of the program requires recipients to work with the Massachusetts Broadband Institute to validate the unserved and underserved location count included in their proposals. The goal of this review is to connect 100% of the serviceable locations in each community, ensuring alignment with the goal of the federal Internet for All initiative.

## Country Bank announces retirement of president and CEO Paul Scully

WARE – On July 1, CEO Paul Scully announced his retirement after a distinguished career of 28 years at Country Bank and 48 years in the financial services industry.

His retirement will be effective on July 31. Scully, who started his banking career as a part-time teller while attending Bentley University, previously served as Senior Vice President of Country Bank was appointed President in 2004 and later assumed position of Chief Executive Officer in 2005.

"Throughout my career, I've been guided by the belief that success is not just about growth in numbers but about the positive impact we make in the lives of our team members, customers and communities. It's been an incredible journey and I'm immensely proud of what we've achieved together. As I retire, I leave with a deep sense of gratitude for the opportunity to serve as Country

Bank's CEO for the past 20 years and with the utmost respect of my successor, Mary McGovern and the entire Country Bank team to continue the Bank's legacy of excellence," said Scully in a press release.

Mary McGovern, appointed President by the Bank's Board of Trustees on April 1, will assume CEO, effective Aug. 1. McGovern, who has been with the Bank since 2011, previously served as EVP and CFO before assuming the role of COO in 2023.

With her extensive experience in the financial services industry spanning over three decades, McGovern brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to her new position.

"I am honored to have worked alongside Paul for the past thirteen years," said McGovern. "As I assume the organization's leadership, I am dedicated to the Bank's



Retiring Country Bank CEO Paul Scully is shown with incoming CEO Mary McGovern, the bank's current president.

continued growth and supporting our customers, community, and

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# public safety

## Ware Police Log

During the week of July 8-16, the Ware Police Department responded to 23 miscellaneous calls, 34 administrative calls, 14 traffic violations, 19 emergency 911 calls, three thefts/larcenies, four harassments, three motor vehicle accidents, one trespasser/prowler, nine safety hazards, one structure fire, six animal calls and 24 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

**Monday, July 8**  
 12:21 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Cherry Street, Services Rendered  
 5:04 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Gareau Avenue, Services Rendered  
 6:10 a.m. Assist Other Agency, North Street, Services Rendered  
 7:49 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Advised

**Tuesday, July 9**  
 3:57 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Palmer Road, Report Made  
 4:49 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Maple Avenue, Advised  
 5:18 p.m. Animal/Injured/Hunted, Palmer Road, Arrest Made  
 Arrest: Raymond L. Boutwell, Ava, Missouri  
 Animal, Cruelty to; Resist Arrest; Disorderly Conduct  
 8:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Church Street, Arrest Made  
 Arrest: Tyler G. Maloney, 36, Warren  
 OUI-Liquor or .08%; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle  
 11:54 p.m. Assault, North Street, Report Made

**Wednesday, July 10**  
 2:18 a.m. Theft/Larceny, Beaver Road, Investigated  
 3:56 a.m. Safety Hazard, Sczygiel Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
 10:26 a.m. Theft/Larceny, North Street, Services Rendered  
 11:05 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Dispatch Handled  
 2:22 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Pleasant Street, Report Made  
 6:02 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Pleasant Street, Advised  
 6:54 p.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, Otis Avenue, Arrest Made

Arrest: Bryan R. Chaffee, 37, Ware  
 Assault and Battery, Pregnant Victim; Assault with Dangerous Weapon (Knife); Disorderly Conduct  
 11:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Main Street, Citation/Warning Issued

**Thursday, July 11**  
 3:28 a.m. Suspicious/Wanted, West Street, Arrest Made  
 Arrest: Regulo Paulino-Feliciano, 29, Nashua, New Hampshire  
 OUI-Liquor or .08%; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle  
 10:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
 11:55 p.m. Administrative, North Street, Services Rendered  
 Arrest: David Hutchinson, 30, Ware  
 WMS Warrant

**Friday, July 12**  
 11:33 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Dispatch Handled  
 6:23 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Greenwich Road, Investigated

