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Town election wins go to newcomers

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Voters took to the polls Monday in both Ware and Hardwick, with multiple contests on the ballot.

WARE

Nancy Talbot and write-in candidate Jack Cascio both secured seats on the Selectboard with 681 voters casting ballots.

Talbot received the majority of votes with 442, Cascio with 344 and incumbent John Morrin with 223. There were seven additional write-in candidates who received a total of nine votes, and 344 were left blank.

All other positions on the ballot were uncontested and results are as follows: School Committee – Aaron Sawabi received 506 votes, five write-ins, 170 blank; Board of Assessors – Theodore Balicki received 554 votes, one write-in, 126 blank; Board of Health – Michael Juda received 552 votes, two write-ins (four votes cast), 125 blank; Park Commissioner – William Imbier received 529 votes, two write-ins, 150 blank; Cemetery Commission – Roy Erickson received 528 votes, three write-ins, 150 blank; Planning Board – Christopher DiMarzio received 517 votes, two write-ins, 162 blank; Ware Housing Authority (five-year term) – Frederick Daniels received 489 votes, 192 blank; and Ware Housing Authority (two-year unexpired term) – Nancy Brown received 501 votes, 180 blank.

HARDWICK

Eric Vollheim was elected to the Board of Selectmen with 275 votes over opponent Elizabeth Cyran, who received 170 votes. A total of 456 voters cast ballots.

Other contested positions include the Board of Health, with newcomer Paul Mailhot Jr. receiving 225 votes over incumbent Stanley Remiszewski, who received 209. Kristyl Kelly was elected to fill a one-year term on the K-12 Quabbin Regional School Committee over Anne Van Arsdell, with 208 and 187 votes, respectively.

All other positions on the ballot were uncontested and results are as follows: Town Clerk – Ryan J. Witkos received 433 votes, one write-in, 22 blank; Board of Assessors – Jennifer Kolenda received 416 votes, 40 blank; K-12 Quabbin Regional School Committee – Emily Cartier received 357 votes, six write-ins, 93 blanks; Paige Memorial Library Trustee (two positions) – James Barnes received 336 votes, Jacqueline Easter received 331, three write-ins, 242 blank; Paige Agricultural Fund Trustee – Curtis Stillman received 376 votes, one write-in, 79 blank; Moderator – Ryan J. Witkos received 427 votes, two write-ins, 27 blank; Planning Board (two three-year term positions) – Harry Comerford received 364 votes, Jennifer Garvey received 328 votes, five write-ins, 215 blank; and Planning Board (one-year term) – William Cole received 376 votes, nine write-ins, 71 blank.



Samantha Berthiaume, Finnley Berthiaume and Wyatt Houle getting ready for egg hunting with the Easter Bunny.

Lucy Stone Park hosts 2nd annual Easter egg hunt

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WARREN – Adults and children alike gathered at Lucy Stone Park to take pictures with the Easter Bunny and participate in Warren's second annual Easter egg hunt held this past Saturday.

While the event was held between 10:30-11:30 a.m., the hunt was divided into three time slots with ages 0-4 egg hunting at 10:30 a.m., children 5-to 7-years-old at 11 a.m. and ages 8 and older starting at 11:30 a.m.

Children happily raced down the trails of Lucy Stone with their baskets swinging in hopes of being the first to find eggs.

Though some were "hidden" in plain sight for the tots, others were snuck in the hollows of shallow trees and peeking out from behind rocks.

Lucy Stone Park project restoration manager and 2019 "citizen

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Town Admins deeds noted in review

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HARDWICK – As an interim review, the Board composed a detailed report of Town Administrator Nicole Parker's accomplishments, strengths and "to-work-ons" at their Monday night meeting.

"Nicole came in when we were at the height of our U.S. Department of Agriculture engagement and trying to get the funding back...Nicole was to have a review in July of 2022 and that didn't happen because we were still in the midst of working through that," said Chair Julie Quink.

Some of her accomplishments recognized include getting the USDA contract back underway for the wastewater treatment facility upgrade, launching a town YouTube channel, Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness grants with Eric Vollheim, and the addition of a new IT firm and website and successfully getting the Treasure/Collector position combined and getting an assistant for that role.

Clerk Kelly Kemp said the addition of the YouTube channel, IT firm and website helped get the town "up to date."

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Forum explores sale of town assets

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WARE – A public forum was held Tuesday night to discuss the possibility of selling the town's water and wastewater treatment facilities to a private firm.

Town Manager Stuart Beckley said the town was approached by a private firm to potentially "take over the operation and wastewater equipment and site."

"We had the presentation from the firm and saw a benefit in capital planning," said Beckley.

The last upgrade completed for the Wastewater Treatment Plant was in the 1980s.

