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## Parents, teachers question need for mediation

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WARE – Educators and parents shared concerns with the School Committee about the contract negotiation process, and its impact on the staff and students.

Parent Melyssa St. Pierre said the school district is “taking a hard hit” losing Superintendent Dr. Marlene DiLeo, and has a high staff turnover rate.

“What are you doing for the teachers?” she asked School Committee members at their March 29 meeting.

St. Pierre asked the School Committee how often they walk through the schools, and if they were being supportive of the teachers’ needs.

She said she has three children in the school district and there is a lot of “chitter chatter” about negotiations with the teachers.

A letter from Ware Teachers Association President Amber Boucher voiced frustration with the collective bargaining process between the School Committee and employees.

Recently, the Committee announced that it was seeking mediation.

“In turning to a mediator, the School Committee brings to a close direct bargaining with educators. This tactic along with proposals that would never pass ratification by the WTA membership demonstrate a lack of respect for educators on the Committee’s part,” Boucher’s letter stated.

School Committee Chair

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## ANNUAL EGG HUNT



### Brings awareness to open space

HARDWICK – Visitors to the Parks and Recreation Committee’s annual Easter egg hunt, were not only given the opportunity to collect candy-filled eggs and meet the Easter Bunny, but they also learned about plans to update the town’s open space and recreation plan.

Volunteers from Hardwick Youth Center and Eagle Hill School assisted in the day’s festivities.

Having an updated open space and recreation plan will allow the town more grant opportunities, including the ability to apply for Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations

for Communities grants.

The PARC grant could be used to construct a playground at Gilbertville Memorial Park on Prospect Street, where the Easter egg hunt is held each year.

Currently Memorial Park has a T-ball diamond, basketball court, tennis courts and a field, with limited parking.

A survey taken earlier in the year showed that residents have a strong interest in the town’s open space, including making improvements to Memorial Park.

For more information about the open space and recreation plan, visit [hardwick-ma.gov](http://hardwick-ma.gov).

(Turley Publications Photo by Paula Ouimette)  
**Children and volunteers enjoyed a visit from the Easter Bunny at Hardwick Parks and Recreation Committee’s second annual Easter egg hunt held this past Sunday.**

## Parks and Rec. Commission reviews pool designs

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WARE – The Parks and Recreation Commission met with representatives of Carolyn Cooney and Associates to discuss potential pool designs for Reed Municipal Pool at their Monday meeting.

Six designs were presented to the Commission, along with the Conservation Commission, Board of Health and Building Department.

Each blueprint includes a bus turnaround, splash pad or spray deck and the size and depth of the pool itself.

Though six designs were presented, designs A and B differ only in the location of the spray deck.

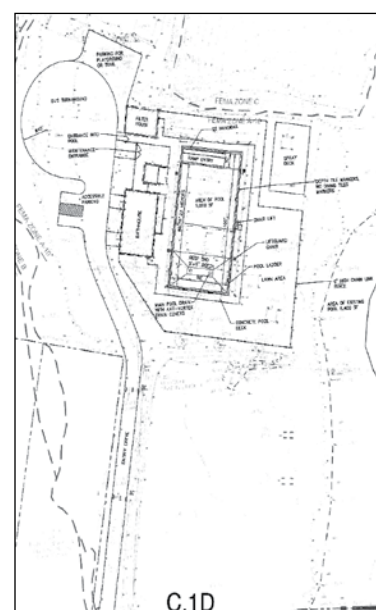
Designs E and F are also the same, with the exception of the spray deck location.

“Parking will be a significant component to this,” said Project Manager Michael Stiller

Pools A and B share the same pool shape and volume at 114,000 gallons of water. Pool A’s spray deck is north of the pool while B’s spray deck is to the east.

Both designs offer a spacious beach entry at the north end of the pool. Designs A and B differ from the other blueprints because of their unique “L” shape.

Option C is the smallest by volume, holding 112,000 gallons of water with a spray deck also



Option D for the pool design holds 142,000 gallons of water.

east of the pool.

This option offers a ramp entry north of the pool and is 42 feet wide by 93 feet long.

Option D holds 142,000 gallons of water with a ramp entry north of the pool and a spray deck to the east.

Designs E and F are similar in size, both holding a capacity of 132,500 gallons of water with beach entries north of the pool.

Option E offers a spray deck to the northwestern side of the pool while F offers a spray deck east of the pool.

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## Selectmen hear about potential sewer rate structures

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HARDWICK – During Monday night’s Board of Selectmen meeting, Laurie Stevens of Rural Community Assistance Partnership Solutions presented her research to

determine sewer rates.

Stevens has been working with RCAP Solutions and town officials to determine sewer rates after the completion of the wastewater systems upgrade.

The sewer system is an enterprise fund, Stevens said. She said the U.S. Department

of Agriculture, who is providing a large amount of the funding for the multimillion-dollar three-part project that includes update both water pollution control facilities and adding a pump station on Hardwick Road, requested RCAP Solution’s services to design a rate structure for commercial and residential

users.

Stevens said she reviewed the financial plan and revenue requirements, did a cost of service analysis, reviewed and evaluated rate structure options to design a rate structure for the town.

“Unlike other towns, it has two facilities instead of just one, which

that makes it more expensive,” she said of the two water pollution control facilities

Stevens said she reviewed the past five years of expenses, comparing year to year, to project potential costs five years out. She

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(Turley Publications Photo by Paula Ouimette)  
Joining the Easter Bunny for the fun was Sir Knight.

## Knights welcome the Easter Bunny

WARE – The Ware Knights of Columbus Council 183 welcomed dozens of children and their families to its annual Easter egg hunt, held behind St. Mary’s Rectory.

Children raced to collect colorful eggs that covered the lawn, and enjoyed a visit with the Easter Bunny.

## Students present Biomedical Innovations projects

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WARREN – Students in Project Lead The Way’s Biomedical Innovations unit at Quabog Regional High School had the opportunity to use their training to explore and create biomedical devices that improved upon existing designs.

Twenty students divided into six teams and over the course of about two weeks, they not only researched and designed their devices, but they also built prototypes and prepared full marketing plans to sell their product to investors.

“Programs like Project Lead The Way give students hands-on experience of real-world labs and tasks of a variety of careers in the biomedical sciences field. This hands-on course gives students access to modern tools and techniques that are currently being used in hospitals and other lab settings every single day,” said PLTW



(Turley Publications Photo by Paula Ouimette)  
Cameron Giroux, Matt Carter, Tristen Bosen and Alex Russo developed Hygge Prosthetics.

Biomedical Science Teacher Michelle Zawalski.

“The capstone science course that we have, PLTW Biomedical Innovations, allows students to build a science-focused portfolio that will make them stand out on college and job applications. They

will have more than five completed projects that they can include on their resume,” she said.

Projects will include medical emergency care, designing a human physiology research project, design of a biomedical innovation, investigating environmental

health and creating an action plan, combating a public health issue and grant writing, molecular biology, and forensic autopsy.

“This addition to their resume sets them above other applicants as they will already have some exposure to the skills and equipment used in the biomedical field,” Zawalski said.

Several of these students will be presenting their projects at PLTW’s Boston showcase next month including Cameron Giroux, Matt Carter, Tristen Bosen, Alex Russo, Isabelle Burgess, Jenna Duff, Genesis Dembowski, Abby Long and Lexie Cacace.

Burgess, Duff and Dembowski created The MatchPatch; a transdermal drug delivery device designed to boost white blood cell production.

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(Courtesy Photos)

Nineteen students from Ware High School Student Council attended the annual MASC Spring Council.

## Student Council earns Gold Council of Excellence award

WARE – Recently, the Ware High School Student Council attended the annual MASC Spring Conference at Cape Cod.

The trip was a huge success and the 19 students who attended were treated to excellent speakers, workshops, and renewing their commitment to student leadership.

The Council earned a Gold Council of Excellence Award for their submission of the Excellence Book. This is the fourth time they have received Gold. They scored 49 points out of 50 points on the excellence rubric.

Now Ware High School joins 36 other schools in the Commonwealth in being a Gold Council of Excellence. Two other Western Mass

schools received gold as well and that was Minnechaug Regional and Greenfield high schools.

Additionally, the Council earned a Top Ten Project Award for the Haunted Locker Room that was held on Oct. 28 at the Ware Middle School. Only 10 schools are picked for the top projects of the year.

The Council is planning their fifth Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 8 at the track. The hours will be 11 a.m.-noon and it is open to ages 1-12. There will be a bake sale, face painting and a special visit from the Easter Bunny, Spring Duckling and Spring Chicken.

The Student Council is currently planning Autism Awareness Day and addition-



ally on that day they are having the entire student body take a pledge in the cafeteria for the annual "Spread the Word to End the Word" campaign showing how detrimental the "r-word" can be. Both events will be held on April 4.

## Egg hunt story time at Ware library April 11

WARE – The Young Men's Library Association will host an egg hunt story time at the library, 37 Main St., on Tuesday, April 11 at

10:30 a.m.

Children should bring their baskets to collect eggs. Meet in the Reading Room for story time before the egg

hunt.

There will be bunny ears crafts available to complete in the library or to take home.

# Are You Old News?



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



Last week's photo from 1992 shows Jeffrey Zacharie working on a house plan that he was designing using the CAD system at Ware High School.

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).

## 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, April 10**

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

**Tuesday, April 11**

9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing  
9:30 a.m. Quilting Club  
10 a.m. Scat  
11:30 a.m. Lunch  
1:30-3:30 p.m. Chair Massage (available by appointment only, call 413-967-9645; \$5 for 10 minutes)

6 p.m. Pitch (doors open at 5 p.m.)

**Wednesday, April 12**

9 a.m. Tai Chi  
10 a.m. Scat  
10-11:30 a.m. Kristen Krieger, Quabbin Region DPH Nurse Office Hours  
11:30 a.m. Lunch

**Thursday, April 13**

9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing  
9:30 a.m. Line Dancing Beginners  
10 a.m. Scat  
10 a.m. Line Dancing  
11:30 a.m. Lunch  
1 p.m. Knit-Laugh-Crochet  
2:30 p.m. Art Class

**Friday, April 14**

9 a.m. Tai Chi  
10 a.m. Scat  
10 a.m.-4 p.m. Brown Bag Program  
11:30 a.m. Lunch  
1 p.m. Chair Yoga  
6 p.m. Pitch (doors open at 5 p.m.)

**LUNCHESES – DINE IN**  
All Meals \$3.50 unless otherwise noted

**Monday, April 10**  
Stuffed Peppers, Carrot Raisin Salad, Dessert of the Day

**Tuesday, April 11**  
Chicken Pot Pie, Dessert of the Day

**Wednesday, April 12**  
Sausage Pepper and Onion Sub, Green and Gold Salad, Dessert of the Day

**Thursday, April 13**  
American Chop Suey, Mandarin Orange Salad, Dessert of the Day

**Friday, April 14**  
Baked Lasagna, Cucumber Salad, Dessert of the Day

## Correction

Due to an editing error, last week's Letter to the Editor from the Ware Teachers Association incorrectly named Amber Boucher's last name as Bouchard.

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## Food policy council looks at Quaboag Valley's food needs

By Paula Ouimette  
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WARE – The Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council kicked off the first in a series of meetings Monday afternoon, to discuss the Valley's food system.

Those attending the meeting ranged from farmers to health care and outreach workers, local business members, food pantry coordinators to municipal employees and community members. Each person shared their thoughts about our region's connection to food, and how to improve access to this vital need.

The Council is open to anyone, regardless of their background and whether or not they have professional knowledge of food systems or policy.

"You do not have to have extensive knowledge," Council Coordinator Caitlin Geaghan said. "Just an interest in the local food system."

A food policy council, Geaghan said, is "a group of community members who come together to improve their local food system through actions such as education, policy and connection."

Geaghan said many food policy councils in the region run community food assessments, start community and school gardens, host composting webinar series, advocate for Healthy Incentives Programs, sponsor healthy eating and cooking classes, support existing programs such as Breakfast in the Classroom and Farm-to-School, as well as aiding those that do not qualify for government assistance but still need help.

"Our first question we wanted to ask everyone, are what issues related to food do you think need to be addressed in this region?" she said.

Responses included offering cooking classes, teaching young families how to prepare healthy food that is both easy and inexpensive to make.

Transportation to farmers' markets was another suggestion, especially for locations that do not have a nearby grocery store or farmers market, making them "food deserts."

A Brimfield farmer said many elderly people cannot drive or afford transportation to farmers' markets where they can use HIP dollars.

Increasing the awareness about eligibility and availability of the Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program was also discussed to address food needs.

The Council could also work to identify unofficial networks of food distribution, outside of government assistance and food pantries.

Geaghan asked those attending how they think the Council could work toward impacting these issues.

Ideas include networking, providing financial and other resources and starting community gardens at housing authorities and teaching the residents how to grow vegetables and prepare them for nutritious meals.

Part of the Council's mission is working on laws and advocating for change, Geaghan said.

Food laws can be both complicated and confusing, she said, and the Council could bring in an expert to explain them.

One person in attendance said food laws can also be prohibitive, preventing neighborhoods from being self-sufficient.

She said the law and regulations can prevent anyone with smaller acreage from selling food that they grow.

"Anyone that doesn't have five plus acres is considered 'black market'...you can produce a year's worth of pumpkins on a quarter of an acre," she said.

Others said it is important for the Council to be present at community events.

### About QVFCP

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

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

For more information, people may email Geaghan at cgeaghan@townofware.com or Project Coordinator for Community Health, Emily Coderre at ecoderre@townofware.com.

## Selectboard approves retiree income adjustment

By Dallas Gagnon  
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WARE – The Selectboard voted unanimously to approve Chapter 269 of the act of 2022, an act related to the cost of living adjustments for retirees at their Tuesday night meeting.

Patrick Brock, Chairman of the Hampshire County Retirement System requested that the board adjust retiree income not to exceed \$260 per retiree for fiscal year 2023.

Brock's request was prompted by a "recent legislative effort" for retirees in the state.

"In the FY 23 budget, it was passed in late July. It included sections for the state retirees and state teachers' retirement, many, many years ago," said Brock.

### Vehicles on property

The Selectboard discussed ongoing concerns with properties

located on Maple Street.

They questioned the required licensing for this property and what the property owner must obtain. There are no Class II or Class III licenses for the property in question.

Town manager Stuart Beckley said, "the case was made by the property owner that this is a freight storage under our zonings...It did not go any further as the town waved it as being treated as a Class III junkyard."

Selectboard Chair John Morrin suggested they look at current bylaws in place regarding unregistered vehicles and enforce those bylaws.

"What I'm hoping for next meeting is that we have the bylaws, and we have a plan for enforcing the bylaws that are finalized," said Morrin.

Selectboard member Keith Kruckas said, "my only big concern is all this stuff next to the riv-

er...I don't think it's a good idea parking all these leaking vehicles next to the river and all the tires."

### Town and personal documents

Kruckas raised the need for policies or regulations to be in place regarding the management of town and personal documentation.

The Selectboard discussed town employees or staff within the municipal buildings having access to documents that should be stored and properly handled in-house.

The issue raised was that confidential and town owned documents should not leave the building to be worked on or accessed in an "at-home" environment.

While there may or may not be policies in place regarding this issue, the Selectboard saw a need and plan to address the issue moving forward.

### Town Manager's report

Beckley said the Finance

Committee and School Committee met last week to prepare final budget recommendations for the town meeting.

The annual town election will be held Monday, April 10 with polling hours from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

The first public hearing regarding the request for proposal for the water treatment and plant facilities will be held April 11 at the high school in the auditorium.

### Town manager contract

The Selectboard unanimously approved the town managers contract as written and presented for public record.