**Saturday, July 13**  
 1:15 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Pine Crest Circle, Investigated  
 1:42 a.m. Assault, Pulaski Street, Advised  
 12:20 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Dispatch Handled  
 12:48 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Main Street, Dispatch Handled  
 5:01 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Upper Church Street, Dispatch Handled  
 5:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
 5:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Warren Road, Citation/Warning Issued  
 7:19 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Advised  
 7:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
 8:04 p.m. Assault, Sorel Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
 8:14 p.m. Assault, Sorel Road, Arrest Made

**Sunday, July 14**  
 10:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Belchertown Road, Citation/Warning Issued  
 2:41 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Services Rendered  
 7:06 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, West Street, Advised  
 10:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasant Street, Citation/Warning Issued

**Monday, July 15**  
 4:20 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Could Not Locate  
 6:23 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, North Street, Services Rendered  
 11:30 a.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Union Street, Advised  
 11:30 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Investigated  
 12:41 p.m. Drugs, Maple Street, Services Rendered  
 1:53 p.m. Safety Hazard, Osborne Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
 2:18 p.m. Safety Hazard, Eagle Street, Extinguished  
 2:23 p.m. Safety Hazard, West Warren Road, Services Rendered  
 2:40 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Advised  
 3:06 p.m. Structure Fire, Doane Road, Investigated  
 3:12 p.m. Safety Hazard, Osborne Road, Services Rendered  
 3:14 p.m. Safety Hazard, North Street, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
 3:23 p.m. Safety Hazard, Palmer Road, Services Rendered  
 3:24 p.m. Safety Hazard, Old Belchertown Road, Services Rendered  
 5:32 p.m. Theft/Larceny, West Street, Advised  
 5:34 p.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, Morse Avenue, Arrest Made  
 Arrest: Daniel E. Bonnayer, 44, Ware  
 OUI-Liquor or .08%, 3rd Offense; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Disorderly Conduct  
 5:44 p.m. Safety Hazard, Ragged Hill Road, Advised

**Tuesday, July 16**  
 12:05 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Chestnut Street, Services Rendered  
 10:20 a.m. Fire Response, Convent Hill Road, Dispatch Handled

## Warren Police Log

During the week of June 30-July 6, the Warren Police Department responded to 185 building/property checks, 53 community policings, 15 emergency 911 calls, two property damages, one threat, one harassment, one trespasser/prowler, four safety concerns, one hit and run, one illegal burn, one vandalism, two animal calls and 57 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

**Sunday, June 30**  
 4:18 p.m. Safety Concern, New Reed Street, Investigated  
 5:58 p.m. Trauma, Smith Road, Transported by Life Flight

**Monday, July 1**  
 6:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
 6:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
 9:46 a.m. Threats, Comins Pond Road, Report Filed  
 2:19 p.m. Safety Concern, Southbridge Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 2:51 p.m. Property Damage, Old West Warren Road, Report Filed  
 4:41 p.m. Harassment, Pulaski Street, Officer Took Call  
 6:57 p.m. Property Damage, Main Street, Information Taken  
 8:41 p.m. Illegal Burn, Spring Street, Investigated  
 11:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Hit and Run, Main Street, Report Filed

**Tuesday, July 2**  
 8:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Palmer, Arrest(s) Made

Arrest: Thomas J. Emerson, 25, West Brookfield  
 Stop for Police, Fail; License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Drug, Possess Class B, Subsequent Offense; Speeding  
 12:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ware Road, Vehicle Removed  
 1:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint  
 5:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 4 p.m. Safety Concern, Comins Pond Road, Investigated  
 4:21 p.m. Burns, Presidential Circle, Transported to Hospital  
 9:08 p.m. Trespasser/Prowler, East Road, Report Filed

**Wednesday, July 3**  
 6:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
 6:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
 9:44 a.m. Stroke, Winthrop Terrace, Transported to Hospital  
 12:17 p.m. Safety Concern, South Street, Unfounded  
 3:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ware Road, Criminal Complaint  
 3:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
 4:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 5 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ware Road, Criminal Complaint  
 6:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Palmer, Criminal Complaint  
 7:14 p.m. Abdominal/Back Pain, Winthrop Terrace, Transported to Hospital  
 8:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Boston Post Road, Written Warning

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**Thursday, July 4**  
 7:08 a.m. Vandalism, Winthrop Terrace, Report Filed  
 4:50 p.m. Bleeding, Lombard Street, Transported to Hospital  
 7:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