Presently, "all mechanical equipment is in need of replacement."

A new water filtration plant is also necessary to address "dirty

water" issues.

To achieve the Capital Improvement Plans of replacing or restoring the water and wastewater treatment plants are projected to cost approximately \$22,371,000.

Some of the potential benefits of privatization mentioned include the potential for long term stability for taxpayers and the alleviation of the capital planning expenses.

Several concerns citizens addressed include potential tax rate increases, loss of control of water and land, oversight, and how a private company would handle late or delayed payments especially in relation to an aging population.

One resident asked what kind of "safety net" citizens would have in the event that the private firm "fails their obligation" to the townspeople regarding keeping water clean or maintained.

Beckley said a firm would be responsible for filling their obligations per Board of Health regulations.

However, until the Request for Proposal comes back, terms and conditions of the potential sale are not established yet.

Another citizen questioned how a private firm would handle late fees and bills as they would not be able to place a lien on your home like the town can.

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Seniors get 'Credit for Life' at fair

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WARE – Last week, high school seniors were given the chance to fast-forward to the future and experience what life could be like when they finished college and started their careers.

On April 5, about 400 students from Ware, Belchertown, Palmer and Pathfinder high schools took part in Country Bank's Credit for Life fair held in the gymnasium of Ware High School.

This is the 10th year Country Bank has held Credit for Life, which serves 1,500 students in 11 schools. Each year there are

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(Turley Publications Photos by Paula Ouimette)

Ware High School seniors Riley Dulak, Abby Gaudreau and Brogan O'Keefe attended Country Bank's Credit for Life.

Congelos secures internship at State House

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WARREN – Last month, Quabog Regional High School student Antonio Congelos had the opportunity to be state Rep. Todd Smola for a day.

Selected as a representative during Student Government Day, Congelos worked alongside about 400 other high school students to learn firsthand how the State House operates.

Congelos has taken a lot of honors-level history classes, which have spurred his interest in government and how it operates.

"I was nervous it would be a bore," Congelos said. "But it was a very cool process."

During his time in the State House, Congelos and other students talked about two laws, including whether or not 16- or 17-year-olds should be allowed to vote.

"At first, I thought 'no,' but after discussion I changed my

vote," he said. The other law was about healthy lunches, and Congelos learned that while well-intentioned, it was not a perfect law.

"I was informed by what they had to say," he said.

Congelos was able to work alongside state Sen. Jake Oliveira and he said a role in government is "definitely something I could see myself doing."

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Hardwick Youth Center is 'erupting' with fun

HARDWICK – Hardwick Youth Center members had some messy science-based fun recently, making baking soda and vinegar volcanoes.

Hardwick Youth Center is located on the top floor the Municipal Building, 307 Main St., Gilbertville and is free and open to all youth in the town of Hardwick.

(Courtesy Photos)

Hardwick Youth Center members made volcanoes.

Grades kindergarten through second usually meet on Tuesdays from 3:30-5 p.m.; grades sixth through eighth meet Wednesdays from 3-5 p.m.; grades ninth through twelfth meet Wednesdays from 5:15-7 p.m.; and grades third through fifth meet Thursdays from 3:30-5 p.m.

Times and meeting locations can vary week to week, depending on the activities. Please follow the Hardwick Youth Center Facebook page for up-to-date information.

These youth had some "hands-on" science-based learning at Hardwick Youth Center.



Grange presents program on sustainable farming April 17

WARE – Learn about sustainable farming practices at a presentation by Kim, owner and operator of Chestnut Farm on Monday, April 17 at Ware Grange, 297 Belchertown Road at 7 p.m.

There is no cost to attend, and all are welcome. The Grange will be collecting donations for a local food pantry if you wish to donate.

Are You Old News?



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

(File Photo)
Last week's photo from 1992 shows spectators at a Ware Youth Basketball game. From left are Roger and Elizabeth Lincoln and Katharine and William Zwemke.

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

C4R spring kick-off event April 2

PALMER – The Chicopee 4 Rivers Watershed Council invites everyone to a spring kick-off event on Thursday, April 20 from 7-8 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) at Palmer Historical Cultural Center, 2072 Main St., Three Rivers.

Join C4R and catch up on who they are, what they have done and what they plan to do in 2023 for our local rivers.

As we all get back to "normal" let's get back to the rivers, caring for them and enjoying them.

C4R created four Blue Trails to enjoy and care for, they monitor water quality, restore places, and they hope to do more. They are looking to build a stronger group of local river folk to connect more people to our local rivers

and to strengthen their work.

C4R will talk about paddling, monitoring water quality, clean ups, how anyone can participate and begin to rebuild team C4R. All are welcome.