### Flag

The Selectboard unanimously approved raising a child abuse prevention flag from April 5-30 as requested by the district attorney to recognize child abuse awareness and prevention month.

## BOWL-A-THON

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'SURVIVOR'  
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TV STARS



Mother-daughter duo Laura Morett and Ciera Morett starred in "Survivor: Blood vs. Water" together.



Danni Boatwright, left, and Libby Vincer both starred on the reality TV show "Survivor".



Shown are "Survivor" stars Cristina Coria, Anna Khait, and Abi Maria Gomes.

WARE – The Ware Republican Town Committee held their fifth annual Bowl-a-Thon recently, featuring a

star-studded guest list of reality TV actors from the hit show, "Survivor".

The RTC meets monthly at

Gabriel Narutowicz Inc., 11 East Main St. For more information about the Committee, visit their group on Facebook.



Members of the Ware Republican Town Committee pose with the "Survivor" reality TV stars.



Reality TV star Cristina Coria records the action at the Ware Republican Town Committee's fifth annual Bowl-a-Thon.

## Don't forget to vote!

Annual town election polling hours

### WARE

The annual town election will be held on Monday, April 10 at the Town Hall, 126 Main St. with polls open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

### HARDWICK

The annual town election will be held on Monday, April 10 at Hardwick Elementary School, 76 School House Drive, Gilbertville, with polls open from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.



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## Life Together

Where is your "Holy" place?  
A fishing boat? A deer stand?  
A beautiful sanctuary surrounded by stained glass?

In your home with loved ones, around a table or playing games on the floor? No matter any religious affiliation, it is in our human nature to find a place of peace, of safety, of something beyond ourselves.

In AA it is the "higher power".  
Ramadan began last month, and during a month of daily fasting, believers break fasting at sunset.

When I walked the streets of the old city of Jerusalem, I could see families breaking fast in their shops. In their worship so many times a day and gathering at the Mosque, they find their sense of the Holy.

Where is your Holy place?  
When I spent a week at a Hermitage in California, the silence was profound. The only sound was that of the monks singing acapella and in perfect pitch.

A man told me that every day on his way home from work, he stopped in the shade of the trees looking at the water. In silence he became aware of his breath.

He rested and calmed down, and this was his preparation for re-entry to his home. His sense of the Holy had no images or doctrine, it was in the absence of all images and thoughts that his silence was full of grace.

Where is your Holy place?  
Your heart is the home of the Holy. It is not in any other place.

When you find a holy place, it is holy because of how the images and thoughts resonate with your heart. May your life find the moments, the places, the people, that fulfill your longing for the Holy.

Take a breath.

*Life Together is written by Rev. Dr. Randall K. Wilburn of Trinity Episcopal Church in Ware. With 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. To contact Wilburn, email rkeithw42@gmail.com.*



Snow Goose

Palmer resident and bird photographer sent an email this week.

He said there was a snow goose in Palmer and it was his first time seeing the bird in this area. He shared this photo he took of the snow goose.

Snow geese are about 29 inches long and are mostly white with black wing tips, which are prominent in flight. Immature snow geese are either light or dark gray with dark legs and bill.

Snow geese winter along the Atlantic and Pacific coast and summer in the tundra where they nest. They are highly colonial and winter in huge flocks, which can number in the tens of thousands. The female snow goose lays three to five white eggs in a nest of grasses and down placed near the water.

They dig up roots and tubers of aquatic plants and also feed on waste grain and tender shoots of grass. They make a high pitched honking.

Years ago, Ricky Adams in New Braintree called me to come see a flock of snow geese, which had landed in his field. It was a first time sighting for me and a thrill. Another Oakham resident was also there to see the geese.

### Blue heron rookery

I received an email from a Hardwick resident. He said, "There is a great blue heron rookery at a beaver pond not far from my home in Hardwick. My wife and I often walk there. Last week my son and daughter in-law counted 20 blue herons." He said there were approximately 13 heron nests and one osprey nest. They are keeping an eye out for the return of the osprey.

### Purple finch and more

An Oakham couple recently saw a purple finch at their feeder. They also have lots of goldfinches and the males are sporting their spring yellow feathers.

### Bears and more

I said in a previous column about bears being out of hibernation and the loss of my

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## Heavenly scents define two favorite Easter plants



For the last few days my dining room has been filled with a wonderful fragrance – Hyacinths in bloom.

To me, at least, they are simply the "smell of Easter." Don't worry, I didn't forget about Easter Lilies- they smell great too.

More on those beauties in a bit.  
The hyacinths I speak of were purchased in the fall on clearance. I actually think I was out Christmas shopping when I spotted a bag marked 50% off.

I paid around \$3 for 10 bulbs. The bulbs looked and felt fine, no mold and not soft or dried out. Once I got them home, the mesh bag was placed in my mudroom where temperatures run about 50-55 degrees. There they sat for the longest time going through a chilling process.

Sometime in early March I found the bag and potted five bulbs in individual 4" pots and the other half I placed in forcing glasses. Vases, really, the kind that are an hourglass shape, whereby all but the very bottom of the bulb stays dry.

Roots are initiated where the bulb comes in contact with the water. I put the pots and vases back in the cool mudroom to give them a chance to root.

Once roots form down the side of the vase (you can see them through the glass) and green begins to emerge from the top, it was time to share them with my friends so that they could watch the blossoms unfold.

It took about 10 days once the bulbs were moved into the warm house for the flower stalks to emerge and for the individual flowers to open. And boy, when they do, you know it.

As I mentioned, the fragrance is heavenly! I wish I would write dates down, so that I could time the flowers better, but with how busy life is I am happy they got planted at all, even if they are blooming a week before Easter!

There is no guarantee that flowers forced in a vase can be replanted in the garden, but those in pots should be just fine planted the ground post-bloom. Be sure to "dead-head" the blooms and let the greens ripen before moving in the garden once the weather improves; remember, these plants have been coddled indoors and may not be able to withstand a frost.

What nice lead into a conversation about our other favorite Easter flower- the Easter Lily, of course!

Most people assume that it should be hauled off to the compost pile once it has finished blooming. On the contrary, it can become a regular feature of your perennial garden providing you give it the appropriate

care.  
First, remove any spent flowers from the plant as you did with the hyacinth. We all know that the process of "deadheading" redirects energy away from seed making and back to the bulb. Leaves, however, are left in place until they have browned; as long as they are green they are photosynthesizing and helping the bulb grow stronger.

A large, healthy bulb will give you the best chance of return.

When the weather has warmed up, it's time to plant your lily in the garden. Sink the bulb about 3" below the soil surface- just about the depth that it was in the pot. Don't expect much out of it the first season or even next spring.

Easter lily growers manipulate the plant to bloom much earlier than it would normally. Its natural bloom time is during the summer months.

Hopefully, you will enjoy pure white blooms and a heady fragrance at the height of barbecue season! These same rules can be applied to those of you looking to rebloom colorful Asiatic or Oriental lilies you received as Easter gifts as well.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Resident questions sale of water/sewer assets

Someone please help me understand why our selectboard, and town manager would think that the best way to approach our water and sewer issues would be to discuss things in private, and not publicly, about what they were considering?

Does this "option" they are considering not directly and permanently impact at least half of the town residents and businesses? Why wouldn't something of this magnitude first be brought up in some sort of discussion, at least, at a selectboard meeting?

Why would there not be a public hearing first to hear the thoughts and concerns of the town's residents, before even going out for a request for proposal? Why did they not ask for a request for information first, and get input from citizens to see if this is even a road we want to go down?

Why, if this is such a potentially good thing, that the selectboard would not want to hear from their citizens? Has anyone even approached some of our major employers in town such as Kanzaki, to hear their thoughts/concerns?

Why so secret? Why so rushed? Why not have discussions first?

I think we all know the answer.  
I have no idea if this is potentially something good or bad for the town, but I do know this was not the way to go about it. I want to encourage everyone to ask questions and demand input, prior to any decision being made by this selectboard.

This would affect the town forever! And we all know, town meeting is the place to vote, there is no time for discussion at that point.

Catherine Buelow-Cascio  
Ware



### Resident voices need for medical care in town

Sadly, I read in the Ware River News where three of the area's urgent care facilities will be closing soon.

In addition, the possibility of Mary Lane Hospital's closure and/or demolition of their buildings – why? The people of Ware need medical care; it's a necessity.

For example, I tried to make an appointment online with CVS Minute Clinic in Palmer...it was a Friday afternoon at 3 p.m.; no appointments available unless I wanted to try other Minute Clinics as far away as 15 miles plus. Plus, I couldn't make an appointment for Monday as the clinic is closed on weekends because of staffing.

So I had to wait until Monday to try to make an appointment for something I didn't

feel necessary to go to an emergency room for. It is frustrating to say the least!

Recently, I spent four hours in the ER at Baystate Wing Hospital in Palmer before I got to see a doctor.

So, to the Selectboard members in the Town of Ware, how about starting a conversation for such an urgent care facility in the Mary Lane Hospital building, or better yet, possibly a Minute Clinic in our CVS? The young and old, and everyone in between, need medical care here in town.

Thank you for your understanding and considering this suggestion for not only Ware, but also the surrounding towns.

Terry M. Skaza  
Ware

## QUABOAG HILLS SUBSTANCE USE ALLIANCE

### Save a life with a spray

By Annie Balogh  
Guest columnist

The United States has had an opioid use epidemic for decades. In 2021, 107,622 people died from an overdose in the United States, with approximately three in four of these deaths involving an opioid.

Like most communities across the commonwealth, the opioid overdose epidemic affects us locally and we need a community-wide response.

Most overdoses are caused by opioids, a class of drug that includes heroin, Oxycotin, and fentanyl. Opioid users are at risk for an overdose death because opioids can severely slow or stop breathing. Fortunately, we have an effective tool to combat opioid overdoses – naloxone. And Massachusetts allows anyone (not just doctors or EMTs) to administer it.

What is naloxone? Naloxone is an FDA-approved medication that reverses an opioid overdose. It temporarily interrupts the effect of opioids in the body and allows a person to breathe again. It's commonly used as a nasal spray, though sometimes healthcare providers

have an injectable version. The brand name for naloxone is Narcan.

Who might benefit from having naloxone? Naloxone is not only useful for persons with opioid use disorder, but also for households where opioids are prescribed and:

•The prescription is for a chronic or high dose of an opioid;

•A sedative such as a benzodiazepine or gabapentin has been concurrently prescribed;

•The person has poorly controlled respiratory disease such as obstructive sleep apnea or COPD;

•The person has kidney or liver disease;

•Someone has a friend or family member who has opioid use disorder.

Where can I get naloxone? Naloxone is available "without a prescription" in all Massachusetts pharmacies under a statewide standing order. To get it, just ask your pharmacist. Often, naloxone can be billed to your insurance and provided either free of charge or for a nominal copay.

Naloxone kits can be found for free from community resources, including the Ware (413-967-3571) and Belchertown (413-323-

6685) Police Departments, Recovery Center of Hope (413-277-5117), Quabog Hills Substance Use Alliance (413-207-7840), and Tapestry (413- 586-2539). These kits may be provided to family members, friends, and any individual that is interested in keeping this medication on hand. Recent Baystate emergency room data showed that almost one in three overdose patients received naloxone from a bystander prior to the arrival of emergency medical services.

Can I get in trouble for using naloxone? Can I hurt someone by accident? Massachusetts's Good Samaritan Law protects people who, in good faith, provide help to people in emergency situations. Naloxone is also incredibly safe. If used as prescribed, it can't hurt someone who is overdosing on opioids or even another substance. If you think someone is overdosing from opioids, but they are actually very drunk or are experiencing another type of reaction such as a diabetic emergency, administering naloxone won't hurt them.

How do I separate fact from fiction when it comes to naloxone? There is unfortunately a lot of misinformation spread about nalox-

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# Unlike Any Other

## Author shares story of Bathsheba Spooner

By Paula Ouimette  
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STURBRIDGE – On what should have been a joyous celebration of love, Bathsheba Ruggles took a vow which ultimately sealed her fate; earning her a place in history as one of our country's most notorious women.

Last Thursday evening at Sturbridge Historical Society's first event of the year, Warren author Ed Londergan, shared information about Bathsheba Ruggles Spooner, the focus of his recent novel, "Unlike Any Other". Spooner was the first woman executed in the U.S. following the Declaration of Independence for the crime of having her husband murdered.

On Jan. 15, 1766, just shy of her 20th birthday, Bathsheba was married to Joshua Spooner, a wealthy merchant and farmer who was described as "meek" and "mild" by many, Londergan said.

But to his wife, he was an abusive, philandering drunkard, which may have caused her to consider "until death do us part" a little more seriously.

"There are so many contradicting accounts of him," Londergan said. "Why would she marry him?"

While Spooner was indeed wealthy and owned a considerable amount of land in Princeton and a more modest amount of acreage in Brookfield, Bathsheba herself came from a background of affluence and power.

The daughter of Timothy Ruggles and Bathsheba Bourne Newcomb, she grew up in Hardwick before moving to Brookfield with her husband.

"He's a fascinating character," Londergan said of Ruggles, who was a British Loyalist and a Brigadier General during the French and Indian War.

Ruggles along with 24 other members of his family had 10,000 acres in Hardwick, and descendants of the family are still deeply rooted there today.

His influence is still visible when you drive through Hardwick, especially along Upper Church Street, where impressive stone walls he had built can reach over six feet tall.

In the middle of a field on Upper Church Street, is a large boulder with a hole bored in it, which Ruggles had placed there to fly the British Union Jack flag.

The flag could be seen from miles around, Londergan said.

His daughter, Bathsheba, was "well educated and renowned for her beauty," Londergan said.

She was also an accomplished equestrian. "She could ride horses better than most men," he said.

Her marriage to Spooner was an unhappy one, Londergan said,



(Courtesy Image)

Author Ed Londergan talked about his research into the life of Bathsheba Spooner for his novel, "Unlike Any Other".

especially after the untimely death of their infant child.

"It broke her heart," he said. "She told people she had 'an utter aversion' to Spooner," Londergan said.

By February 1777, a new arrival in Brookfield caught Bathsheba's eye, and that was 16-year-old Ezra Ross, a Continental soldier who had walked 300 miles in the snow.

"He collapsed in Brookfield and Bathsheba nursed him back to health and he went home," Londergan said.

In August of that year, Ross (now 17), visited the Spooner residence, later returning and staying with the family into the next year.

Bathsheba discovered she had become pregnant with Ross's child, and tried to convince him to kill Spooner.

An attempt to poison Spooner at dinner was unsuccessful, however, and Bathsheba urged Ross to try again while he traveled to Princeton alone with Spooner.

Ross couldn't follow through with the plan, and borrowed a horse and rode home to his family in Ipswich.

When Spooner returned home to Brookfield, Bathsheba was said to utter, "I've never been so stumped in my life," at seeing her husband alive.

Bathsheba soon enlisted the help of two British soldiers, William Brooks and James Buchanan. They beat Spooner with a club when he returned home from a night at the tavern, and dumped his body into the only well on the family's property.

The crime was quickly discovered, and Bathsheba, Ross, Brooks and Buchanan were soon indicted for the murder.

"This was the trial of the century," Londergan said.

The trial lasted 18 hours and all four were ordered to be hanged.

Bathsheba begged for the life of her unborn child, asking that

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# Cemetery Commission works to reset gravestones

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WARREN – Cemetery Commission Clerk Cynthia Baxter said the Commission has spoken with someone from Gravestone Services of New England, and sometime after April 8 they will begin resetting 39 gravestones in the founders section.

Funds will be used from the Perpetual Care account in the amount of \$9,750.