**Friday, July 5**  
 1:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Bridge Street, Citation Issued  
 2:05 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problem, North Street, Transported to Hospital  
 2:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning  
 8:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
 2:33 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Keys Road, Transported to Hospital  
 4:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Spring Street, Criminal Complaint  
 6:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint

## Hardwick Police Log

During the week of July 8-15, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 56 building/property checks, 34 directed/area patrols, four radar assignments, seven traffic controls, 19 emergency 911 calls, seven citizen assists, one assist other agency, one investigation, four motor vehicle investigations, one larceny theft, one safety hazard, one motor vehicle accident, one illegal dumping and nine motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

**Monday, July 8**  
 8:12 a.m. 911 Prisoner Transfer, Bridge Street, Officer Handled  
 9:57 a.m. 911 Misdial, Miner Road, Officer Handled  
 10:36 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Birch Street, Transported to Hospital  
 11:45 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Pine Street, Transported to Hospital  
 1:35 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled  
 3:08 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Prospect Street, Peace Restored  
 4:57 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Turkey Street, Officer Handled

**Tuesday, July 9**  
 9:22 a.m. Assist Citizen, Out of Town, Dispatch Handled  
 12:55 p.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, Hardwick Road, Report Taken

1:59 p.m. Assist Citizen, School Street, Officer Handled  
 7:28 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Greenwich Road, Officer Handled  
 8:04 p.m. Safety Hazard, Turkey Street, Gone on Arrival

**Wednesday, July 10**  
 1:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Church Street, Officer Handled  
 2:48 a.m. Medical Emergency, North Street, Transported to Hospital  
 12:21 p.m. Investigation, North Street, Investigated  
 4:53 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered

**Thursday, July 11**  
 1:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Broad Street, Report Taken  
 1:58 a.m. Assist Citizen, Broad Street, Services Rendered  
 10:39 a.m. Assist Citizen, Broad Street, Dispatch Handled  
 3:23 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Ruggles Street, Officer Handled  
 3:25 p.m. Disturbance, Ruggles Street, Merge  
 7:04 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Turkey Street, Transported to Hospital  
 8:46 p.m. Medical Emergency, Lower Road, Transported to Hospital

**Friday, July 12**  
 10:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, New Braintree Road, Written Warning  
 10:28 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 11:24 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital  
 7:39 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Duhamel Court, Officer Handled  
 11:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled

**Saturday, July 13**  
 8:23 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital  
 9:20 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Lower Road, Investigated  
 8:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Citation Issued

**Sunday, July 14**  
 12:52 p.m. Assist Citizen, None Given, Officer Handled  
 8:52 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Bridge Street, Transported to Hospital  
 9:23 p.m. 911 Assist Citizen, Pine Street, Services Rendered

**Monday, July 15**  
 1:46 a.m. Medical Alarm, Charity Hill Road, Services Rendered



Participants line up for the start of last year's Quaboag Quacumquisit Lake Association Paddle Poker Run. Submitted Photo

## QQLA hosts 12th annual Paddle Poker Run

BROOKFIELD / STURBRIDGE – The Quaboag Quacumquisit Lake Association has announced that its 12th Annual Paddle Poker Run will take place rain or shine on Sunday, July 29.  
 According to event chair, Bill Seabourne, registration begins at 11 a.m. at the Quaboag (North) Pond boat ramp on Quaboag Street, Brookfield. The Paddle Poker Run begins at noon and concludes promptly at 4 p.m.  
 “Only manual powered craft (canoes, kayaks, paddle boards, row boats, pedal boats, etc.) are permitted for this event,” said Seabourne in a press release. “The entry fee is \$20 per hand, but paddlers may play more than one hand, and there is no limit to the number of players or hands played per vessel.”  
 After signing a release form, all paddlers will receive a packet of information that includes full rules, scorecard, and route map.