For more information, email chicopeewatershed@gmail.com

Tri-Parish Church to hold plant and bake sale

HARDWICK – The Tri-Parish Community Church announces their 17th Annual Plant and Bake Sale, on the Hardwick Common, Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and 21 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. each day.

This popular East Quabbin area event will feature traditional, favorite and connoisseur perennials, plus selected annuals, heirloom vegetable plants and herbs in time for spring planting. There is a wonderful variety in plants

offered through Inishowen Farms of North Brookfield, Stillman's Farm of New Braintree, Chicken Feather Farm of New Braintree, as well as Howe's Farm of New Braintree, Tracie's Greenhouse of Ware, the Hardwick Farmers Co-op of Hardwick and private gardens.

The popular baked potato buffet is returning and a delicious assortment of home-baked desserts and breads will also be sold. The event is held

rain or shine.

The church is also seeking vendors for their annual Tag and Craft sale to coincide with the Plant and Bake Sale. Spaces on the Common will be offered for \$35 each.

Applications may be obtained by emailing Marguerite at mcrevier1.mc@gmail.com or calling 413-477-6942. Vendors should reserve their space early.

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Public hearing on battery storage bylaws continued

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WARE – A public hearing was held by the Planning Board to consider an addition to the zoning bylaw to regulate battery energy zoning systems.

“Last May, based on interest by residents and brought to the Planning Board, town meeting adopted a moratorium on battery storage systems and that was a zoning bylaw...it [was] approved through June 30 of this year for the moratorium to be in place and for the town to propose changes to the zoning bylaw to address battery storage,” said Town Manager Stuart Beckley at the Board’s April 6 meeting.

During that time, former Town Planner Rob Watchilla was working with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission on a group analysis and review of the proposed bylaw.

“What is reflected here, importantly, is that the Attorney General has found that any bylaw related to battery storage cannot negatively create a hurdle or impact battery storage,” said Beckley.

Clerk Nancy Talbot asked if the bylaw “model” presented in the draft before the Board was similar or replicate what other local communities have adopted.

Beckley said Oakham approved a similar bylaw with the exclusion of reference[s] to solar which allowed for the bylaw to pass.

Chairman Richard Starodoj was concerned about the size of the battery storage units.

One member addressed concern regarding storage of the units as either housed in underground vaults or in aboveground containers.

They further suggested putting the battery storage systems in industrial areas only to protect residential abutters who may not want risks associated with these batteries.

However, another member suggested there aren’t a significant amount of industrial zones that would allow for the storage of these battery storage units and the stipulation would act as a deterrent.

Starodoj questioned that if there is no bylaw written into the town law, would people legally be allowed to put battery storage units in town without regulation.

Though at this time it is unclear, Beckley suggested reaching out to the Attorney General directly to acquire more

information about the laws and battery storage units.

Alternate Elizabeth Hancock suggested editing the proposed draft to reflect consistency with the town’s other bylaws.

The board unanimously voted in favor of continuing the public hearing at the next Planning Board meeting on April 20 as they were unable to come to a conclusion.

Special permit approved

The Board approved a special permit for an applicant to house nine chickens on her property under the special condition the permit runs with the applicant and not the property.

“Because there are more than five [chickens], a special permit is required,” said Vice-Chair Ed Murphy III.

The applicant stated the chickens are just pets and are housed in a coop in the backyard.

The coop is located away from the street and away from any neighbors.

The applicant said the coop is positioned so “they don’t stress out any neighbors dogs or any neighbor’s dogs stress them out.”

The town did not receive any complaints or written concerns regarding the special permit request and as the coop is in compliance with zoning bylaws no issues were found by the board.

New business

Beckley informed the Board of the need for members of the Planning Commission.

“The planning commission is made up of representatives from each town...The ‘main’ person is intended to be a member of the Planning Board; the alternate can be any resident in town and could also be a second member of the Planning Board,” said Beckley.

The Planning Commission hosts quarterly meetings and serves as an opportunity for members to exchange information.

Quarterly meetings would also offer members the opportunity to work with members from other communities that may relate to their own town concerns.

“It’s a good way to get seasoned in zoning,” said one member. The Board postponed the discussion as one member was absent and may want to be involved in the conversation or interested in being part of the Planning Commission.

Senior Center hosts scrapbooking Tuesday nights

WARE – Avid scrapbookers Sue LaBarge and Terry Skaza extend a warm welcome to anyone interested in joining scrapbooking at the Ware Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road, every Tuesday night from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

While there is a modest \$3 charge to participate, your memories, photos and experience are priceless. If you are interested in recording memories, then this scrapbook gathering is for you.

Scrapbooking is a paper craft that includes memorabilia, photos and journaling to create page layouts.

LaBarge and Skaza have joined together to share their scrapbooking expertise to show you what you can do with old photos stored in containers or shoe boxes while bringing those memories back to life.