Baxter told the Board of Selectmen at their March 30 meeting, that 39 stones at this price "is really inexpensive."

The resetting will include stones being lifted with a crane, cleaned of corrosive lichen and set with stone "to make it solid."

The stones will be chosen within the founders section of the cemetery and away from any concerning trees.

The Board discussed replacing a waterline in the cemetery. Baxter said it has been damaged more than once due to large freight or delivery trucks driving into the cemetery.

Baxter said the Commission "want[s] the water line to be replaced before Memorial Day."

She said the Commission is also looking into crack sealing for the newer area of the cemetery, going downhill.

### Energy management system

The Board voted to approve the installation of an energy management system at Warren Community

Elementary School.

The total project cost is \$395,944.

Ferrara said the town received a Green Communities Grant in the amount of \$200,000, which allowed for the school's carbon footprint to be identified and understand how they can reduce their cost of heating in the school.

The school will have some valves changed as well as an energy software system installed to do temperature control for the building.

The remainder of the project will be funded through a bill repayment program through National Grid. The payment plan covers a five-year period with a 0% interest rate.

### Financial software

The Board unanimously accepted a contract with Vadar Systems for a new financial software package.

A majority of the package will be funded by using most of a community impact grant in the amount of \$56,000. An additional \$4,100 is accounted for in the budget.

The package includes 10 full-day training sessions for staff.

The new software does not have a modular for building and planning, so a separate package will be needed for those departments.

### Resident concerns

A Chapel Street resident came before the Board with a complaint regarding an old heating and cooling unit at the senior center abutting his property.

The resident said a maintenance employee checked the unit out and confirmed there was nothing wrong with the unit.

The resident suggested a noise barrier to muffle the sound so he could gather comfortably in his yard.

Chairmen David Dufresne said the senior center may qualify for an energy efficient grant.

He said the grant could be used to replace the loud, aging unit with something more energy efficient which may be quieter.

### Budget discussion

The Board unanimously voted in favor of the fiscal year 2024 proposed budget which will be reviewed before the Finance Committee.

Town Administrator Jim Ferrera said, "based upon a slight increase and anticipating, possibly adding some equipment throughout the course of next fiscal year, it was recommended to budget for \$14,000 in general liability."

Ferrara said he would "anticipate the liability to come in a few thousand dollars less," but it will depend on if additional equipment will be purchased because equipment must be insured.

### Town Administrator report

Ferrera said the town will be getting a new undercover Interceptor for patrol and special projects, which was paid for through American Rescue Plan Act funds.

As part of the deal, the Fusion and Taurus will be going back.

Three town contracts have been settled, including the Town Accountant, the Police Lieutenant and Police Chief.

Information regarding the specific contracts can be found online on the town website.

The new Board of Health Administrative Assistant Jessica Clarke started this week.

Ferrera said he has received "several septic complaints," and the town Title V agent is addressing those issues as well as retrieving the proper documents needed regarding those systems.

Ongoing projects in the Shepard Municipal Office Building include the addition of new furniture, desks, break room renovations and painting.

Dufresne said new AEDs have been placed in several municipal buildings.

He added he pulled several poison ivy plants out in communal spaces over the weekend.

The town hall also received two new flags, an American flag and a POW flag in addition to a new rope for the flagpole.

Dufresne thanked the Veteran's Council and the Highway department.

"Thank you to everyone who got involved," said Dufresne.

### Easter egg hunt

The town Easter egg hunt was rescheduled due to inclement weather and will take place this Saturday, April 8 at Lucy Stone Park.

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# Local romance authors share their writing process

By Rebecca Wehner  
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MONSON—A whole lot of love was in store at the Monson Free Library this month when local romance authors came to visit, sharing personal stories and writing tips to those in attendance.

Rita Sawyer, Janet Raye Stevens, Suzanne Eglington, Lucinda Race and Clair Brett were already chatting up a storm before the event had even begun, swapping tales about fan feedback and writing conventions. These five women have spent years cultivating their personal writing brands, combining their love of romance with other genres such as mystery and historical fiction.

"I have explored many genres in my writing," Stevens said. "I write paranormal romance, time-travel romance, and the occasional Christmas romance, all with humor and heart."

The authors discussed the way that stories have popped out at them over the years and prompted them to write, with inspiration coming from anywhere from a specific time period to a romantic



Romance Authors A: Rita Sawyer, Janet Raye Stevens, Suzanne Eglington, Lucinda Race and Clair Brett.

song on the radio.

For Warren native Rita Sawyer, it's the characters that jump out the most for her, with the rest of the story being built around them.

"I've been working on a trilogy for about two and a half years, and sometimes when I'm working on a piece of it, I decide I don't like it and completely start over," Sawyer said. "It's the characters that I stick with, that I can't put down no matter how the rest of it looks."

Several of the authors in attendance have produced spinoffs of their own series, as well as sets of books that follow the same world but with different characters that are all connected. Historical fiction author Clair Brett's four-book series, "Improper Wives for Proper Lords," allowed her to explore twists and turns in each book that inspired her to write the next one.

"Often in the middle of writing something, I will have a second-

ary character that comes in and starts to take over every scene," Brett said. "At that point, I know that person has a story that needs to be told."

"I will open a separate document and let that character talk through me, and once I get out everything I want to do with that character, I will tell them to stay in

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# Easter egg hunt at Lucy Stone Park April 8

WARREN – An Easter egg hunt will be held at Lucy Stone Park on Saturday, April 8.

There will be three separate Easter egg hunts by age group: 10:30 a.m., ages 4 and under; 11 a.m., ages 5-7; and 11:30 a.m., ages 8 and up. Prizes will be given for all age groups.

People can take photos with the Easter Bunny and refreshments will be available, as well as an Easter raffle.

Parking is available at Quaboag Regional Middle High School, or on one side of the road near the park. Bring your own Easter basket.



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Skyelynn quickly gathered colorful eggs at the Ware Knights of Columbus Council 183's annual Easter egg hunt behind St. Mary's Rectory this past Sunday.



Luna posed for a quick photo with the Easter Bunny while her dad Shane threw up some bunny ears.



Averie, Mark and Schayleigh show off the eggs they gathered.

# Hippity Hoppin' EASTER is on its way!



Paisley greeted the Easter Bunny with a hug.



Finding Easter eggs was serious business for Axel.



Annabella enjoyed a photo with the Easter Bunny.



Lucian was very excited to find Easter stickers in his egg.



Children quickly gathered hundreds of Easter eggs.

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Layla wore the perfect outfit to meet the Easter Bunny, accompanied by her grandmother Cathy.



(Turley Publications Photos by Paula Ouimette) Liam was quick to fill his bag with Easter eggs.

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- NO EXCEPTIONS

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suet feeder. An Oakham resident reported in an email he saw a bear crossing my road on two different occasions.

He said, "I actually saw it twice. The first time was on Saturday, March 11 around 7:15 p.m. crossing between your home and your daughters, heading into the woods across from your residences. The following evening, I saw it again at 8 p.m. crossing at the same spot heading in the same direction. It wasn't a big bear and I couldn't tell if it was collared or not."

He also said he was at work Monday night during the recent heavy snowstorm. While walking outside he noticed a bird, slightly smaller than a cardinal, flying under the light, then landing on the ground, then flying again. He was not sure what kind of bird it was, but it seemed confused by the bright, exterior lighting.

**More blackbirds**

I now have over a dozen red-winged blackbirds coming to my feeders.

Since the bears are out of hibernation, I only put a small amount of seed out in the morning for the birds. I no longer have suet cakes hanging outside.

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



# Tolman Home Solutions hold grand opening celebration



Owner Mat Tolman and wife Lynette Tolman are shown holding a check for \$1,000 to donate to Hardwick Elementary School.

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HARDWICK – Tolman Home Solutions launched the grand opening of their new location at 550 Lower Road, Gilbertville this past Sunday.

Lynette Tolman, supportive wife to Mat Tolman, said “over the years the business has been expanding, [and] it’s only right the location reflects that and gives us more space and resources to further build the business in the years to come.”

Tolman Home Solutions is a third generation, independent, family-owned business established in 1969. Though the company originated in Worcester, it was relocated to South Barre and based out of the Tolman family home until the latest transition to the Gilbertville location.

Today, third generation business owner Mat Tolman leads the company.

Tolman said “since we have opened up at this location, the positive feedback and support from the community has been amazing... We will do our best to support and give back to the community that welcomed us with open arms.”

To show their thanks, Tolman Home Solutions prepared a \$1,000 check for donation to Hardwick Elementary School.

“The children are our future,” said Tolman.

Lynette Tolman added that “as a family with four children, it has always been our priority to be able to provide our children with good education,” and “being able to donate to a local school to help not only our children but other families means a lot to us!”

Tolman Home Solutions donated several prizes for raffle at the event, in addition to many other prizes donated by local businesses.

Captain T’s not only catered the event, but donated \$100 worth of gift cards from local businesses such as The Whistle Stop, Red Tomato, Cafe on The Common, Quabbin Cafe, the Barre Patch, along with



A third-generation business, owner Mathew Tolman can be seen alongside former owner and father.



Cathy Celko of Worcester happily accepts the grand prize grill.



free ice cream coupons.

“Local businesses help build a strong community... Supporting local businesses will help give the community more resources to build altogether,” said Lynette Tolman.

Tolman Home Solutions also raffled off baskets which included 20% off exterior project coupons with to-go mugs, Tolman Home Solution T-shirts and hats as well as other baskets offering free windows and replacements.

Cathy Celko left the event very happy, taking the grand prize grill home.

The grill was a joint donation item, which was generously contributed to by Tolman Home Solutions and the Hamshaw’s.

Tolman Home Solutions is a company dedicated to the community and the customer.

Mat Tolman offers over 30 years of contracting experience and is “dedicated to providing you with exceptional customer service every step of the way.”

Whether a customer is “looking to remodel the interior or exterior” of their home, Tolman Home Solutions has “got you covered.”

Lynette Tolman said Mat “really brings customers’ visions to life... [he] is always willing to help in any way he can.”

“He treats every customer’s home like it is our home... Mathew has built an amazing community within his company over the years, we’re all a family,” she said.

If you or someone you know is in need of a general contractor who takes “great pride” in their workmanship and would like to support a local, family-owned business, call Tolman Home Solutions at 508-470-4488.



The grand opening was catered by staff from Captain T’s, from left, Corlene Sad, Teneille Chaisson and Meghan Fuller.



A raffle prize basket provided by Tolman Home Solutions with a 20% off coupon for “your next exterior project!”



A gift certificate to The Barre Patch was also on the raffle table.



A prize for a free window replacement, to-go mug and hat, courtesy of Tolman Home Solutions.



(Turley Publications Photos by Dallas Gagnon) Shown from left are Alina Laverdure, Elias Tolman, Mathew Tolman, Lynette Tolman, Lauren Kenney and Mathew Tolman Jr.

## Tri-Parish Community Church hosts Easter sunrise service

HARDWICK – The Tri-Parish Community Church in celebrating Easter with a sunrise service on Sunday, April 9 at 6 a.m. at East Quabbin Land Trust, 120 Ridge Road. All are welcome and should bring a flashlight.

### DEAN’S LIST

#### James Nicolliello named to Dean’s List

CHICOPEE – The College of Our Lady of the Elms has announced the Dean’s list for the fall 2022 semester. Ware resident James Nicolliello was named to the Dean’s list for his academic standing. To qualify, a full-time student must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher, without incompletes.

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The MatchPatch delivers pegfilgrastim, a prescription medication used to help reduce the chance of infection due to low white blood cell counts in people with certain types of cancer who receive chemotherapy treatment.

"One good thing about this is it's a patch you can apply," Burgess said. "You don't have to drive to the doctor...and it has microneedles, which helps people with fear of needles."

Burgess said The MatchPatch also comes in a variety of skin tones, along with vibrant colors, so patch wearers can fully express themselves. The 2 inch by 2-inch patch lays flush to the skin and can handle a variety of movements and activity.

It's also waterproof.

The students warned that bone pain is a side effect for The MatchPatch's medication, but it can be countered with an antihistamine.

"There have only been two cases with severe side effects," Dembowski said.

Hanna Nemeroff, Antonio Congelos, Kendall LaRiviere and Ethan Araujo of Aesthetics Prosthetics saw a need to provide a better, more affordable option for arm replacement products.

Current low-cost arm replacement designs have a hook instead of a hand, which have limited movement. More high-tech options require residual limb muscle signals, which some amputees do not have.

"High-tech takes a lot of training," Congelos said.

What makes their arm replacement unique is that it connects to the wearer's existing hand.

Sensors in the prosthetic hand connect to the existing hand through a cord that is concealed by a support strap. The movement of the existing hand is copied by the prosthetic.

"There's a switch to turn it off if you want to use just one hand," Congelos said.

The arm replacement is made from lightweight carbon fiber and has a comfortable silicone sleeve.

Have you ever had an itch you just can't scratch? The Itch-Be-Gone pill could be just the thing to help.

Designed by Bryce Douglas,



Students in Project Lead the Way's Biomedical Innovations unit pose with school administration and guests.

Ryan Fernandez, Matt Tiberii and Owen Stevens, the Itch-Be-Gone pill is specifically made to calm those unreachable itches under casts.

Whether caused by moisture or irritation, "one pill a day taken in the morning can eliminate this sensation," Douglas said.

"An itch can become unbearable if not treated," Fernandez said.

Unbearable itching can also cause people to go to desperate and unhygienic measures to scratch under their cast, which can lead to infection.

Past solutions to treat itching, or pruritis, included the use antihistamines, which can cause drowsiness.

Itch-Be-Gone is safe for ages 4 and up and available by prescription. A gummy version of the pill will be available soon, Stevens said.

Walking into a "cooler" tomorrow is E.O.E Prosthetics, made up of Emma LaFleche, Owen Allen and Evan Long.

Prosthetic legs can become uncomfortable and hot, leading to sweating, but E.O.E. Prosthetics' powered cooling leg features an electric cooling system that is solar powered.

The cotton-lined rubber top ensures the stump of the amputated limb is kept dry and comfortable.

The powered cooling leg is custom fit and takes a year to build, LaFleche said. Its projected cost is \$20,000.

Long and Cacace designed the

Healthy Start Food app, which allows people to prevent exposure to potentially life-threatening food allergies.

"You can input allergies to certain foods, then scan the barcode to make sure it's safe to eat," Cacace said. "It's also for healthy eating."

If you're not sure what to make with the ingredients you have, just input them into the app and it will generate a healthy recipe for you to follow.

"Anyone can use this app on their phone or tablet," Long said.

Giroux, Carter, Russo and Bosen pitched Hygge Prosthetics, which aims to create a more affordable leg replacement that "delivers on a luxury feel."

"We tried to make it as human-like as possible," Giroux said. "It's very customizable and it's super versatile."

Hygge Prosthetics' product is attached with bone screws to the remaining femur bone in above-the-knee amputations. The foot can also be interchanged with a running blade, for added maneuverability.

Marketing will be key to spreading the word for this product, and the team will attend medical fairs to target younger doctors to help bring change for how the profession handles amputation.

**About Innovation Pathway**

Quaboag Regional High School is now offering three PLTW biomedical classes in the newly designated Biomedical Innovation

Pathway, Assistant Superintendent of Development Madeline Smola said.

PLTW Biomedical Science applies real-world issues by exploring diseases, DNA analysis, public health, and more.

"Biomedical Innovations is the final course in the student's Biomedical Science journey at Quaboag," Smola said. "It builds on the knowledge and skills gained from previous courses to design innovative solutions for the most pressing health challenges of the 21st Century. Students address topics ranging from public health and biomedical engineering to clinical medicine and physiology. This is where your student finishes up their knowledge and really starts to get out there in the field."