The course covers 3.5 miles of paddling with four stops along the way, drawing a card at each of the four stops.  
 “Upon returning to the North Pond boat ramp, paddlers will draw their fifth card,” said Seabourne. “Then, if they are dissatisfied with their hand, players may draw up to two additional cards at the cost of \$5 per card.”  
 A \$250 cash prize will be awarded for the winning hand, which is determined by standard poker hand rankings: straight flush, 4 of a kind, full house, flush, straight, 3 of a kind, 2 pair, pair, high card, and there are no “wild cards.” Seabourne said a “substantial prize” will also be awarded to the player with the lowest, or worst hand.  
 Additional prizes have been donated by area merchants including 308 Lakeside Restaurant, Bayberry Bowling Center, Central Package Store, The Clam Box, Gido's Pizza, Howe Lumber,

Oakhelm Brewery, Spencer Auto Parts, and Teddy G's Restaurant. In addition, every registered paddler will receive a “but one, get one free” ice cream coupon from The Clam Box.  
 Winning hands will be announced as soon as the last registered play returns to the North Pond boat ramp and all hands are ranked, which is expected to be about 4:15 p.m.  
 Proceeds from this year's Paddle Poker Run will benefit the Quaboag Quacumquisit Lake Association's mission of preserving and protecting the quality of the two lakes (better known as North and South Ponds) and the surrounding watershed through the promotion of responsible, effective, environmental policies.  
 For additional information, visit the Quaboag Quacumquisit Lake Association website at qqla.org or email event chair, Bill Seabourne at billcborn@gmail.com.

## Grange presents garden upcycling workshop

WARE – Ware Grange's next gardening workshop, “Upcycling in Your Garden,” will be held on Friday, July 26 at 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall at 297 Belchertown

Road.  
 The presenter will be Allison Rosendale. Learn about things you can reuse in your garden and with your houseplants to make use of

the odds and ends you have around your home.  
 For more information, visit Ware Grange on Facebook or at waregrange.org.

## Kids' Corner Workshop explores farms on July 20

WARE – The next Kids' Corner Workshop at Ware Grange will be “Moo, Cluck, Baa, Farm Animals!” and will take place on Saturday, July 20 at 9:30 a.m. at the Ware Grange hall, 297 Belchertown Road.  
 Kids' Corner workshops are designed for preschool and elementary school aged children and are led by local preschool teacher, Jen McNally.  
 At this workshop, kids will explore where food comes from – farms. They will learn the importance of farm animals through activities, crafts and stories.  
 Visit Ware Grange on Facebook or at waregrange.org for more information.

## Ware River paddle rescheduled to July 21

WARE – The Chicopee 4Rivers Watershed Council has rescheduled its relaxed paddle on the Ware River to Sunday, July 21 at 1 p.m., meeting at Grenville Park, 73 Church St.  
 Bring your own paddle craft to explore this stretch of river up and back. The paddle should be done before 4 p.m. and there is ample parking at the launch site.  
 RSVP is encouraged by emailing chicopeewatershed@gmail.com. For any last minute changes, be sure to visit www.c4river.org by Friday evening.

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# obituaries

## Claire L. Harper, 84

WARE – Claire Louise (Grenier) Harper, 84, of Ware, passed away on July 11, 2024, with her children by her side.



She leaves her best friend and daughter, Lisa R. Gerulaitis and her husband Robert; her son, Paul J. Harper, Jr. and his wife, Holly; her son, Phillip V. Harper and his wife Jane; and her son, Peter D. Harper, all of whom reside in Ware. She leaves her beloved grandchildren, Elizabeth and Robert Jr. Gerulaitis, Joseph, Jennifer, Brandy, Phillip Jr., Travis, Nathan, and Emma Harper, and Crystal, Michael and John Harper; as well as her 12 great-grandchildren. She also leaves her dear sister, Dora Henry of Worcester, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by

the love of her life, her husband, Paul J. Harper; her infant daughter, Pamela; and her eight other siblings, Laura Mae, Elizabeth, Jeanne, Rita, Michael, Robert, James Francis and Arlene.

She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late Aime M. and Helen B. (Mason) Grenier.

Claire was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend to many. She cherished her memories of family and friends; her walks along the Cape Cod shores with her husband, Paul, and cherished the time they spent together.

She was the kind of person who would extend a helping and generous hand to whomever needed one

– a feisty lady who was a truly kind and gentle soul. In her free time, she was artistic and loved to sketch and write poetry and enjoyed crossword puzzles.

Her family was her entire world and she loved them with her whole heart.

A Funeral Mass for Claire will be held on Saturday, July 20, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in the All Saints Church, 17 North St. in Ware. Guests are asked to please meet directly at church. Burial will be held in the Mount Carmel Cemetery in Ware immediately following mass.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Noah's Galley care of All Saints Church, 17 North St., Ware, MA.

Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware is assisting her family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at charbonneau.com.

## Denis A. Madigan, 80

WARE – Denis Albert Madigan, age 80, passed away suddenly after being stricken ill, on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Denis was born in Ware, on Sept. 14, 1943, a son of the late Albert J. Madigan and Madeline (Belisle) Madigan. Denis was raised and educated in Ware and was a lifelong resident.

Denis owned and operated Madigan Overhead Garage Doors in Ware.

Denis enlisted in the United States Army on March 1, 1965, and was Honorably Discharged on Feb. 28, 1967, with the rank of SP4. He was stationed at Vint Hills Farms Station, Warrenton, Virginia.

Denis was a proud Vietnam Era Veteran. He was a very active 51 year member of American Legion Post 123 of Ware, and a Lifetime Member of the Weir River Social Club.

Denis leaves behind three broth-

## Death notices

**Harper, Claire L. (Grenier)**  
Died July 11, 2024  
Services July 20, 2024

**Koczur, Josephine M.**  
Died July 4, 2024  
Services July 27, 2024

**Madigan, Denis A.**  
Died July 10, 2024  
Services July 23, 2024

ers, Robert E. Madigan and Patrick J. Madigan of Ware, and Gerald J. Madigan of Hyannis; four sisters, Susan M. Madigan of Ware, Mary B. Marcinek of West Warren, Phyllis M. Madigan and Myra A. Madigan of Attleboro. Denis also leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

Calling Hours will be held on Monday, July 22, 2024, from 5-7 p.m. in Cebula Funeral Home, 66 South St., Ware. A Graveside Service with Prayers of Committal and Military Honors will take place on Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at 10 a.m. in New St. William Cemetery in Ware.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: American Legion Post 123, 45 Maple St., Ware, MA 01082. Funeral Services are under the direction of the Koziol Family of Cebula Funeral Home.

For more information and an online guest book, please visit: [www.cebula-funeralhome.com](http://www.cebula-funeralhome.com).

## Ware River News OBITUARY POLICY

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## Josephine M. Koczur, 96

WARE – Josephine M. “Do Do” Koczur, age 96, passed away on Independence Day, July 4, 2024, at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield after a short illness.



Josephine was born in Gilbertville, on Feb. 15, 1928, a daughter of the late Antoni Kupiec and Aniela (Brozek) Kupiec. She was raised and educated in Gilbertville and was a graduate of the former Hardwick High School.

As a child she was given the nickname “Do Do.” It stayed with her until the day she passed away.

Do Do was employed at the former Carters Manufacturing Company in Gilbertville, she was a stitcher, and her nieces would reap the benefits of getting doll clothes made from the excess material. Do Do was also employed for many years at the former Warren Dry Cleaners in Ware. She was a bookkeeper for them, as well as a count-

er clerk. She was a people person and a pleasant conversationalist.

On May 12, 1956, in St. Aloysius Church in Gilbertville, Do Do entered into Holy Matrimony with Andrew A. Koczur of Ware. They were married for almost 56 years before his passing in 2012.

Josephine lived in Gilbertville and Ware for most of her long life, until two years ago when she transitioned into Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center in West Brookfield.

Do Do always presented herself in the best way. She looked forward to having her hair meticulously styled, her nails manicured, and her lipstick and makeup done.

She was a charter member of the Ladies Auxiliary for the Gilbertville VFW and was a lifelong member of St. Aloysius Parish in Gilbertville.

Besides her husband and parents, she was predeceased by her siblings; Stanley “Billy” Kupiec in 2002, Helen Grehoski in 2014 and Stephanie Szczupak in 1970. Do Do leaves behind several nieces and nephews, and several great-nieces and nephews, who will cherish her loving memory.

A Funeral Mass will be offered for her on Saturday, July 27, 2024, at 10 a.m. in St. Aloysius Parish, Church Street, Gilbertville. She will be laid to rest following the funeral mass next to her husband and parents in St. Aloysius Cemetery, Gilbertville. There are no calling hours. Funeral Services are under the direction of Cebula Funeral Home of Ware.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Aloysius Church, 64 Church St. (P.O. Box 542) Gilbertville, Massachusetts 01031. For more information and an online guest book, please visit: [www.cebula-funeralhome.com](http://www.cebula-funeralhome.com).

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est in grass-fed here.