Though some supplies will be provided and shared by the group, it is encouraged to bring some to customize your scrapbook and let your creativity flow.

Whether you are a beginner or long term scrapbooker, scrapbook gatherings are a great opportunity to share ideas and create memories.



Scrapbookers can meet every Tuesday night from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Ware Senior Center. (Turley Publications Photos by Dallas Gagnon)



Terry Skaza, Sue LaBarge and Rosemarie Murphy sharing a recent project.



One scrapbooker reframes family photos.

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 17**
 - 9 a.m. Tai Chi
 - 10 a.m. Scat
 - 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- Tuesday, April 18**
 - COA- Council on Aging Meeting
 - 9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing
 - 9:30 a.m. Quilting Club

- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 1-2 p.m. Mobile Food Pantry at Greenville Park, Church Street
- 1:30-3:30 p.m. Chair Massage \$5 for 10 minutes (available by appointment only, call 413-967-9645)
- 6 p.m. Scrapbook Class
- 6 p.m. Pitch (doors open at 5 p.m.)

- Wednesday, April 19**
 - 9 a.m. Tai Chi
 - 10 a.m. Scat
 - 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- Thursday, April 20**
 - 9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing
 - 9:30 a.m. Line Dancing Beginners
 - 10 a.m. Line Dancing
 - 10 a.m. Scat

- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 2:30 p.m. Art Class
- Friday, April 21
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 1 p.m. Chair Yoga
- 6 p.m. Pitch (doors open at 5 p.m.)

LUNCHES – DINE IN

- All Meals \$3.50 unless Otherwise Noted
- Monday, April 17**
 - Brunch
 - Blueberry Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausages, Dessert of the Day

- Tuesday, April 18**
 - Birthday Party
 - BBQ Chicken, Candied Yams, Corn on the Cob, Dessert & Entertainment Courtesy of the Friends of Ware Seniors Inc.
- Wednesday, April 19**
 - Chili Dogs, Potato Chips, Dessert of the Day, Sugar Free Jell-O
- Thursday, April 20**
 - Chicken Jambalaya, Dessert of the Day
- Friday, April 21**
 - Baked Fish, Scalloped Potatoes, Veggie of the Day, Dessert of the Day

Music at Trinity presents 'All that Jazz' April 23

WARE – “All that Jazz” is the next Music at Trinity concert fundraiser to benefit local charities.

An ensemble from the Ware Jazz band will present a concert at Trinity Episcopal Church, corner of Park and Pleasant streets on Sunday, April 23 at 4 p.m.

No tickets, but an offering will be received to support the Diaper Ministry of Trinity.

Hundreds of diapers are given away to members of our community every month, through the church’s Jubilee Food Cupboard.

Bring a friend, and come enjoy great music. For more information, call Pastor Randy Wilburn at 413-687-5568 or email rkeithw42@gmail.com.

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viewpoints



Retired public servant feels Government Pension Offset 'unjust'

Dear Rusty: I'm a retired firefighter and live in Ohio. I earned Social Security from my side employment, but the Windfall Elimination Provision hit my Social Security very hard.



My wife worked in the school system and earned a state "SERS" pension. I understand the WEP offset and that doesn't bother me as much as the fact that my wife doesn't get my Social Security benefits when I die — her state pension is above the monthly limit for her to receive my Social Security. I earned that benefit by working extra jobs and being away from my family, and it seems unjust that my benefits expire with me. Thanks for letting me vent. *Signed: Retired Public Servant*

Dear Retired Public Servant: The provision you deem as "unjust" isn't the Windfall Elimination Provision, which affects SS retirement benefits for those who also have a "non-covered" pension, a pension earned without contributing to Social Security; rather it is the Government Pension Offset, which also affects those who have a pension earned without contributing to Social Security.

Though I know it is no consolation, your frustration about the Government Pension Offset is shared by nearly a million other Americans in a similar situation. The GPO has been law since 1983 and is intended to "equalize" how spousal and survivor benefits are paid to all beneficiaries. I'm certainly not defending it, but I've researched why the GPO was enacted decades ago.

Historically, ever since spousal and survivor benefits became part of Social Security's benefit structure in the late 1930s, if a spouse also has their own personally earned SS benefit, any spousal/survivor benefit they also became entitled to was offset by their personally earned SS retirement amount. The prevailing opinion in the 1983 Congress was that because regular spousal and survivor benefits are normally offset by the spouse's own earned SS benefit, it was unfair that a spouse who had a "non-covered pension" didn't incur the same offset as those who had no such non-covered pension. Thus, GPO was enacted in 1983 to "equalize" how spousal and survivor benefits were paid. It is the GPO which will affect your wife's benefit as your surviving spouse because she earned her state pension while not contributing to Social Security.