The school district received a \$100,000 Innovation Pathway Implementation grant from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for teacher training, supplies and materials, texts, student certifications and testing for certified nursing assistants, in addition to adding an EKG/phlebotomy course.

Students in the pathway can also take a CNA course and an EKG and phlebotomy course created in partnership with Holyoke Community College where they can earn industry certifications.

CNA students get clinical hours with part-



Evan Long, Emma LaFleche and Owen Allen created the powered cooling leg.



Hanna Nemeroff, Antonio Congelos and Kendall LaRiviere designed a replacement arm.

ner Quaboag on the Common Rehabilitation, gaining more real-world experience before even graduating.

In the fall, a fourth PLTW course will be added, Medical Interventions.

The students who officially apply for the Innovation Pathway will be eligible for field trips, career experiences, and internships and will be paired with a medical field mentor during the capstone course in their junior or senior year.

This year students can choose to intern in the emergency department, radiology/imaging labs, and other departments with Baystate

Health by speaking with Ari Kress, Career Coach at Quaboag Regional High School.

Through a STEM Internship grant from the Hampden County Workforce Board, students are working at Baystate Wing Hospital in Palmer to further their career preparation.

"Quaboag is thankful for support from Baystate Health, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, HCC, and the state legislature to help make this opportunity for students a success," Smola said.

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**Pioneer Valley Environmental**

WARE - Glen Wojcik worked for a mechanical contractor for 15 years until 1999, when he had the opportunity to start his own company, and he jumped at it.

He used his home as a base for his company, Pioneer Valley Environmental, and got a home equity loan to get it going. What started with only him, a helper and a part-time office person is now 22 people strong, and the company continues to offer customers many choices in heating, cooling and plumbing.

"It's a pleasure to help people," said Wojcik about the work he and his employees do. "I really enjoy interacting with the customer and being able to resolve whatever the issue is."

One of the more popular products he has put in a number of Ware homes is a water filtration system due to residents' problems with safe but discolored town water. "We also offer financing for customers," he said.

They offer oil, propane and gas boilers and furnaces as well as indoor and outdoor wood and pellet boiler as well as humidifiers and air filtration systems. They also provide heat pumps, radiant floor heating systems and ductless, mini-



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The staff of Pioneer Valley Environmental with owner Glen Wojcik in front of the company's building at 1 East Main St. in Ware.

split heat systems. When it comes to plumbing, PVE offers water heater service, repair and replacement whether it be propane, gas, electric and oil, water filtration and conservation systems, new construction and remodels, repair and of replacement toilets, sinks, faucets and other items, and appliance installation and service for dryers, ice makers and other machines.

They also offer indoor air quality, central air conditioning, ductless systems and mini-split air conditioning systems.

Recently, in 2022, the company expanded by buying Colbro Electrical Services and Sterling Plumbing Co. in Ludlow.

Another service they offer is drain cleaning, which many times can be caused by roots infiltrating the sewer lines.

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## Ware loses season opener



Kyle Gordon makes a sliding dig on the ball.

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD— Inexperienced is probably the best way to describe this year's Ware boys' varsity volleyball team.

The Indians, who captured the West Division title last spring, began the 2023 campaign with a 3-1 loss (25-21, 19-25, 14-25, 17-25) to league rival Sci-Tech at Kamari B. Williams Gymnasium last Friday.

"We're a very inexperienced team," said Ware head coach Steve Jarvis following the road match. "We only have one senior and a couple of juniors on the varsity team, so I really don't know what to expect this season."

A year ago, Ware posted a 12-9 overall record and a 6-2 league mark. One of their league losses came at Sci-Tech. The Indians did beat the Cybercats, 3-1, at home in the 2022 season opener.

"We're going to try our best to win the league title again this year," Jarvis said. "I just want my players to keep improving in

every match that we play."

The Indians, who qualified for the Western Mass. Class C and the Division 2 State tournaments, lost three players to graduation. A couple of other players decided not to return this spring for various reasons.

The only senior is Chris Vadnais, who has been a member of the varsity volleyball team since he was in the seventh grade. Vadnais, who's a co-captain, had four kills in the season opener.

Junior Josh Mulligan, who's a second-year member of the varsity team, is also a co-captain.

The other three juniors are Remy Cahalan, Kyle Gordon, and Jake Riethle.

Cahalan, who had a team leading six kills against Sci-Tech, and Gordon are returning varsity players, while Riethle is a first year member of the team.

Freshman Sean Bernier, who's a libero, is another returning varsity player.

Rounding out the Ware boys' varsity volleyball varsity

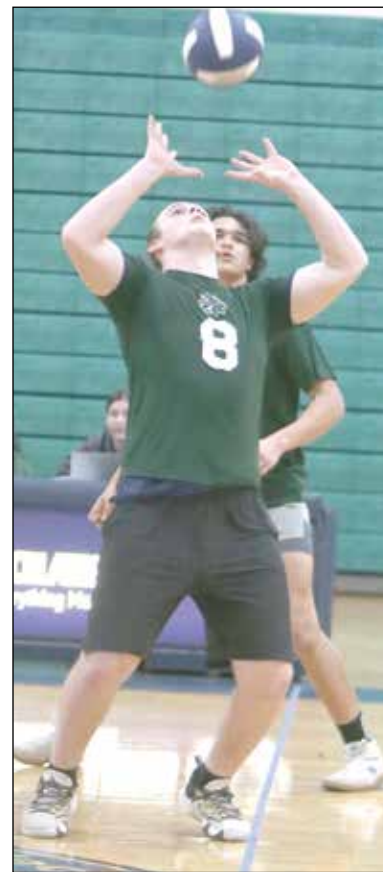
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Sean Bernier gets the side bump off a serve.



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Ryder Cahalan eases the ball over the net.



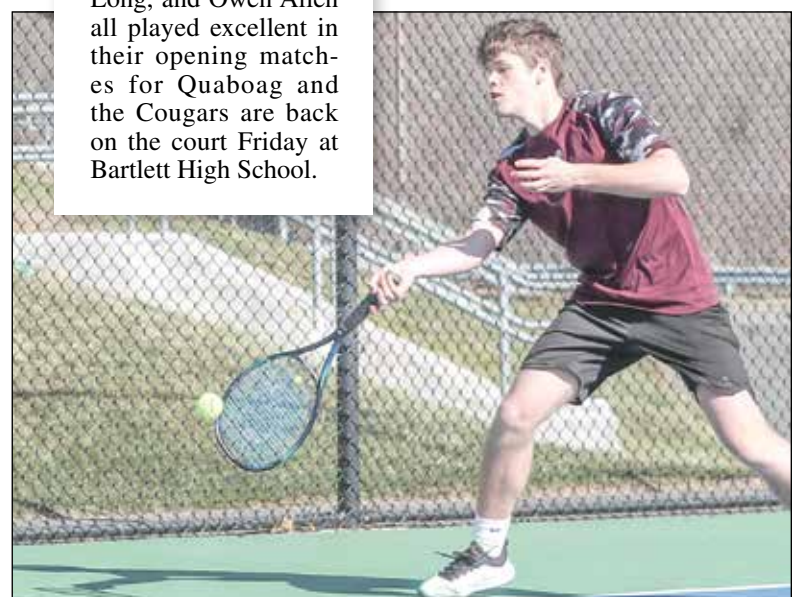
Nathan Harmon goes straight up with a set.

## TENNIS CONTINUES TO WIN



WARREN – Quaboag boys tennis has had a lengthy history of winning, especially in the regular season. And that was no different starting on Monday afternoon as the Cougars cruised to four wins and a 4-1 win over visiting Uxbridge. Brandon Allen, Evan Long, and Owen Allen all played excellent in their opening matches for Quaboag and the Cougars are back on the court Friday at Bartlett High School.

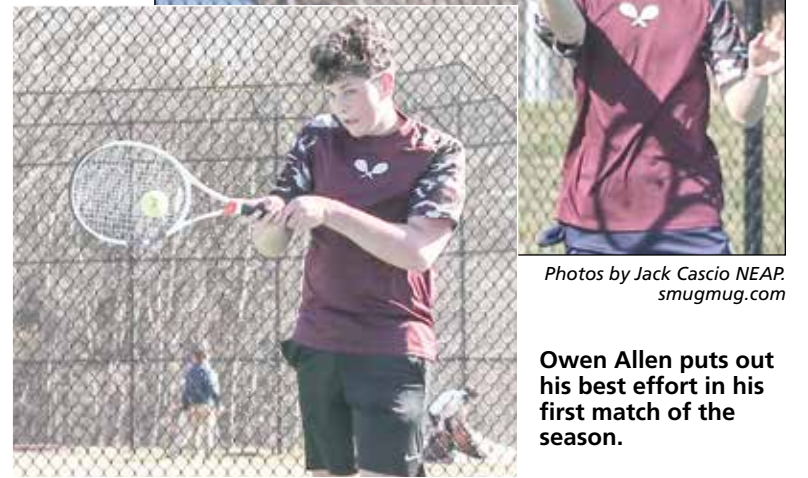
Brandon Allen sends a return across the court.



Brandon Allen reaches out to keep the volley going.



Evan Long make a play.



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Owen Allen puts out his best effort in his first match of the season.

## Council seeks 'growth' for MIAA operations

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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FRANKLIN – For several months, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association has had a subcommittee analyzing the MIAA's operations and have developed a "Plan for Growth and Improvement."

MIAA Executive Director Robert Baldwin, who since taking the helm of the MIAA has been issuing director updates on the MIAA website, says the committee is trying to take a proactive approach to introduce reforms because the "status quo is not an option."

In our attempt to move forward, one of the major objectives for growth and improvement is a governance initiative. One of the key actions of this initiative is to develop an organizational structure of oversight and support that is legally sound and fiscally responsible," Baldwin said. "The goal of this process is to provide greater clarity and consistency to the membership. The execution of this plan entails constitutional revisions of the MIAA and the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Council (MIAC). The process for constitutional change at the MIAA is that the Board

of Directors can recommend revision, and the Assembly is ultimately responsible for voting constitutional revisions. The MIAC was created in 1950. Its constitution is separate and independent of the MIAA constitution. As a result, the MIAC would need to vote to approve its own constitutional revision."

The MIAC did just that in late January, voting to replace its current constitution. An updated version can be accessed online.

Play at the MIAA level has undergone major changes after the decision was made prior to the COVID-19 pandemic to institute a new state tournament instead of holding sectional tournaments with the four sectional champions in the state facing off in a short state tournament.

The result of bringing forward the new tournament format set in motion a number of other reforms, including a very robust realignment of schools in the state in an effort to create an even playing field.

This dramatically affected teams in Western and Central Massachusetts, as many teams found themselves in lower divisions than in the past in an effort to match schools of simi-

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Brayden Mega makes a throw to first.



Trevor Millet fires a throw to first.



Miguel Velasquez fields a grounder.

## Pioneers prep for opener

PALMER – Last Wednesday, Pathfinder baseball prepared for their regular season opener with a scrimmage against Monson. The Pioneers were scheduled to scrimmage Palmer as well before opening the season earlier this week.

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Tim Russell pitches in the scrimmage for the Pioneers.



## Winter tournaments not kind to western part of state

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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SPRINGFIELD – The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Conference released an analysis of the winter tournament season, which just concluded three weeks ago.

While it shows plenty of participation, it was not as kind to most Western Mass. teams not named Springfield International Charter School. Both their girls and boys basketball teams reached the state finals this year with the girls capturing the title. Pope Francis hockey, which has always played across the state with a Division 1 schedule also won a state tournament.

But most Western Mass. teams found themselves on the outside looking in for the state tournament.

Palmer girls basketball was one of the most successful programs in the playoffs, making it into the quarterfinals before finally falling.

South Hadley boys basketball would make it into the Round of 16 this year, as did Quaboag boys basketball.

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## Bonsignore takes fourth at Richmond

RICHMOND, VA – Justin Bonsignore scored his second consecutive top-five finish in the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour season on Saturday, April 1 at Richmond Raceway. Driving in the Virginia is for Racing Lovers 150, Bonsignore started from the outside of the front row after qualifying there on Friday, March 31. Following qualifying, rain fell at Richmond, and postponed the race to Saturday – following the conclusion of the NASCAR Xfinity Series 250.

Early in the 150-lap race, Bonsignore was running inside the top few rows when crew chief Ryan Stone made the decision to head down pit road for a few fresh Hoosier tires. Bonsignore raced back up to 13th in the field prior to the next caution, then stayed out when many others pitted, and rocketed to the lead quickly for a few laps. After being passed for the lead, he fell to the bottom of the top-10 before the next caution, then made his charge back to the front at the end.

Bonsignore passed Doug Coby for second late – and crossed the line fourth at the finish – after a tough battle with J.B. Fortin and Max McLaughlin over the final laps. The Holtsville, New York native and his Kenneth Massa Motorsports team had Coastal Fiber LLC on the car for the Richmond race.



Justin Bonsignore places fourth in an early-season race on Saturday, April 1 in Richmond, VA.

“All in all, it was a good day,” Bonsignore said. “The guys you need to beat for the points, we feel like we beat today. Austin Beers (race winner) has been on point in the first few races as well. We came away with a good finish in a tough battle there in the last laps. The two guys we were racing were just a little bit better on the last lap. It was

a lot of work for our team with two days here in Richmond – but we’re going to go home and start working for the next one.”

Justin Bonsignore will return to the track on Saturday, May 6, for the third race of the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour season – the Duel at the Dog 200 – at Monadnock Speedway Fans

can find more information on that event at JDVProductions.com and more information on the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour at NASCAR.com. For more information on Justin and his team, visit JustinBonsignore.com and follow Justin’s Athlete page on Facebook.

## Thunderbirds win 6-5, sweep Checkers

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - The Springfield Thunderbirds (36-23-2-5, 79 points) survived a roller-coaster game against the Charlotte Checkers (35-23-5-3, 78 points) and propelled themselves into solo possession of third place in the Atlantic Division with a heartstopping 6-5 overtime victory on Saturday night at Bojangles’ Coliseum.

The first period proved to be one of the most chaotic 20-minute frames in recent memory, as the two clubs combined for more offensive output than the entire game on Friday. It took Springfield only 39 seconds to take the first lead of the night, as Martin Frk located a loose puck in his feet in the goal crease off a centering feed by Matthew Peca. Frk shuffled it home past J-F Berube for his 30th goal of the season, equaling the T-Birds’ single-season goal-scoring record.

The early lead would evaporate quickly, though, as Zac Dalpe scooped up a rebound near Vadim Zherenko and pounded home his 200th career AHL goal, evening the score, 1-1, at 4:45.

As would become a theme in the period, the fans would not have to wait long for more offense, as Kean Washkurak spun a shot from the slot through Berube’s arm at 5:08 to restore the T-Birds lead, 2-1. Just over five more minutes later, operating on their first power play the night, the Checkers tied it again on a right-circle wrist shot by Aleks Heponiemi at 10:16, making it a 2-2 game.

Once again, though, there was a rebuttal, as Springfield used its first power play to get right back in front, with Scott Perunovich turning into the shooter, beating Berube over the glove at 12:33 for his second of the season, making it 3-2.

Berube’s night would come to an early and unceremonious end just 1:04 later when Nikita Alexandrov got his second point of the period, beating the veteran goalie off the inside of the far post at 13:37, making the T-Birds lead 4-2.

However, Charlotte continued to push the issue, and Matt Kiersted blasted a shot through

Zherenko at 18:04 off a set play on a face-off, and the Checkers cut the deficit down to 4-3 heading into the intermission break following a seven-goal period on 22 combined shots by the two clubs.