Though the cows are shipped west, cattle are pouring into the U.S. from Argentina, Australia, New Zealand and Uruguay.

Oddly enough on June 13, the website DNYUZ featured an article with the title, “Montana Has More Cows Than People. Why Are Locals Eating Beef From Brazil?” One might understand that Rhode Island imports beef, but the land of the Dutton Ranch from the series “Yellowstone”?

What could change all that, other than, say a breakdown in the supply chain?

In chapter 9 the authors have what needs to be done.

Certainly, ending of corn subsidies is first on the agenda. Restoring a country-of-origin labeling requirement is next. These are obvious reforms, but the forces ranged against them are huge and well financed.

Does that mean there is no hope?

When Gary Hart, who had been George McGovern’s campaign manager, served in the senate, he was part of an investiga-

tion of fighter jet performance during the Korean War. U.S. planes were slower than Soviet MiGs, yet ours controlled the skies.

It turned out, our jets could go into turning or climbing faster than the enemy aircraft.

The term used for the ability of maneuver over speed was called cycling within the cycle.

With all that is arrayed against us by Big Cattle, can our Yankee graziers cycle within the cycle?

There are some advantages, the local producers are close to their customers. There are number of farmers’ markets regionally and many have beef producers as vendors.

Our weather, having adequate rain, favors fields cattle graze on. Regenerative bovines do not require imported fertilizer, as they do the fertilizing and are not eating corn.

In “Grass-Fed Beef for a Post-Pandemic World: How Regenerative Grazing Can Restore Soils and Stabilize the Climate” Pledger and Shinn have produced an exhaustive work in a small volume that in and of itself is a manifesto.

## Sons of Legion host scholarship golf tournament

OAKHAM – The Sons of the American Legion, Post 244, West Brookfield is hosting its 19th Annual “Scholarship Scramble” Golf Tournament on Saturday, Aug. 10, at Quail Hollow Country Club.

The tournament is 18 holes and has an 8 a.m. shotgun start. A chicken dinner will follow at the Legion Post in West Brookfield.

The cost is \$120 per person and must be received by Aug. 3. For more information, call Kevin at 774-230-3262.



## Summer happenings at the Paige Memorial Library

HARDWICK – The Paige Memorial Library Summer Reading Program is ongoing through Aug. 7, and it’s not too late to sign up.

Log your weekly reading in your Book Log, then stop by the library each week for a ticket (one per week) to win one of many prizes to be drawn on Aug. 7.

Register for the following programs by calling 413-477-6704 emailing [Director.paigelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:Director.paigelibrary@gmail.com) or by stopping by 87 Petersham Road

### Upcoming events

On Wednesday, July 24, at 1 p.m., turn lightbulbs into whimsical characters for holiday decorations. For teens and adults.

On Thursday, July 26, at 7 p.m. join Robert E. Weir for Who Knew? Roadside Revelations in Western Mass. Weir will tell of fascinating day trip destinations that reveal history and whimsy.

On Tuesday, July 30, at 6 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 1 at 4 p.m., and Saturday, Aug. 3, at 11 a.m., create a Fairy House to display in the Hardwick Fair-y Village. For all ages.

On Wednesday, July 31, at 11 a.m., enjoy music with Darlene Dobsische of Germany, an internationally known musician and vocalist, born and raised in Wheelwright, who will share her love of music and

teaching using stories, songs, and instruments.

### Ongoing programs

Join library staff for the Paige Book Club monthly on the third Wednesday at 2 p.m., the Paige Writing group meets alternating Tuesdays at 3 p.m., the Cookbook Club meets monthly on the last Wednesday at 5:30 p.m., and LEGOS! an open-ended free-building activity for children over age 5.

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in the subject line of your email.

**Deadline for Calendar submissions is August 12.**

## St. Aloysius Catholic School lists honor roll

HARDWICK – St. Aloysius Catholic School in Gilbertville listed students named to the honor roll.

### High Honors

Jason Aller and Hannah LaRochelle.

### Honors

Alex Velez, Dianne Aller, Jackson Boudreau, Olivia Mosso, Sophia Adams, Aria Carfagna, Rose Theriault and Christopher Rice.