To give you a more personal perspective, if your wife had, instead, worked outside of the Ohio school system and was entitled to a full Social Security benefit based on her own earnings from which she contributed to SS, any survivor benefit she might become entitled to from you would still be offset by her personally earned SS retirement benefit. If her own SS retirement benefit was more than her entitlement as your widow, she would get no additional amount as your surviving spouse. Or if her own SS retirement benefit was smaller than yours, her survivor benefit would still be offset by her own benefit (her benefit would be paid first and only a supplement added to bring her payment to the higher amount she was entitled to as your widow). The purpose of the Government Pension Offset is to equalize how spousal, or survivor benefits are paid to those with, and to those without, a non-covered pension. Indeed, because the GPO only offsets the potential spousal/survivor benefit by two thirds of a spouse's non-covered pension, the GPO is actually a bit more forgiving.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.



A dad-worthy lawn

My dad would have celebrated his birthday this week.

I think of him often and I remember how he used to get great joy out of the simple things in life. In fact, when he was sick, he stated more than once how much he missed puttering around the house and yard.

One of my dad's spring rituals was to take the lawn. I remember him out there working his way across the yard a little at a time, making pile after pile of dead grass, leaves and small sticks. This was just the first job in a season's worth of work aimed at growing good turf.

Read on for this refresher on what else can be done to achieve an attractive greenscape with a minimal commitment.

Don't mow so low, or as often. Mowing at a height of about 3 inches will encourage a

healthy lawn.

Why? Taller grass shades out developing weed seedlings. It also makes large, established weeds more susceptible to mower damage (the more surface area of the weed that is removed, the more weakened it becomes.)

High mowing also fosters deep root growth. Deep roots sustain the lawn during periods of drought. Keep mower blades sharpened for the cleanest possible cut.

Water efficiently and effectively. If you set up sprinklers each season to water the lawn for you, take some time early in the season to position them so that water isn't wasted on sidewalks or driveways.

Mark the location and set up will be a no-brainer each time.

To grow best, grass requires an inch of moisture each week, more if your soil is sandy. Do the tea cup test to determine how much water your sprinklers emit and at what rate.

Simply place a tea cup or other container on the lawn and turn on the sprinkler, check every five minutes or so until water reaches the inch mark. Now you can set a timer, or turn off the sprinklers manually knowing your lawn has gotten its weekly drink.

Most people know that early morning is the best time to water the lawn. By watering early in the day less moisture is lost to evaporation.

Grass is also less prone to fungal diseases because it has a chance to dry before nightfall.

Know your soil. A friend of mine who knew a lot about turf once told me that if I

were to apply one thing to my lawn each season it should be lime.

Grass can't grow well, or fight off diseases or bugs for that matter, if it isn't getting the nutrients it needs. Many nutrients are bound up until the pH is corrected.

Get a soil test and specify on the order form that you wish to grow grass, as results for flower or veggie gardening may differ. Based on the results of your test, recommendations will be made as to the type of lime to use and at what application rate.

For more information contact <https://ag.umass.edu/services/soil-plant-nutrient-testing-laboratory/ordering-information-forms>

Here are some interesting grass facts: Did you know that according to a poll (sponsored by Briggs and Stratton) 64% of homeowners wish they had a better lawn?

Or that 65% of American homeowners own at least one lawn mower? The Professional Lawn Care Association estimates that a well-maintained lawn can increase the value of a home by up to 15%.

So, like my dad many years ago, enjoy some puttering on your property this spring. Your lawn will thank you!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Donations needed to paint historic Meeting House

The Proprietors of the Ware Center Meeting House and Museum are thrilled to report that we are celebrating our 25th year of service to our community.

We were formed to educate, entertain, and maintain this beautiful 1799 building. We have made many improvements: replaced the roof, rebuilt the carriage shed with lumber from the Ware-Gilbertville Covered Bridge, painted inside and out, repaired plaster walls and ceilings, maintained and improved the interior, restored and stabilized windows, replaced steps at the kitchen door, resettled the steps in front, repaired the dais and north wall, restored the belfry and bell, and overall kept the place in good condition.

We hope you have observed the restoration of the big sanctuary windows and ongoing work on the downstairs windows. Our unique windows required attention and we were blessed to get a donation from a local foundation to complete the window project.

Now, we turn our attention to the paint job that we so desperately need.