Thunderbirds head coach Drew Bannister elected to insert Joel Hofer into the game at the start of period two, and his team responded by outshooting Charlotte 17-7 in the middle frame while also generating the only goal of the second at 2:22. Frk stopped just inside the zone on the left side, allowing Peca to join the attack, and the centerman beat newcomer Evan Fitzpatrick high to the stick side to make it a 5-3 game.

After Peca’s goal, though, Fitzpatrick did his part to keep Charlotte close, denying 16 shots in the second period alone in his first AHL action since December of 2021.

Down 5-3 going into the third, the Checkers turned the game on its head, outshooting Springfield 13-4 in the final period and using their power play to storm back. First, Dalpe got his second goal of the night and 20th of the season, as he lifted a rebound over Hofer’s glove at 1:11 of the third to make it 5-4.

The Thunderbirds spent much of the final period in their own zone, and it finally hurt them with just 2:54 to play, as the Checkers tied the score with their third power-play marker of the night. Gerry Mayhew found his way to the side of Hofer’s net and was able to stuff a loose puck in through the Springfield netminder to tie the score, 5-5.

For a second straight night, extra time was needed, but not before the T-Birds had to survive the final 1:35 of regulation while shorthanded once again. After killing the remaining 25 seconds of power play time for Charlotte to begin overtime, play carried on at 4-on-4. With no real numbers advantage, Alexandrov found his way into the slot area and took a wrist shot that fortuitously ricocheted off a defenseman’s stick and flailed past a stunned Fitzpatrick to give the T-Birds the win at 3:26 of the extra frame.

## Roster spots remain open in Quabbin League

More players are needed for the Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball League as it seeks to infuse new talent into its league for the 2023 season.

The league recently held its open practice, but still has plenty of open roster spots remaining to fill for the 2023 season.

Registration for the 2023 season remains open and any interested players can go to [www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org](http://www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org) to get registered, or to seek more information or make inquiries about the league. The league website will also be updated over the next month with information about the upcoming season.

The season is scheduled to begin on Sunday, April 23. The league plays most Sunday from late April through late August with playoffs following that. The league plays a 15-game schedule and typically fields six teams each year. Games are usually played at 10 a.m. with fields in Easthampton and South Hadley normally used.

The Quabbin Valley league is an all abilities league and all are welcome to join. Eligibility is players who are age 28 and over. You must be 30 to be eligible to pitch in the league. Your age for eligibility is whatever age you will turn in 2023.

## Railers fall against Thunder

WORCESTER – Not next year, probably, but somewhere down the road Railers fans will turn on their TVs to see an episode of History’s *Mysteries Investigating* why their team can’t beat the Adirondack Thunder.

This strange turn of events in the playoff drive added another chapter Saturday night at the DCU Worcester, 3-1, even though the home team had a 33-22 edge in shots on goal.

The outcome disappointed an enthusiastic crowd of 5,681 on Military Night. It was the sixth largest crowd of the season.

Adirondack has taken 9 of a possible 10 points in the last five games between the teams. Worcester still has a one point lead in the North Division playoff race but the Thunder has two games in hand. The Railers have four games left, three against Adirondack, so they are hardly out of the race but they have to find a way to score.

How do they do that? “Shoot the puck,” coach Jordan Smotherman said. “When we’re in scoring areas we don’t shoot the puck.”

That was really evident in this defeat. If Railers forwards did not make the extra pass when they were in scoring areas, they made one too many moves with the puck trying to get even closer.

Worcester’s shots on goal margin included a 22-3 margin in the second period when there were times it seemed as though the Railers were playing with a two-man advantage.

The outcome might have been different if Worcester had played a better first period. The Thunder scored twice to take 2-0 lead as Sebastian Vidmar registered a power play goal at 5:04, then Matt Jennings converted a breakaway at 18:55, beating Henrik Tikkanen with a backhand.

The Railers only goal came in that second period. It was also on a power play as Nolan Vesey snapped a 14-game goal drought

at 12:44 by firing a 20-footer past Thunder goaltender Isaac Poultter, who was great.

The final Adirondack goal was an empty netter by Travis Broughman with 10 seconds left in the third period.

A word about Thunder goaltending in general.

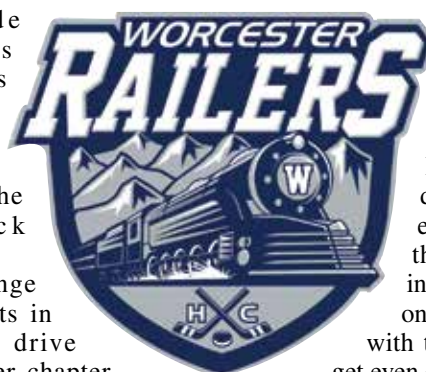
Aside from Friday night when Adirondack used two rookie goaltenders in the Railers’ 5-4 overtime victory, Poultter and Jake Theut have combined to stop 121 of 125 Worcester shots in their team’s four recent triumphs.

Even though they are still mathematically in fourth place, the Railers’ hold on a playoff berth is tenuous. The Thunder is playing almost perfect hockey; they have earned at least one point in 11 straight games.

Worcester’s road to the playoffs is a bumpy one, but the way the Railers need to play is not complicated.

“You can’t play just 40 minutes of hockey,” Smotherman said. “We show it for glimpses of time, and it’s on the leadership in that (dressing) room. You have to coach everybody up, bring guys together.”

And take the shot, not make the pass.



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lar size to the schools in Eastern Massachusetts, which are in more densely populated areas. Because of this, Eastern Mass. schools have often had a decided advantage against Western Mass. schools whether it be in regular season competitions or when the short state playoffs would happen in the past.

The state tournament has been

in place for two schools years, with the spring tournament putting the bow on the second year under the new format. While the state tournament is the new way going forward, Western and Central Mass. have been ending regular seasons and a week early and holding their own tournaments to name sectional champions and keeping that tradition alive.

## Valley Wheel tryouts set

The Valley Wheel Over-28 Baseball League cancelled tryouts scheduled for Sunday, April 2 due to weather, moving the first tryout to this weekend.

Players looking to join the league can attend the next tryout time of Saturday, April 8 at 2 p.m. at Blunt Park in Springfield.

The league, which plays its games in Western Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut, makes sure that everyone gets a fair share of the action. Everyone plays a minimum of 4 innings in the field, and everyone bats. The league follows MLB rules with some modified rules adapted with safety in mind.

The Valley Wheel stands apart from other leagues across the country for this reason:

Their league charter and one of their main goals, is to work toward having a league with teams of equal strength.

The league is now seeking new players to fill open roster slots. Enjoy the competition and camaraderie with a great group of guys who enjoy the game as much as you do. Stay in shape and make new friends. Be part of something that happens once a year, and with luck, win a championship that might be once in a lifetime. Grab your glove and cleats and join a team for a great adventure. It’s not too late don’t miss out; opening day is just around the corner. For more information, contact Jim Nason at 413-433-4308 or visit the website [www.ValleyWheelBaseball.org](http://www.ValleyWheelBaseball.org)

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roster are sophomore Brody Paul, sophomore Jayden Kern, sophomore Nathan Harman, freshman Ryder Cahalan, and freshman Jonathan Adkins.

“Every coach wants to have a veteran team every year,” Jarvis said. “I really don’t mind coaching a team like this one. It’s always nice to see the players faces light up whenever they do make a serve or do something well on the court.”

The Indians were trailing the Cybercats, 11-8, in the opening set before they put together an impressive 8-0 run with Harman handling the serving duties.

Overall, Harman, who was a member of the j.v. team a year ago, had 15 service points in the match.

Ware retook the lead at 12-11 following a combine block by Ryder Cahalan and Gordon.

The Indians won the next four points giving them a 16-11 advantage.

Sci-Tech (1-1), who lost to Springfield Central in their season opener twenty four hours earlier, stayed within striking distance for the rest of the first set.

The Indians closed out the set with three straight points, which included an ace by Harman.

The home team, who were led by senior Chris Graham with 14 kills, scored the first seven points of the second set and held the lead the rest of the way.



Josh Mulligan goes for the spike.



Christopher Vadnais sizes up a perfect bump.

With Mulligan doing the serving, the Indians did close the gap to 13-11, but the Cybercats pulled away with a 7-4 spurt.

Ware managed to get within two points again at 21-19 following an ace by Kern.

Then Graham helped his team even the match at 1-1 with a kill and three straight aces.

The score was tied seven times

### TOURNEY from page 9

Other qualifying basketball and hockey teams were defeated very early in the state tournament, either in a preliminary round game, or the Round of 32.

The MIAA reported a high participation rate in the state tournament this year among hockey teams. In the four divisions in MIAA ice hockey, nearly 74% of teams made it into one of the four state tournaments.

In Western Mass., Ludlow, Belchertown, Agawam, and Minnechaug made the state tournament. None made it past the round of 32.

Numbers were bit lower for basketball. Out of 357 boys basketball teams, 227 qualified for one of five tournaments, a 63.6% qualifying rate. The numbers were not as good for the girls, which qualified just 58.7% of teams for the state tournament. Only 209 teams made it.

The report also showed 82% of higher seeded teams won games in the boys tournament and 90% of girls higher seeds won their games. The measure reflects on the ranking system used to seed teams. The system includes multiple factories in addition to win-loss record, including strength of schedule and wins against teams that also qualify for tournaments.

For boys and girls basketball, four of the five state championship games in each sport featured the No. 1 seed making it to the finals.



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## Registration open for 2023 Bay State Games

WOBURN – Registration for the 41st annual Bay State Summer Games is now open. The 2023 Summer Games will include thirty sports with competitions from June 3 to July 29 at venues throughout eastern and central Massachusetts including Game On in Fitchburg, Boston Sports Institute in Wellesley, Union Point Sports Complex in Weymouth, and New England Sports Center in Marlborough. Bay State Games participants range in age from 5 to over age 75 and represent more than 300 Massachusetts communities as well as surrounding New England States in some sports. From grassroots participants to accomplished amateur athletes, the Bay State Games provide opportunities for the athlete in all of us.

Eight high school showcase sports will take place for a variety of sports, including baseball, basketball, field hockey, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, and volleyball. Athletes currently in grade 8-11 who live or go to school in Massachusetts are eligible to attend regional tryouts during the month of June. These tryouts will determine teams representing the various regions of the Commonwealth that will compete against each other in July. Check each sport page for specific eligibility requirements.

The Summer Games include a wide variety of individual sports including swimming, track & field, figure skating, pickleball, wrestling, weightlifting, archery, judo, badminton, and more. These sports are open to a wide range of ages and skill levels from youth participants to masters-aged athletes. Adaptive sport divisions in archery, swimming, and track & field are

offered, as well. Bay State Games also organizes tournaments for pre-existing teams in girls lacrosse, rugby, and 6v6 field hockey.

The 2023 Summer Games will feature Game On in Fitchburg as the host venue for 8 sports. Bay State Games expects 1,500 athletes and their families to attend competitions at Game On during the second week of July. “We are excited to expand the roster of sports being held at Game On this year,” said Kevin Cummings, Executive Director of the Bay State Games. “This state-of-the-art facility allows us to enhance the athlete and spectator experience and provide a true Olympic-style multi-sport atmosphere for our participants.”

An additional feature in 2023 is that in over a dozen sports, athletes who win a gold, silver, or bronze medal at the 2023 Bay State Games will qualify to participate in the 2024 State Games of America in San Diego, California. The State Games of America feature more than 8,000 athletes from over 30 different state games programs nationwide. To see the list of qualifying sports, please visit [www.stategamesofamerica.com](http://www.stategamesofamerica.com).

In addition to sports programming, Bay State Games offer college scholarships, a sportsmanship initiative, college internship opportunities, and a High School Ambassador program.

For more information on all sports in the 2023 Summer Games, links to online registration, and information on other programs, go to [www.baystategames.org](http://www.baystategames.org).

For questions, email [info@baystategames.org](mailto:info@baystategames.org) or call 781-932-6555.

### AUTHOR from page 5

her execution be delayed until after the birth. This plea was denied, and experts gave conflicting accounts about whether or not Bathsheba was actually pregnant.

Her execution was held on July 2, 1778, in front of a crowd of 5,000 people near Worcester’s city hall.

An autopsy, conducted after her execution, confirmed Bathsheba was 5-months pregnant with a boy.

The exact location where Bathsheba’s body is buried is unknown, Londergan said, but he thinks she’s under the sixth fair-

way of the golf course at Green Hill Park in Worcester.

Green Hill Park was part of an estate owned by Bathsheba’s sister Mary and her husband.

Londergan said it took him two years to complete the research for “Unlike Any Other”.

“It’s just a fascinating story. This is one of the enduring stories of the area,” he said.

The next meeting of the Sturbridge Historical Society will be held at the Publick House on Thursday, April 27 at 7 p.m. when Dennis Picard will speak about the Civilian Conservation Corps.

### SUBSTANCE from page 4

one. Some important facts to remember, which are based on scientific research, are:

- Naloxone does not encourage substance users to take more drugs or riskier drugs. Some studies have even shown that naloxone results in a decreased use of opioids. Naloxone does not make people more violent. While the most common side effects include confusion and disorientation, it is rare for someone to become combative.

- Research has shown that first responders are not administering naloxone to the same people repeatedly as most people with an overdose do not have repeated events.

- Naloxone does not prevent substance users from seeking treatment. Surviving a near-death experience may, in fact, encourage individuals to begin on the path of recovery. Recovery is possible and in fact the norm. Naloxone can provide an effective bridge to get there.

Keeping naloxone on hand can be compared to keeping a fire extinguisher in the house when you have a fireplace. You hope to never have to use it, but it is there in case you do.

Annie Balogh Pharm.D., is a PGY-1 Pharmacy resident at Baystate Medical Center.

Brought to you by The Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance and the HEALing Communities Study in Belchertown and Ware

The HEALing Communities Study is a National Institutes of Health and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services initiative aimed at reducing opioid overdose death rates through community-based interventions. This study is currently taking place in New York, Massachusetts, Kentucky and Ohio, both rural and urban areas. Belchertown and Ware have been grouped together as one of the rural communities in Massachusetts. A coalition across both towns comprised of law enforcement, medical professionals, advocacy groups, pharmacists, harm reduction and substance use specialists, local leaders and policy makers, public health officials, families of loved ones with Opioid Use Disorder, people with lived experience, etc. has developed proposals around Medications for Opioid Use Disorder, Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution and Safer Prescribing that they are now working to implement into the communities.