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- CLUES ACROSS**

  1. Letter of the Greek alphabet
  4. Cause to become entangled
  10. Swiss river
  11. Conversation
  12. “Magnum” was one
  14. Small integer
  15. Christmas
  16. Of a specific mountain region
  18. Burrowing bugs
  22. Of a symbol worthy of veneration
  23. A type of syndrome
  24. Cephalopod mollusks
  26. Metric ton
  27. Ornamental box
  28. As quickly as can be done
  30. “Hoop Dreams” subject Arthur

31. Old TV part
  34. Extinct flightless birds
  36. Former CIA
  37. Successor
  39. Archaic form of you
  40. Within
  41. Danny Hurley’s alma mater
  42. Not sacred or biblical
  48. Written law
  50. Popular hairstyle
  51. Congressman
  52. Type of font
  53. A predetermined period in office
  54. Pouch
  55. Hormone that stimulates ovulation (abbr.)
  56. One from a particular Asian region
  58. One’s sense of self-esteem

59. Headgear used to control a horse
  60. The habitat of wild animals

**CLUES DOWN**

  1. A right conferred through legal means
  2. American island state
  3. Inflexibly entrenched
  4. “Pollock” actor Harris
  5. Foolish person
  6. Follows a particular Chairman
  7. Choose
  8. Sunrooms
  9. One hundred grams (abbr.)
  12. A symptom of some physical hurt or disorder
  13. South American hummingbird

17. “Girl Chopping Onions” painter
  19. Wild dog
  20. Units of land
  21. Footwear
  25. Possessing a constant temperature
  29. Hormone that promotes water retention (abbr.)
  31. Popular game
  32. Pension (German)
  33. Giant of industry
  35. Inferred
  38. One who revolves
  41. Kept possession of
  43. Loss of electricity
  44. Stopped bottle
  45. Everything
  46. First to walk on the moon
  47. Engrave
  49. Female organs
  56. Equal to 1,024 bytes (abbr.)
  57. Northeast



# public notices

### Notice of Public Hearing Planning Board LEGAL NOTICE SPR-2024-03

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ware Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority, will hold a Public Hearing on **THURSDAY, August 1, 2024 at 7:05 PM** on the application of Ware Solar II LLC (C/O Melink Solar Development) for a Major Site Plan Review (SPR-2024-03) for permit for the construction of a ground-mounted solar energy facility under item 4.8.3 Large Ground-Mounted Solar Facility, 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, 126 Main Street, Town Hall, Ware, MA. It is possible that any or all members of the public body may attend remotely, with in-person attendance consisting of members of the public. The meeting may be accessed remotely via zoom. Go to <https://zoom.us/join> or join by phone. Phone Number: 929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 784 604 1861; Password: 01082.

**SITE LOCATION: 278 Osborne Road, Ware MA.** Said premises being further

described in deeds recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 11374, Page 181. Property is also identified as Assessor's Parcel # 40-14-9. Zoned: Rural Residential (RR).

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

**WARE PLANNING BOARD**  
Kenneth Crosby, Chairman  
07/18, 07/25/2024

### Notice of Public Hearing Planning Board LEGAL NOTICE SP-2024-12 & SPR-2024-04

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**SITE LOCATION: Greenwich Road, Ware**

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Kenneth Crosby, Chairmans  
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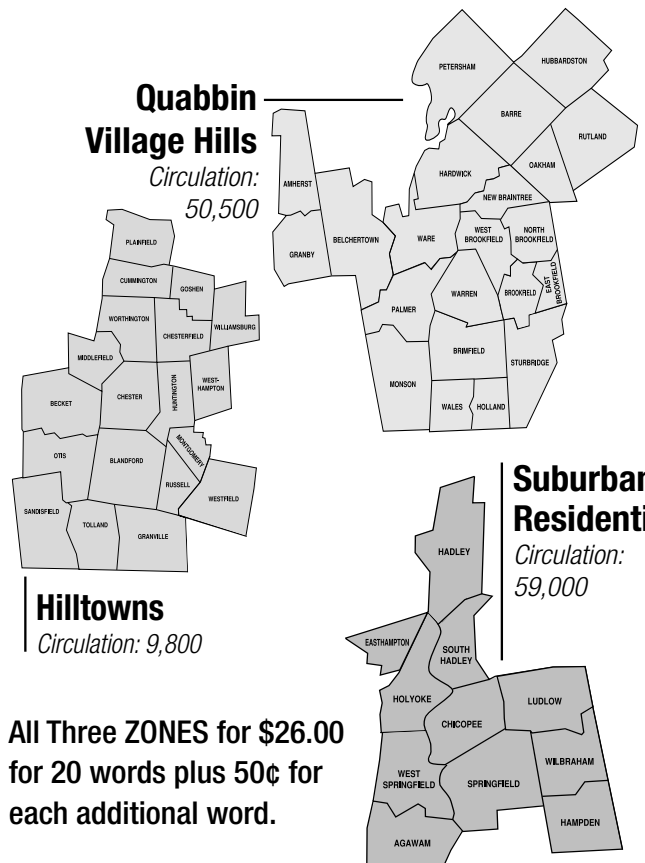
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## REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS TOWN OF WARREN CONSULTING SERVICES TOWN COMMON IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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A more detailed Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is available at the Central Massachusetts Planning Commission, 1 Mercantile Street, Suite 520, Worcester, MA 01608, (508) 459-3331, from 9 AM to 5 PM. The RFQ will be available from the time of this notice until the due date specified below in digital format by request from John O'Leary, joleary@cmrpc.org. The Town of Warren, awarding and contracting authority, reserves the right to reject any and all proposals if it is deemed in the best interests of the Town to do so.