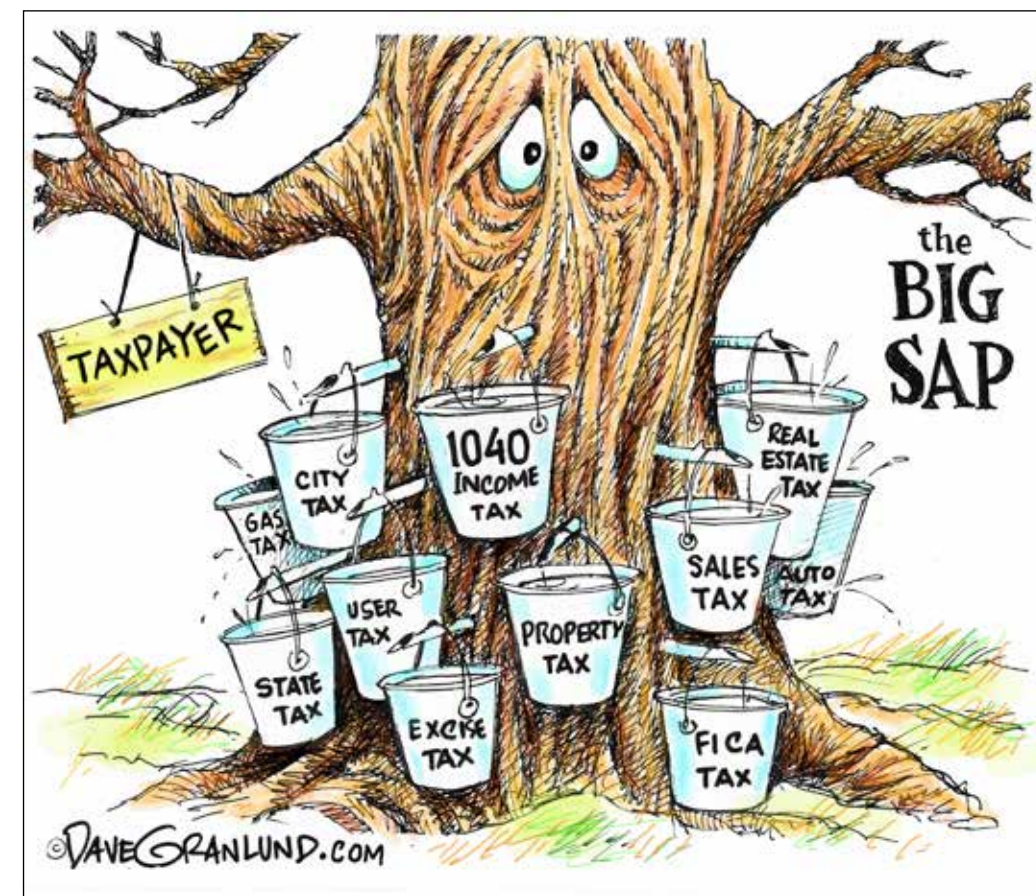
The Meeting House was last painted in 2006, and is starting to show its wear. The cupola and north wall are in most need, and we must get started before the clapboards start to deteriorate.

We continue to raise money with several fundraisers throughout the year, including our Town Wide Tag Sale, our Fall Fair and the Tree and Wreath and Festival. We've applied for available grants and received a few small ones, but we are in hopes that we can paint the whole building now, rather than in stages, as that's all we can afford right now.

Talbot thanks voters for their support

I am humbled by your support and grateful for the chance to be your representative.

I am honored in the trust you have placed in me to act on behalf of you, to serve with pride and dignity as well as respect. There is much to be done, a lot more to accomplish and yet I know that with your help and assistance the goals can be accomplished, the things we want for our community of Ware



This building is an integral part of our town's history: the first church, first town hall, first library, first cemetery.

We partner with the Ware Historical Society to give to the town free concerts on the green this summer, an educational day for third graders, the Ware Remembers event, and our open museum hours all summer long.

Can you help us continue to protect and improve this amazing community resource? A check or legacy donation made to the Proprietors of the Ware Center Meeting

House will allow us to continue our good work, and make the Meeting House a jewel to behold!

Please mail your donation to the Proprietors of the Ware Center Meeting House, P.O. Box 1401, Ware, MA 01082. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lynn Caulfield Lak, Clerk
For the Proprietors of the Ware Center Meeting House

can be had.

Yes, it will take some work, it will take a combined effort of leadership, work and sometimes a few sacrifices but it can and will happen. We have a good town, there are lots of people who believe in our future success.

There may be times when you question a decision, or you may wonder why; but never let it sway your belief that the decision was

made after careful consideration of facts and how it would benefit the majority. You all know me to respect opinions and different ideas; but to always act in the best interest of "our town."

Nancy J. Talbot
Ware

Life Together

Abraham Maslow developed a "Hierarchy of needs".

The first and foundational need is the need for security, safety. Our children need to feel safe.

I remember hiding under my desk in case an atom bomb was dropped on us. Now children learn a different survival ritual for school shootings.

Too many children and their families suffer "food insecurity," hitting at the heart of what Maslow was talking about.