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## Ware Police Log

During the week of March 27-April 4, the Ware Police Department responded to 27 miscellaneous calls, 31 administrative calls, 10 traffic violations, 23 emergency 911 calls, four animal calls, three harassments, one breaking and entering, one safety hazard, one fraud/deception, six animal calls, six motor vehicle accidents and 17 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

**Monday, March 27**  
7:12 a.m. Safety Hazard, Belchertown Road, Complaint Taken Care Of  
9:03 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Investigated  
9:16 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Investigated  
8:33 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Eagle Street, Services Rendered

**Tuesday, March 28**  
4:26 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Dispatch Handled  
9:59 p.m. Abandoned 911, Upper Church Street, Dispatch Handled

**Wednesday, March 29**  
3:07 p.m. Fraud/Deception, Williston Drive, Services

Rendered  
5 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Valley View, Services Rendered  
7:30 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Services Rendered

**Thursday, March 30**  
7:11 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, East Court, Report Made  
7:30 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Fisherdick Road, Services Rendered  
9:03 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Gilbertville Road, Dispatch Handled  
10:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Palmer Road, Citation/Warning Issued  
Summons: Loreto A. Ruiz, 50, Amherst  
Reckless Operation of Motor Vehicle; Speeding Rate of Speed Greater Than was Reasonable and Proper e90 §17; Marked Lanes Violation  
6:01 p.m. Assault, Fisherdick Road, Services Rendered

**Friday, March 31**  
10:25 a.m. Breaking and Entering/Burglary, South Street, Advised

11:01 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Advised  
2:20 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, North Street, Services Rendered  
4:06 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Investigated  
4:19 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, East Street, Investigated  
4:57 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Services Rendered  
8:23 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Church Street, Dispatch Handled

**Saturday, April 1**  
1:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
11:01 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, East Main Street, Investigated  
11:42 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, William Street, Advised  
11:59 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Church Street, Investigated  
12:12 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Church Street, Investigated

**Sunday, April 2**  
6:21 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Could Not Locate  
9:53 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Clifford Avenue, Investigated

*Editor’s Note: People in this country are presumed to be innocent until found guilty in a court of law. Police provide us with the information you read on this page as public record information. If you or any suspect listed here is found not guilty or has charges dropped or reduced, we will gladly print that information as a follow-up upon being presented with documented proof of the court’s final disposition.*

4:26 p.m. Drugs, West Street, Services Rendered

**Monday, April 3**  
3:54 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Webster Road, Investigated

Tuesday, April 4  
3:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued

**Saturday, April 1**  
7:34 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital  
3:20 p.m. Medical Emergency, Broad Street, Services Rendered

**Sunday, April 2**  
1:05 a.m. Suspicious Activity, Pine Street, Report Taken  
11:18 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Lower Road, Citation Issued  
4:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued

## Hardwick Police Log

During the week of March 27-April 3, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 64 building/property checks, 34 directed/area patrols, seven traffic controls, six emergency 911 calls, 10 radar assignments, two citizen assists, two assist other agencies, one motor vehicle accident, one complaint, one investigation, one illegal dumping and six motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

**Monday, March 27**  
3:30 p.m. Complaint, Bridge Street, Officer Handled  
6:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Main Street, Written Warning Rendered  
9:36 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Sullivan Avenue, Services Rendered

**Tuesday, March 28**  
11:23 a.m. Investigation, School House Drive, Services Rendered  
12:37 p.m. Assist Citizen, Turkey Street, Spoken To  
2:07 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital  
3:21 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Collins Road, Services Rendered  
11:09 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Collins Road, Services

Rendered

**Thursday, March 30**  
1:26 p.m. Parking Complaint, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled  
2:30 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Taylor Hill Road, Report Taken

**Friday, March 31**  
6:46 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Prouty Road, Services Rendered  
11:22 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Officer Handled  
12:59 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Greenwich Road, Officer Handled  
4:42 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Served in Hand

## Free Senior Outreach Program available to residents

Having trouble grocery shopping or going to the pharmacy? Let the Senior Outreach Program help.

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include; grocery shopping and delivery; pharmacy pick-up, food bank pick-up and delivery, as well as other light errands.

This free program is coordinated by The Quaboag Valley Community Development and funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Community Development, Community Development Block Grant Program. Projects are

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The Hardwick Historical Society has an 18th century powder horn on loan with its roots in the town's history. The Society is fundraising to make the powder horn part of their permanent collection.

## Historical Society holds fundraiser for powder horn

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Historical Society has an 18th century powder horn on loan that has significant ties to the town and its history; and the goal is to bring it home to stay.

All are invited to come hear the story from the 1970s about the powder horn's significant ties to Hardwick.

On Sunday, April 30, from

3-5 p.m. at the Hardwick Town House, Don Madden from Belchertown will bring the audience back to the 18th century with some artifacts of the era and a lecture. Donation at the door is \$20.

In addition, the Hardwick Historical Society will offer any person or business a spot on the donation plaque for \$100 or more. There will be mocktails and

light food, as well as the chance to get a glimpse of the historic powder horn.

Hardwick Historical Society is a 501c3 nonprofit and your donations are tax deductible. Donations can also be mailed to Hardwick Historical Society, P.O. Box 492, Hardwick, MA 01037.

## Paige Memorial Library lists ongoing events

HARDWICK – Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-7 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm.

### Story Hour

Every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. children and adults can join Story Hour for stories and activities. There are a variety of ages who enjoy playing and socializing.

All are welcome, but please notify the Library staff so they will have materials available for all.

### Seed Library and raffle

The Friends of the Paige Memorial Library Seed Library

and raffle are back. Visit the library to choose some seeds, record what you take, plant and nurture your seeds, borrow a book, buy some raffle tickets.

The raffle basket is full of valuable gardening items including a \$50 gift certificate given to the Hardwick Farmers Co-op. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

The drawing will be on Sunday, May 21.

### Moomaw4Kids

The Paige Memorial Library and MOC Coordinated Family & Community Engagement will host Mark "Moomaw" Jackson, guitarist/singer/songwriter at the Town House, 32 Common

St., on Wednesday, April 12 at 2 p.m. With hats, wigs, and stories galore, "Moomaw4kids" will present his humorous and energetic interactive program.

Moomaw, his middle name shortened to Moo so he can wear a cow hat and sing the Moomaw Song, presents original story songs that encourage laughing, singing, wiggling, spinning, and dancing.

For more information, visit the Library, call 413-477-6704, email director.paigelibrary@gmail.com, or check out the latest updates on www.paigelibrary.com and Facebook.com/paigelibraryhardwickma.

## Social Science Club/Young Men's Library offers scholarships

WARE – The Social Science Club/Young Men's Library Association will award several scholarships at graduation this year.

Criteria for applications may be obtained at the High School Guidance Office or the Young Men's Library. Applicants must

reside in the Town of Ware, but may be attending any local high school. Deadline for applications is May 1.

### MEDIATION from page 1

Christopher Desjardins responded to St. Pierre and said members of the Committee do walk through the schools.

Desjardins told St. Pierre that contract negotiations and mediation were not a topic of discussion during this time. He encouraged people with comments or concerns to email him or call his cell phone, which he provided in the chat.

St. Pierre said the teachers have been "stonewalled."

Boucher asked when in-person or even hybrid School Committee meetings would resume, and Desjardins said it is likely the state will extend rules that allow for remote meetings to continue.

He said if the state extends the rule, the Committee will probably extend remote meetings also. He said remote meetings are convenient and attendance has also been higher than in-person meetings.

Boucher said the Committee should at least offer hybrid meetings, adding that meeting is a basic fundamental of democracy.

"Elected officials are just that, elected. They have a responsibility to meet in person," she said.

Boucher also asked the Committee what the incoming superintendent's salary would be. Desjardins said they would have that figure in a few weeks.

### Curriculum and program updates

Jan Yardley, director of the Office of Curriculum, Accountability, Professional Development, Federal Programs and Grants gave the School Committee updates about what her department has been doing.

She said the school district purchased a new science curriculum for grades nine through 12 along with a new social studies curriculum for grades six through 12.

The company that supplies the curriculums will provide training during May 5 professional development day.

Yardley said they are also preparing to choose a new science curriculum for grades kindergarten

through five. Staff will be able to look at hard copies of the curriculum options during professional development, to help make a selection.

"It's up to the teachers," Yardley said when asked who decided which curriculum to choose.

Yardley said teachers had two half-days of training for the last curriculum change.

She said she wants to bring the curriculum trainers back to answer any questions teachers may have now that they've been using that curriculum. Many companies are trending toward streaming training online instead of in-person.

Yardley said the High School After School Credit Recovery Program has eight students enrolled this semester, and two have already passed their courses and received credit. She said the remaining six are still working toward completion.

The Summer Enrichment Program for grades kindergarten through eight and the High School Credit Recovery Program for grades nine through 12 will run July 5-27 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Yardley said the summer programs use as little space as possible so janitors can deep clean the school buildings. They will take up a few rooms at Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School and the bulk of their programs will be at the Middle School and some rooms at High School.

Yardley said they had two presentations focused on mental health, "Supporting Youth Mental Health" and "Self-Harm and Suicide."

A camping themed Title I reading night was held at SMK and next month they are planning a math carnival night.

Community Reading Day was held March 3 and a guest reader visited each classroom in grades kindergarten through six.

### School bus contract

Andy Paquette of TMS, Inc. discussed the recent joint bid opening with Belchertown and Granby for transportation for the three towns over the next three years (fiscal

years 2024, 2025 and 2026).

He recommended the Committee vote to reject the bid, as there is potential for a bid protest and legal counsel advised them to reject and re-bid.

Paquette said there was language in the bid cover letter that was interpreted by some attorneys as conditional, which is not allowed in this state.

"The safest thing would be to reject it and re-bid," Paquette said.

Committee members voted to reject the bid.

### Senior Class trip approval

The School Committee approved the senior class trip to Brownstone Adventure Park in Connecticut on May 31.

Seniors will enjoy outdoor sports including kayaking, ziplining and more.

### Eagle Scout ceremony

Ware High School student Nicholas Bousquet requested use of the auditorium and cafeteria for a double Eagle Scout ceremony on May 21. Bousquet, along with fellow student and Eagle Scout Jacob Witt, have donated 400 hours to the community through their projects.

The Committee approved use of the space and waived the rental fee.

### Budget update

Paquette said the budget update was current as of March 27, and it's pretty stable as far as trends go.

He said a Circuit Breaker audit was conducted and determined that the school district was reimbursed more than they should have been. Circuit Breaker is expected to be reduced by \$14,000.

### Business manager services contract

The school district's contract for business manager services with TMS, Inc. will be up at the end of the year.

The Committee voted to put business manager services out to bid for the next three-year contract. Desjardins recused himself from discussion and voting.

### DESIGNS from page 1

After reviewing the plans before them, the Commission planned an April 12 meeting at 6 p.m. to continue discussion.

Town Manager Stuart Beckley suggested adding the "L" shape to designs C and D.

Carolyn Cooney and Associates Senior Associate Darrell Bird said the "L" shape would fit on the wide pools as well.

Members of the Commission also favored the "L" shape. However, the budget will ultimately influence which design is chosen.

Although a recirculated water system would conserve water, it was advised against as it would cost more to maintain.

Instead, the pool drainage type will be "spray to drain," and not recirculated.

All the proposed pools are smaller than the current one, with the current pool area being 6,400 square feet and the largest proposed designs, A and B, being 5,600 square feet.

While design C would be similar to the current pool in depth, it would cost less to fill, maintain and the filter would be smaller.

Bird suggested adding safety nets to the new pool to separate different areas from others.

Conservation said they did not see any serious flaws in relation to

the proposed pool and conservation.

However, they did add "a portion of this is in a heritage polygon," meaning there is a portion of the park that contains "a prioritized species preserve."

Director of Public Health, Andrea Crete said her only concern would be the bathroom situation.

Chairman William Imbier suggested pushing some of the designs further back into the playground area.

Parks Manager John Piechota and other members agreed the playground is past its prime and would not mind moving some of the pool updates into the playground area.

As far as edging into the tree and grassy areas go, Piechota said, "A lot of trees need to come down...they're dead."

An estimate in the amount of \$3,135,900 was presented to the Commission by Carolyn Cooney Associates. The estimate does not include bathhouses.

The current bathhouses have four toilets on the women's side and two on the men's, including a urinal. Both sides have two showers each.

"The biggest site improvement would be fencing and benches," said Piechota.

Still said, opposed to starting from scratch, "you could use the

existing shell and pour concrete, but it would be less labor intensive" to simply rebuild and replace the existing pool.

The total project cost will also be impacted by the pool filtration system type, chlorine maintenance type and additional costs of cameras and lighting.

Bird said, "cameras aren't too expensive, but lights can get pretty expensive."

The commission plans to compare the pool and splash pad size presented to others in the area, as well as look at more information about splash pad features before ultimately choosing a design.

### Approvals

The Commission unanimously voted in favor of reinstating user fees for travel and sports teams with the exception of clinics and preschool-aged sports starting in fiscal year 2024.

They also voted in favor of allowing John Carroll and the Lions Club to use the bandstand at Grenville Park on June 24 with a rain date of June 25.

Additionally, the Parks Department has agreed to provide Sani-cans.

### Miscellaneous items

Piechota said the new playground is looking at an installation date of May 1, but is contingent on

the arrival and installation of cameras in the park.

Imbier said the indoor pickleball upstairs in the Town Hall was "a total success," and "a lot of people showed up."

There are also pickleball nets set up at Grenville Park for recreational use.

For those who would like to reserve a time to play pickleball at the park, a link is on the town website for scheduling.

Piechota said he received a quote from Swistak in the amount of \$1,000 for stump grinding of three large stumps.

The board motioned not to exceed \$1,000 for stump grinding.

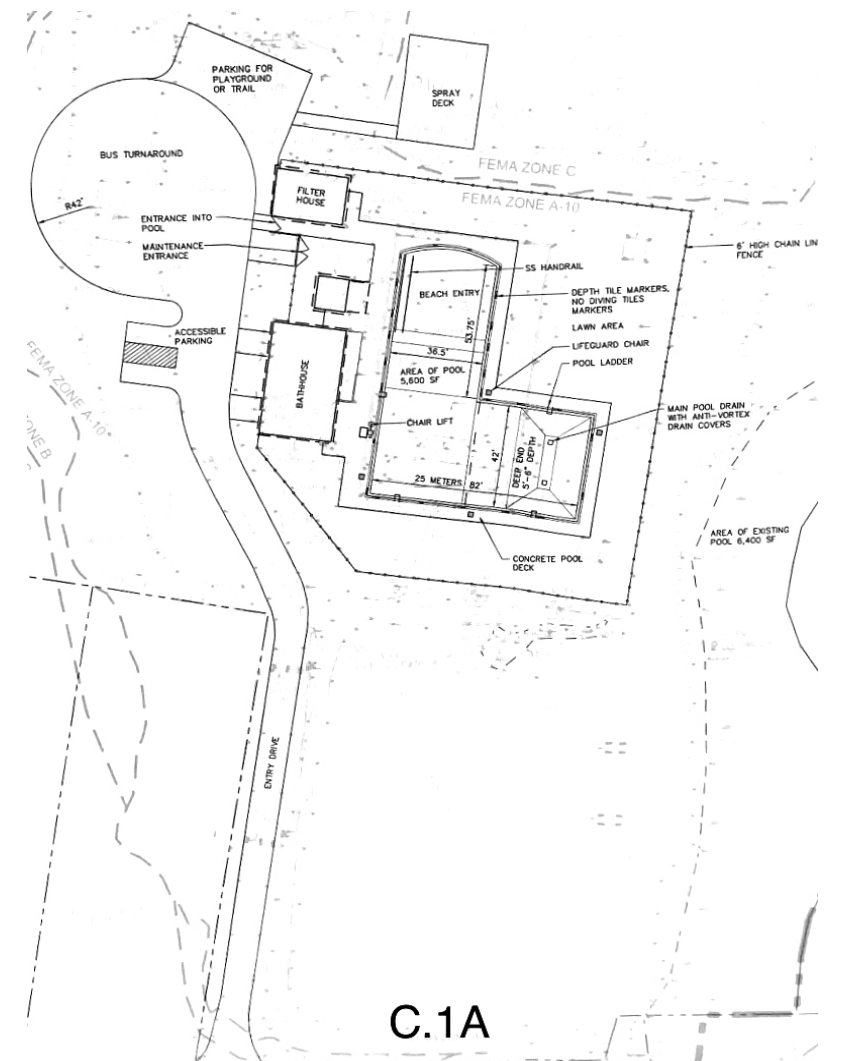
### Dog park grant

The Commission has the opportunity to obtain a \$31,000 grant from the Stanton Foundation to update the dog park and potentially add shade structures and dividing fences.