Completed proposals are to be submitted in accordance with the RFQ's submission procedures no later than 3:00 PM, Friday, August 9, 2024, at the Central Massachusetts Planning Commission, 1 Mercantile Street, Suite 520, Worcester, MA 01608 07/18/2024

of Petitioner **Kim M. Goudreau of Ware, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

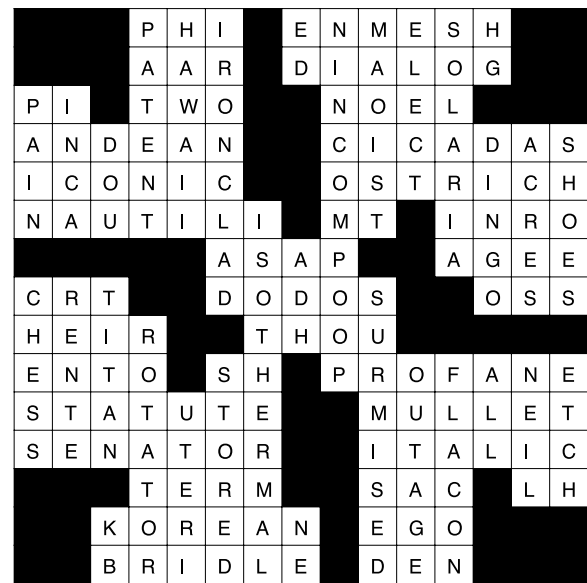
**Kim M. Goudreau of Ware, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without** surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 07/18/2024



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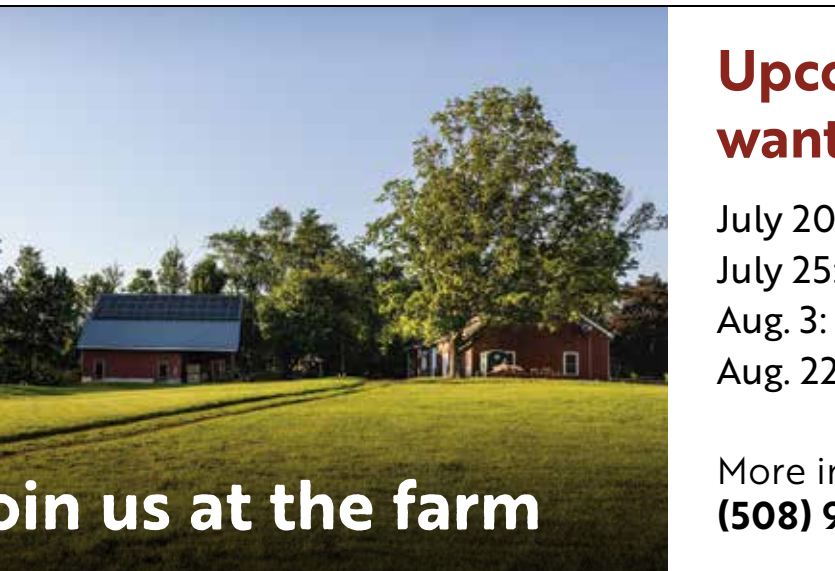
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