Trinity Episcopal's Jubilee Cupboard is a significant answer to this food insecurity problem.

We continue to learn about the "cycle of abuse," and how domestic violence creates an unsafe environment for all.

The anger, verbal and emotional abuse, too often leads to physical violence and even death. The pain people experience is often expressed in abuse and violence toward one who is more vulnerable.

I could go on and on about the negative impact of insecurity and lack of safety. But admitting we are broken in many places; I choose to focus upon the positive and hopeful

attitudes and actions of people.

We know that those who have less give proportionately more than those who are wealthy. Generosity grows out of gratitude; the amazing grace surrounding us is the positive energy and hope-filled actions of kind and compassionate people.

A woman standing in front of her flattened house by the tornado, was wearing a T-shirt that read: BLESSED. I found that to be the working metaphor for hope, in a world breaking down and breaking apart.

To feel and believe one is "blessed", is the simple but solid truth.

One person wrote: "Just because you hear the sound of things breaking, does not mean they are breaking down, it may mean they are breaking open". May it be so for you and me.

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.



Why trustworthiness matters in our democracy

Early this year, the Gallup organization came out with a survey of Americans on how they view the ethics of various professions. Nurses ranked at the top. Doctors, pharmacists, and high school teachers did well, too.

Real estate agents and bankers were considered about average. Down at the bottom? Telemarketers. And, members of Congress.

So you can imagine how our representatives in Washington feel, knowing that a proven liar in their midst, George Santos, continues to garner headlines and public attention.

He casts a shadow over the entire body. The GOP House leadership seems reluctant to take any steps to expel him. Members of the New York Republican delegation, concerned

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Filmmaker Geno McGahee takes on La La Land

By Richard Murphy
Correspondent

Geno McGahee has been making movies in the Western Central Massachusetts region for many years.

His work has consisted mostly of horror films, and he has a rep in the genre.

Of late, he has branched out in what can be called a departure. The term departure could be considered an understatement.

With his wife, he was watching a Hallmark Channel movie. Now, in what also might be called an understatement, roughly 99% of "guys" are not fans of such entertainment (though, oddly enough, they know of its existence).

Nevertheless, he found himself a bit intrigued, maybe it was because the filmmaker in him thought he could do better.



Actress Lorrie Bacon is shown during the filming of "Deadly Western".

The result of his self-challenge was premiered at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield last

October.

The movie, "A Christmas Invitation", was covered by Turley Publications. It is the story of a dysfunctional family who's dying matriarch sends out deathbed invitations for the members to do Christmas together.

It looks to be a disaster, but fate intervened.

"A Christmas Invitation" did well enough that it was Cinema Epoch's best performer for a time and the movie is available on streaming services.

Cinema Epoch is the movie company McGahee works for.

For his next assignment he was to go on location. Oddly enough he usually go on location where people was to go on location from.

Hooray for Hollywood!

This was the idea of Gregory Hatanaka, owner of Cinema Epoch, the company that distributes

McGahee's movies. Hatanaka flew McGahee and his team out to the City of Angels to make a couple of films and have a great time which was obvious as he described the adventure beginning with flying over the iconic Hollywood sign.

It was work, of course, as McGahee spoke about the two films that were produced.

"Fatal Justice" is the story of Dennis, played by Eric Michaelian, an accused killer who is released from prison due to police misconduct. A young college girl murdered, it's not over. "The family of the victim comes face to face with Dennis and hold their own trial to decide his fate. When the system fails, family justice is the only way and FATAL JUSTICE will be executed."

There is a reason why McGahee wanted to make this movie. His favorite film is "Twelve Angry



Local filmmaker Geno McGahee is shown with the cast and crew on the set of "Deadly Western".

Men".

"Twelve Angry Men" has tugged at the heart strings of many for decades, and has been done in

several versions, including the most famous, as well as a number of for-

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The USDA contract is a major accomplishment as it is the largest grant "ever awarded."

Some of Parker's strengths include her interaction with the Board, that she is seen as a leader, does "what is in the best interest of the town," engaging town employees and department heads at town meetings, budget processes and streamlining and her willingness to learn and grow.

Quink said the Board recently received an email praising Parker and for her work with them.

Parker was recently asked to present at a Massachusetts Municipal Association conference recognized by the state as well as the Small Town Administrators of Massachusetts annual meeting.

Quink added Parker is "constantly trying to get grants," for "whatever we can."

Some examples of grants she has secured for the town include a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant of \$22,000, and several more.

"We are working on grants and anytime we think we can get one and not use funding then we absolutely do that," said Parker.

Land purchases

With the exception of Kemp who abstained, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously in favor of writing a letter of support to the Division of fisheries and Wildlife for land purchases on Hardwick Pond at their Monday night meeting.