One member suggested adding a small retaining wall to "prevent the hill from eroding."

The dog park has received "a lot of great use and positive feedback."

The first step in securing those funds will be to reach out to the Friends of the Ware Dog Park for a letter of recommendation to the Stanton Foundation.



Option A has an L-shape.

(Courtesy Photo)

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**WARE WATER/SEWER  
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**Tuesday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m.**  
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The Ware Selectboard will host an information session for residents about the proposed privatization of the water and sewer systems. The process for proposals will be discussed followed by a question and answer period.

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# Train schedule switches to nights until July

PALMER – The Massachusetts Central Railroad Corporation, in conjunction with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, is rehabilitating its main rail track.

This project has an estimated time for completion to be somewhere around the first week of July.

The daily train schedule will operate Monday through Friday starting at 5 p.m. (up to a possible 12-hour period) to service rail customers from Palmer to South Barre to then return to Palmer. When this rail track rehabilitation project is completed, the train schedule will resume back to daytime service beginning at 7 a.m. (up to a possible 12-hour period).

# Let's Keep Hardwick Pristine

Montauk daises

By Fred DeBros

I deviate from my set-and-forget spring bulb column to briefly recommend Montauk daises or Nippon Daises.

The reason why now? The buds are starting to come out, so it is good timing.

Most important: you cannot find them in garden centers for sale anymore. I don't know why.

They are my favorite set-and-forget plants, the last ones to bloom in fall, October to frost, with the asters... after the mums are gone!

They are extremely easy to propagate and grow on their own

without help. Get a tray with sections, cut a budding branch from an overwintered bush, clip 1-inch cuttings, stick them in the dirt, don't ever forget to water, and voila.

By May, set them out on a rainy day to wherever you like, and add some compost into the hole. No fertilizing, weeding, fussing...they will naturalize and come back forever.

Deadhead them in July and in November mow them down so they stay bushy.

Mix them with Asters, for a colorful no muss, no fuss fall display and cutting flowers!

Enjoy.

Fred DeBros is a resident of Hardwick and has been planting



Montauk daises are beginning to emerge.

daffodils across town with his wife Jane. Armed with a crowbar and plenty of protection against the poison ivy, Fred and Jane have planted thousands of bulbs. These flowers add the first bursts of spring color to the sides of the roads, along stonewalls, and around the veterans memorial in Gilbertville.



# Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary seeks scholarship applicants

PALMER – The Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary is making scholarship applications available for the 2022-23 academic year.

The Auxiliary will award scholarships of \$500 to seniors graduating from Belchertown, Ludlow, Monson, Palmer, Pathfinder, Minnechaug and Ware high schools who are pursuing higher education in the healthcare field.

The students will be chosen based on their academic excellence, volunteer efforts and related community service, work experience, and dedication to their goals.

Applications and instructions for completing the application forms are available in each school's Guidance Department. Completed application forms and supporting documentation must be emailed to Teresa Grove

at [teresa.grove@baystatehealth.org](mailto:teresa.grove@baystatehealth.org) by April 14.

The Auxiliary scholarship committee will select student recipients and recommend them to the Auxiliary board for final approval.

Throughout the years, a wide variety of healthcare fields have been represented by those receiving scholarships, including dental hygiene, health system management, nursing, pharmacy, and radiology.

According to a press release, for over 65 years, the Auxiliary has been actively supporting Baystate Wing Hospital through their sponsorship of special events and management of the gift shop. This diverse group of women and men include teachers, nurses, business owners, both young and retirees, who live in many different communities and are united by a shared

commitment to support the mission of the hospital.

The COVID-19 pandemic created some challenges for this group of committed volunteers. They had to temporarily close the gift shop in March of 2020 which restricted their ability to raise funds for the annual scholarship awards.

"We are delighted to be back in the Baystate Wing Gift Shop and proud to continue to serve and support our hospital and our patients and visitors who come to the hospital for care," said Evelyn Glabicky, president of the Baystate Wing Auxiliary.

"We are thankful to the Auxiliary members for their continued commitment and support to our hospital and the many communities we serve," said Teresa Grove, philanthropy officer for Baystate Health's Eastern Region.

# Quabbin Guidance Department list scholarship information

BARRE – Information regarding both outside scholarships and the local scholarship program are accessible to the community on the Quabbin Regional Middle High School website by visiting [www.qrsd.org](http://www.qrsd.org) and in the YOG 2023 Guidance Google Classroom for Quabbin Seniors.

This information is updated frequently, as new information and scholarships become available. Seniors are encouraged to apply.

The school guidance department is appreciative to the Local Scholarship Donors for providing avenues to success for our students.

# HARDWICK from page 1

also looked at the past five years of revenue.

The Gilbertville pump station and the Wheelwright sewer plant already have existing debt, with a principle and interest payment of \$84,185 for fiscal year 2024.

"Existing payments that you have, they're going to continue for a good number of years," Stevens said.

She said the town is "very fortunate" they have a lot of grant money to fund the project as well as a low-interest loan.

The loan amount totals \$5,681,000 with a term of 40 years at 1.375% interest.

"The annual payment would be \$185,599," Stevens said. She said that will be split half to the sewer enterprise fund, and the other to the general taxbase.

The sewer enterprise fund will levy betterments to pay the

\$92,799.50 and shouldn't be included in the operation and maintenance budget.

Stevens said the sewer enterprise fund budget is estimated at \$850,000.

A short-lived asset reserve account has been mandated by the USDA and at least \$65,000 must be deposited into this account from the enterprise fund. Stevens said the annual sewer discharge for both treatment plants is 48,180,000 gallons. The cost of service is estimated at \$19.56 per 1,000 gallons.

"That is kind of expensive for our community and that's because you have two wastewater treatment plants," she said.

Other factors that affect the cost of the system are electrical expenses for pumping non-gravity flow, site visits, additional monitoring, meter reading, odor control at manholes and stations, time and labor for sampling and

laboratory testing, regulatory requirements, excessive maintenance of the force main and dealing with "flushable" wipes, dental floss and diapers.

"These all play a part in running sewer," Stevens said.

Current billing frequency is based on equivalent dwelling units every six months.

Stevens said there are multiple options for rate structures with metered water use being the most accurate; however, this is not an option for the town due to multiple water sources, both public and private.

Other rate structure options include a cost per unit, having a base charge, loading factors and using a tiered approach.

Stevens said the existing method to determine rate structure does not account for all the flow through the plant.

"You're not encompassing all the flow that's going through the

treatment plant," she said.

She calculated new rates using a cost per bedroom structure, with a maximum number of four bedrooms for a single-family home, at 77 gallons per day per bedroom (based on Title V data). Any sewer flow that is metered will pay a cost per gallon.

Of the estimated \$850,000 revenue for the sewer enterprise fund, residential flow accounts for \$705,955.

Board of Selectmen Chair Julie Quink said this is one of several meetings related to rates and betterments.

"It's sort of a starting point of looking at the rates," she said. "Clearly our current rate structure doesn't support the flow that's going through the plants and also doesn't support the budget level that needs to be there. One could argue that's why we're in the situation we're in."

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# public notices

### LEGAL NOTICE

## Public Hearing on Ware School Budget Set for April 26, 2023

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 71, Section 38N, of the Massachusetts General Laws there will be a Public Hearing on the Ware School Department's Proposed Budget for the 2023-2024 School Year.

The hearing will be held virtually via WARE TV-REMOTE ACCESS Google Meet Meeting - [meet.google.com/dgs-borr-gta](https://meet.google.com/dgs-borr-gta) at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 2023.

Public comments can be e-mailed to [sc-comments@ware.k12.ma.us](mailto:sc-comments@ware.k12.ma.us).

All interested residents from the Town of Ware are invited to attend and participate.

A copy of the proposed budget will be available for viewing on the Ware Public School's website ([www.wareps.org](http://www.wareps.org)).

Chris Desjardins, Chairperson

Ware School Committee 04/06/2023

### TOWN OF WARREN

The Town of Warren, MA is a recent recipient of the Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant to create the Town of Warren's Wrights Mill Master Recovery Plan which will center around the execution of a comprehensive needs assessment for establishing the best opportunities for job creation, business attraction, and historic preservation through the redevelopment of the 600,000 square foot mill site. The Master Plan will allow for government agencies and private partners to methodically calculate and manage risk of infrastructure modernization including roads, bridges, water, broadband, and power. The Town is soliciting proposals for the development of the Wright's Mill Master Recovery Plan from experienced licensed professionals. The submittal

deadline for proposals is April 19, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

Proposals shall be submitted to the Office of the Town Administrator, Town Hall, 48 High Street, P.O. Box 609 Warren, MA 01083 on or before 1:00PM, Wednesday, April 19, 2023. If, at the time of the scheduled due date, the Town Hall is closed due to uncontrolled events such as fire, snow, ice, wind or unforeseen building clo-

sure, the proposal opening will be postponed until, Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 1:00PM on the next business day on which the Town Hall is opened for business. Proposals will be accepted until that date and time.

Questions concerning the terms of this RFP, must be submitted in writing by mail, or e-mail to: the Office of the Town Administrator, 48 High

Street, PO Box 609 Warren, MA 01083 before 1:00 PM on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, or email [townadministrator@warren-ma.gov](mailto:townadministrator@warren-ma.gov). Responses to any such questions will be issued as an Addendum to this RFP and will be mailed or e-mailed to all parties who have requested a copy of this RFP. 03/30, 04/06/2023

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# Cultural Council awards grants to support the arts

WARE – The Ware Cultural Council has awarded 16 local artists, performers and organizers over \$12,000 to promote the arts in the Town of Ware.

The arts elevate the quality of life, embrace diversity and empower generations through creativity. This year the award recipients are: Whisper Not - Sarah Clay - Workshop 13 - November; East Quabbin Land Trust - Ware River Nature Murals at the Mass Central Rail Trail; Richard Hamelin - A Time to Spout Off - ClayWorks on Main Street - March 25; Daniel Kirouac - Musical Concert - Senior Center; Jay Mankita - Maker Space Build Along Artful Mechanisms - Kids Stop summer program; Proprietors of the Ware Center Meeting House - Summer Concert Series; Roger Tincknell - Senior Center - Beatles and Beyond - May 9; Ware Regional Recovery Center - Bringing aWAREness to Recovery; Jon Waterman - Live Music, Making History Live - Workshop 13; The Word - Spoken Word Poetry - Workshop 13 - 1st Friday of the month January - December; Bomba de Aqui Cultural Performance - Workshop 13 - Grenville Park - June 17; 5th Annual Northeast Fine Arts Exhibition - Workshop 13 - September and October; Rock the Park Music

and Art Festival - Workshop 13 - Grenville Park - June 17; S.T.E.A.M Kids Summer Program - Workshop 13 - July and August; Henry the Juggler - Young Men's Library Association - Grenville Park - July 10; Uniquely Quabbin Magazine - donation

Check your local listing for dates and times of performances. The funding for grants in 2023 was made possible by the efforts of our legislators, state Sen. Anne M. Gobi and state Rep. Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.

The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to a network of 329 local cultural councils throughout Massachusetts.

Decisions about which activities to support are made at the community level by a board of municipally appointed volunteers. The members of the Ware Cultural Council are: Aileen O'Regan, Mary Healey, Judy LaValley, Carol Brundige, Christina Higney and Lynne Rude.

Thanks to these efforts, the arts, sciences, and humanities are a greater part of our daily lives in Ware.

If you would like to learn more about becoming a member of the Ware Cultural Council, please email [wareculturalcouncil@yahoo.com](mailto:wareculturalcouncil@yahoo.com).

# ROMANCE from page 5

their lane and I will get to their story next."

Each woman shared their unique backgrounds on how they got into writing, with some finding their passion early on in childhood, and others coming into it much later. Stevens said that her mother was always a big reader, and she followed in her footsteps and largely read adult books of her mother's from as young as ten years old.

"The first story I ever wrote was in sixth grade, and it was called 'The Day My Teacher Wore a Miniskirt to School,'" Stevens said with a laugh. "At the time, she seemed to me like she was a hundred years old, so it was obviously very funny to imagine her wearing a miniskirt."

"I got a C minus on the assignment, but I got a lot of laughs, and the rest is history."

For Suzanne Eglington, her foray into the world of romance writing was quite different. After going through a divorce, Eglington hoped to pursue a new hobby and an opportunity to work from home, and found herself falling in love with writing.

"Once I started writing, I couldn't stop," Eglington said. "The words just couldn't stop flowing, and I wound up writing an entire series in six months."

"I got picked up by a publisher, and I felt this sheer determination inside to keep writing about what I felt a romance should be."

Several authors at the event write as a full-time job, with strict schedules

that they follow. Sawyer holds herself to writing from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every day to ensure she gets her daily quota made.

Cozy mystery and romance author Lucinda Race works a day job at an office in addition to writing over 25 fiction books, and writes in her own private space during her lunch breaks.

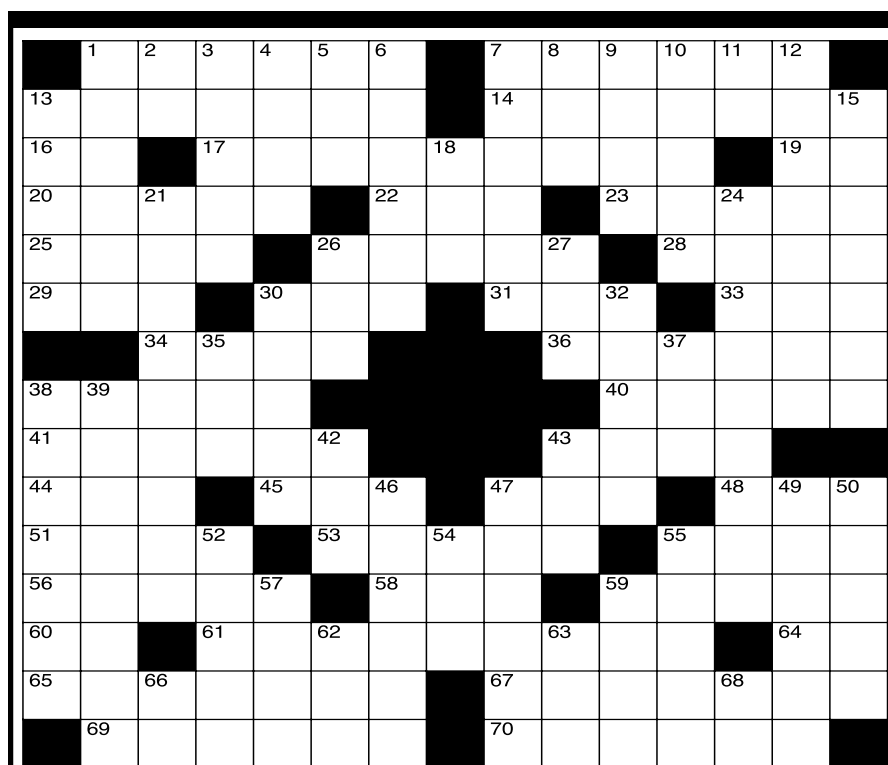
"I try to get as much done as possible in those short spurts of time, and I can be pretty efficient as long as no one comes in to bother me," Race said. "That being said, someone comes in to bother me pretty much every single day, but I get it done nonetheless."

Despite the different writing styles and processes that each woman follows, the five authors had much in common amongst each other and maintained an upbeat rapport amongst themselves and their guests. Attendees were able to take goodie bags home that were provided by Romance Authors of America.

A selection of books by each author was also available for viewing and purchasing at the event. The authors expressed their gratitude to those who came to see them and encouraged lovers of romance novels to attend the annual Fall in Love: New England convention that they attend every fall.

For more information regarding upcoming events at the Monson Free Library, visit [monsonlibrary.com](http://monsonlibrary.com).

For more information about Fall in Love New England, go to <https://www.fallinlovenewengland.com/>.



- ### CLUES ACROSS
- 1. Colas
  - 7. Single-celled animals
  - 13. The rear car of a train
  - 14. Endangered
  - 16. It cools your home
  - 17. Helper
  - 19. "The First State"
  - 20. More aged
  - 22. Partner to cheese
  - 23. Type of wrap
  - 25. From a distance
  - 26. Satisfies
  - 28. "Dallas Buyers' Club" actor Jared
  - 29. God of battle (Scandinavian)
  - 30. Cooking utensil
  - 31. Soviet Socialist Republic
  - 33. Able to perform
  - 34. Big man on campus
  - 36. Second epoch of the Tertiary period
  - 38. Porticos
- ### CLUES DOWN
- 1. Calm down
  - 2. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
  - 3. One who pretends
  - 4. Hang glide
  - 5. Distinctive practice
  - 6. Mariner
  - 7. Peaks
  - 8. Queens ballplayer
  - 9. Geological times
  - 10. Twofold
  - 11. Atomic #13
  - 12. Tranquillizing
  - 13. Metric weight unit
  - 15. Indicates
  - 18. Unwanted rodent
  - 21. Partly cooked with hot water
  - 24. One who can be recommended
  - 26. Resembles a bag or pouch
  - 27. Midway between south and southeast
- ### CLUES ACROSS
- 30. Sets up for a photo
  - 32. California white oak
  - 35. More (Spanish)
  - 37. After B
  - 38. Decorated tea urn
  - 39. Island
  - 42. Car mechanics group
  - 43. Wordplay joke
  - 46. Cut a rug
  - 47. Prickly plant
  - 49. Speech in praise of a deceased person
  - 50. European buzzard
  - 52. Influential linguist
  - 54. West African languages
  - 55. Siskel's partner
  - 57. Skinny
  - 59. Oblong pulp
  - 62. Consumed
  - 63. Small, mischievous spirit
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The town of Hardwick is seeking qualified candidates to perform high-level secretarial, clerical, and administrative work assisting the Town Administrator and Select Board.

This is a part-time 19 hours per week position. For full job description, go to [www.hardwick-ma.gov](http://www.hardwick-ma.gov).

Qualified applicants should send cover letter and resume to [admin@townofhardwick.com](mailto:admin@townofhardwick.com) or send to PO Box 575 Gilbertville, MA 01031.

## DRIVE FOR THE QUABOAG CONNECTOR

**Description**  
Drivers wanted for the Quaboag Connector community transportation service! The Connector operates in ten towns in the Quaboag Region, connecting residents to their everyday needs. We are seeking friendly, responsible drivers to be the face that community members see while traveling to work, medical appointments, grocery stores, and beyond.

**Hours and Salary:**  
We are looking for van and bus drivers for full and part time opportunities. Part-time morning and evening hours for van operators starting at \$15.50/hour. We are also looking for full-time CDL Class B drivers starting at \$24.50-\$27/hour.

**Application Process:**  
Interested applicants should visit the Ware Town Hall for an application or visit our website at [www.rideconnector.com/driveforus](http://www.rideconnector.com/driveforus). If you have any questions, please call (413) 667-7196.

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## Health Director Full-Time

The Town of Palmer is accepting applications for the position of full-time Public Health Director.

Applicant must have the ability to perform professional inspections, technical and administrative work related to the enforcement and interpretation of public health, sanitation, and environmental laws and regulations. Applicant must possess a valid motor vehicle license; registration as a Massachusetts Sanitarian and Lead Paint Determinator; ServSafe certification required. Minimum qualifications: bachelor's degree in public health or a related field; two years' experience in public health and environmental health; or any equivalent combination of education and experience.

Salary is up to \$65,000 per year. The Town of Palmer is a lead community in a regional shared services health grant. The grant funding is an additional \$15,000 subject to appropriation.

This is a full-time bargaining unit exempt position. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, resumé, and application to Town Manager, Town of Palmer, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA 01069.

*The Town of Palmer is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.*

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**INVITATION FOR BID SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT SERVICES WARE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

In accordance with M.G.L Chapter 30B, the Ware Public School District is accepting bids for **School Business Management Services**. Specifications will be available beginning, **Monday, April 10, 2023, after 10:00 a.m.** via email request to krasys@ware.k12.ma.us and in the office at the address below:

**WARE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**239 WEST STREET WARE, MA 01082**

Bids will be received at the Ware Public Schools' Superintendent's Office, 239 West Street, Ware, MA 01082, **no later than 2:00 p.m. on April 26, 2023** to be publicly opened and read. **No bid will be accepted after 2:00 p.m. on April 26, 2023.** Bids shall be filed in a sealed envelope, bearing the title "SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT SERVICES FY24-1", per specifications, delivered personally or by mail to Ware Public Schools Superintendent's Office, 239 West Street, Ware, MA 01082 **on or before 2:00 p.m., April 26, 2023.** Questions may be referred to the following: Dr. Marlene DiLeo, Superintendent mdileo@ware.k12.ma.us 04/06, 04/13/2023

**MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by John M. Hebert and Rebecca Joy Herbert a/k/a Rebecca Joy Hebert to "MERS", Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a separate corporation that is acting solely as nominee for "Lender",

Nationpoint, a Division of Nat. City Bank of IN and its successors and assigns dated March 17, 2006 and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, in Book 8680, Page 311, as assigned by Assignment of Mortgage dated January 15, 2014 and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 11570, Page 205, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at **2:00 PM, on April 20, 2023**, on the premises known as 402 Palmer Road, Ware, Massachusetts, the premises described in said mortgage, together with all the rights, easements, and appurtenances thereto, to wit:

All that certain property situated in the county of Hampshire, and State of Massachusetts, being described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin in the ground on the easterly line of the Ware-Palmer Road, said pin being at the Northwest corner of the tract herein described and also being at the Southwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Waldron; and from said point of beginning running thence along the following-described courses:

South 64 degrees 50 minutes 05 seconds E., 315.83 feet to an iron pin in the ground;

South 20 degrees 23 minutes 14 seconds W., 126.97 feet to a 1-inch bolt, and continuing in the same course, 43.41 feet to an iron pin set;

North 62 degrees 43 minutes 04 seconds W., along land now or formerly of Leroy S. Trumble et ux, 354.27 feet to an iron pin in the ground at the Easterly line of said road;

Northeasterly along said Road to the point

of beginning, the course between the last two points being North 33 degrees 52 minutes 31 seconds E., a distance of 158.53 feet.

Containing 54,707 square feet of land, more or less.

For informational purposes only; the APN is shown by the county assessor as 5-0-29.

**Terms of Sale:** These premises are being sold subject to any and all unpaid real estate taxes, water rates, municipal charges and assessments, condominium charges, expenses, costs, and assessments, if applicable, federal tax liens, partition wall rights, statutes, regulations, zoning, subdivision control, or other municipal ordinances or bylaws respecting land use, configuration, building or approval, or bylaws, statutes or ordinances regarding the presence of lead paint, asbestos or other toxic substances, sanitary codes, housing codes, tenancy, and , to the extent that they are recorded prior to the above mortgage, any easements, rights of way, restrictions, confirmation or other matters of record.

Purchaser shall also bear all state and county deeds excise tax. The deposit of \$10,000.00 is to be paid in cash or bank or certified check at the time and place of the sale, with the balance of the purchase price to be paid by bank or certified check within forty-five (45) days after the date of the sale, to be deposited in escrow with Guaetta and Benson, LLC, at 73 Princeton Street, Suite 208, North Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of

Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder or, thereafter, to the next highest bidder, providing that said bidder shall deposit with said attorney, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within five (5) business days after written notice of the default of the previous highest bidder.

**Other terms, if any, are to be announced at the sale.**

Dated: March 24, 2023

Present holder of said mortgage, Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the Holders of the First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-FF9, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-FF9

By its Attorneys, Guaetta and Benson, LLC, Peter V. Guaetta, Esquire, P.O. Box 519, Chelmsford, MA 01824 03/30, 04/06, 04/13/2023

**LEGAL NOTICE**

In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Law 105A, in order to satisfy past due rents and other expenses, the contents of the following storage units will be auctioned.

The contents of Julie Ann Quintana, Christopher, S. Flood, Danny Olivera, and Jacob Dyer will be auctioned off at Secure Storage 167 West St Ware, Mass at **9:00am on 4/22/23.**

Any questions or inquiries call 413-800-6278. 04/06, 04/13/2023

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 23 SM 000293**

**ORDER OF NOTICE TO: Darin M. Snow, Sr.**

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

**Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency**

claiming to have an interest in a mortgage covering real property in Ware, numbered 123 Glendale Circle, given by Darin M. Snow, Sr. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Embrace Home Loans, Inc., dated November 1, 2018, and recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 13118, Page 103, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's Servicemembers status.

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

**Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before May 15, 2023** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on March 29, 2023

Attest: **Deborah J. Patterson** Recorder 04/06/2023

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

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Suntrex LLC, to Stormfield Capital Funding, I, LLC, dated December 23, 2020, and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 64074, Page 318, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at **10:00 A.M. on the 24th day of April 2023** at 1212 Southbridge Road, West Warren (Warren), MA 01083, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To wit: EXHBITA the land in Warren, Worcester, County, Massachusetts with the buildings thereon bounded and described as follows:

**FIRST PARCEL:** A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in the easterly part of said Warren, on the road leading from the center village, so-called, to Sturbridge, bounded and described as follows:

Commencing at the northeasterly corner of said tract and on the southerly side of the road leading from said center village to Sturbridge;

thence westerly by said road and land now or formerly of Asa Adams to corner of wall by land now or formerly of George Bridges;

thence southerly by land now or formerly of said Bridges to a corner of fence and wall;

thence easterly by a stone wall by land now or formerly of said Bridges to land now or formerly of John Tyler;

thence northerly by land now or formerly of John Tyler to corner of wall;

thence northwesterly by land now or formerly of said Tyler to the road leading from Warren to Brimfield;

thence northerly by said last mentioned road to the-place of beginning.

**THIRD PARCEL:** A certain tract of land situate in said Warren bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the northeasterly corner of the lot to be described, said corner being at the corner of a stone wall and in line of the First Parcel above described;

thence southerly along said stone wall and said First Parcel one hundred seventy (170) feet to the intersection of another stone wall;

thence westerly along said stone wall six hundred thirteen and 2/10

(613.2) feet to a wire fence;

thence northerly along said fence one hundred forty-one (141) feet to a stone wall and said First

Parcel, the last two courses being by land now or formerly of one Carl E. Erickson;

thence along said stone wall, and said First Parcel, five hundred sixty-one and 3/10 (561.3) Feet to the place of beginning. Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

**Terms of sale:** A deposit of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by wire transfer to Demerle Hoeger LLP, 10 City Square, 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02129 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.

**Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.**

Stormfield Capital Funding I, LLC, Present holder of said mortgage, By its Attorneys, Demerle Hoeger LLP 10 City Square, 4th Floor Boston, MA 02129 (617) 337-4444 03/30, 04/06, 04/13/2023

**MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by SHANN W. TREADWELL to COUNTRY BANK FOR SAVINGS, dated March 15, 2006 and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 8648, Page 304, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **11:00 a.m. on the 23rd day of May, 2023**, on the mortgaged premises believed to be known as 289 Osborne Road, Ware, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

"The land in Ware, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the southerly side of Winslow Road (also known as the road lead-

ing from the house formerly of Sumner to Ware Center) and now known as Osborne Road, at a point 347 feet, more or less, from the northwest corner of land of Napoleon Bouchard, et ux, measuring easterly along said road 180 feet, more or less, from the northwesterly corner of land of Harold E. Smith, measuring westerly along said road; this point being common to the southeasterly corner of land of said Bouchard and the northwesterly corner of land formerly of Raymond R. Andrews and Lucille L. Andrews;

thence South 28 degrees West 7 feet, more or less, to a stone wall, and continuing thence on the same course 324.5 feet to a stone wall at land of Harold E. Smith, this point being common to the southeasterly corner of land of said Bouchard and the southwesterly corner of land formerly of said Andrews;

thence South 41 degrees 50' East along said stone wall and land of said Smith 170 feet, more or less, to the intersection of stone walls, and at other land of said Smith;

thence northeasterly along a stone wall and land of said Smith, 460 feet, more or less, to the southerly side of said Winslow Road, at a point common to the northwesterly corner of land of said Smith, and the northeasterly corner of land formerly of said Andrews;

thence westerly, along said Winslow Road, 180 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Together with, and subject to, water and sewage rights of record and rights of entry appurtenant thereto.

Subject to an easement to Edward R. and Corrine E. Campbell as set out in instrument recorded December 11, 1997 in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 5459, Page 40.

BEING the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagor by deed of Beatrice T. Andrews recorded with Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 6883, Page 326.

Except as to this lender and this lending transaction, for which my right of homestead specifically is waived, mortgagor expressly reserves his right of homestead (Book 6883, Page 340) and does not terminate his Homestead by granting the within conveyance."

The premises will be sold subject to any and all restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, and existing encumbrances of record superior to the Mortgage, if any. Said premises will also be sold subject to all leases and tenancies having priority over said Mortgage, to tenancies or occupation by persons on the premises now and at the time of said auction which tenancies or occupation are subject to said Mortgage, to rights or claims in personal property installed by tenants or former tenants now located on the premises, also to all laws and ordinances including, but not limited to, all building and zoning laws and

ordinances. It shall be the bidder's sole responsibility to ascertain all items described in this paragraph and no representations are made concerning compliance with applicable zoning, building, sanitary or other state and/or municipal regulations.

**TERMS OF SALE:** FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$5,000.00) DOLLARS will be required to be paid in cash, or by certified or bank cashier's check by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price on the sale shall be paid in cash, or by certified or bank cashier's check within thirty (30) days thereafter and the Deed transferred contemporaneously therewith. A buyer's premium equal to five percent (5%) of the successful bid will be paid by the successful bidder and incorporated within the purchase price. The successful bidder at the sale shall be required to sign a Memorandum of terms of sale containing the above terms at the Auction sale. The purchaser will be responsible for all closing costs, Massachusetts deed excise stamps and all recording fees.

The sale may be postponed or adjourned from time to time, if necessary, by the attorney for the mortgagor at the scheduled time and place of sale. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

**Other terms, if any, will be announced at the sale.**

Country Bank for Savings,

Present Holder of said Mortgage

By: /s/ Jonathan C. Sapirstein Jonathan C. Sapirstein SAPIRSTEIN & SAPIRSTEIN, P.C. 1500 Main Street, Suite 2504 P.O. Box 15408 Springfield, MA 01115-5408 (413) 827-7500 Its Attorneys Date: March 28, 2023 04/06, 04/13, 04/20/2023

**Public Notice Request for Proposal**

The Hardwick Cemetery Commissioners are accepting bids from Contractors for the mowing of Cemeteries and Common Area for FY/2024 beginning July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. The Scope of Services is available by contacting Paula Roberts - 413-813-8809, or e-mail cemetery@townofhardwick.com. Bids will be accepted **until Tuesday, April 11, 2023 by 12:00 PM** and shall be marked "Mowing of Cemeteries and Common Area Bid". Bids may be mailed to Cemetery Commission, PO Box 575, Gilbertville, MA 01031 or hand delivered to Hardwick Municipal Building, 307 Main St., Gilbertville, MA 01031.

James Swett, Chairman Cemetery Commission 03/30, 04/06/2023

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**TOWN OF HARDWICK YOUTH CENTER JOB DESCRIPTION**

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