Vacant Church Street buildings

Despite ongoing concern, there are no updates regarding properties on Church Street at this time.

Parker said Building Inspector Bill Cantell suggested addressing the properties with the Fire and Police departments.

The properties are also in arrears with taxes, said Parker.

Approvals and ARPA funding

The Board motioned to approve the use of American Rescue Plan Act funding to purchase a new lawnmower for the Highway Department in the amount of \$20,149.10.

Vice-Chair H. Robert Ruggles voiced concern that the mower suggested may be "lightweight" for municipal use.

"My personal feeling about this particular model he is looking at is a home-owner model, but it is not very rugged," said Ruggles.

As there is a need for a new mower, the Board approved the mower model presented.

The Board unanimously voted in favor of using ARPA funds in the amount of \$8,760 to purchase showers for the Highway Department.

Ruggles said "technically it's a 24-hour operation so they are supposed to be in there."

Parker pointed out the Highway Department does hard and strenuous work and suggested cots could also be beneficial.

Parker also suggested using ARPA funds to pay off any outstanding town and municipal vehicle expenses to eliminate those costs from next year's budget.

The board tabled the discussion until they met with the Finance Committee.

The board approved the new fee schedule for the building department, which will be effective starting July 1, as proposed by the Building Inspector.

"We had talked about this quite a bit ago and asked him to come back... our thought process was that our fees were low as compared to other towns around us," said Quink.

The Board motioned to adopt a \$1 per copy fee for any tax bills or history of payment as requested by the Treasurer/Collector's office.

Kemp said, "anywhere you go - even banks charge."

The fee policy is effective immediately.

The Board also approved the annual dog warrant for 2023.

"We do this every year- it just allows the dog officer to be able to do what she needs to do," said Kemp.

Appointments

Dr. Neil Halin was appointed to the Conservation Commission for a two-year term ending in 2025.

In a letter written by Vice-Chair of the Conservation Commission Rebecca Bottomley, it was stated Halin has "a science background and an understanding of the importance of the work of the Commission and a great interest in being meaningfully involved in town activities."

Bottomley wrote, "It has been several years" since the Commission has "had a full complement of five commissioners."

The Commission "wholeheartedly" endorsed Halin to be the fifth member.

Correspondence

The Massachusetts Central Railroad Corporation in conjunction with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation are working to rehabilitate its main railtrack as of April 3.

The estimated completion time is between July and August.

Should anyone have questions regarding the project and service hours, it is suggested contacting the Railroad's business office phone number between 6:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Town Administrator report

The equipment for Project 2 of the town's wastewater treatment facility update is out to bid. There are no further updates.

The equipment will remain out for bid until notice from USDA is received.

The Worcester Regional Retirement contributions are currently being corrected through monthly reconciliations.

Parker said an error in their payroll system caused them to stop sending the money over to retire-

ment, however, the issue has been corrected and action was taken to resolve the problem.

Parker met with Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll April 1 to further discuss the creation of the position of a Rural Director of Affairs.

The position would serve as an advocate to recognize rural committees and the inequities rural communities face.

"It was really writing a job description," said Parker of the April 1 meeting.

It was suggested at the meeting that the person in this position work based from the western-central Massachusetts area opposed to on Beacon Hill.

Parker said the electric vehicle charger at the Municipal Building is broken.

Parker said she reached out to Green Communities about potentially obtaining a grant to replace or repair the charger as it was initially acquired through a Green Communities grant.

Parker said she has also been working closely with the Council on Aging in collaboration with the Barre Council on Aging to focus on creating a working environment between the two groups with the potential to merge and regionalize.

Parker said the relationship between the separate councils has improved.

The Board of Health recently revised their fees and fee structures. The Board of Health meeting last Thursday had a "huge showing" because some people were attempting to get permits and realizing the Board of Health changed fees.

"They are cost prohibitive, and we are getting food trucks and vendors that just won't do business here because they are too expensive," said Parker.

She added that the Board of Health chair is revisiting the fee structures.

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about how he reflects on them, are agitating for his ouster.

And his constituents? They're the people who should be most concerned.

This isn't just because Santos won office by misrepresenting pretty much everything about himself. It's also because as voters, we depend on our representatives to speak and act effectively on our behalf. With a reputation for untrustworthiness, Santos will struggle to do that.

Over the course of my career in Congress, I dealt with hundreds of legislators over many decades and found the vast majority to be honest and ethical. Most understood that in Congress and other legislative bodies in this country, trust is the coin of the realm. One of the worst things that can happen to a legislator is to have word get around that he or she is not trustworthy.

This is because you're constantly making deals - hammering out the details of a bill, striving to get funding for a key infrastructure project at home, working with the leadership or other members of your state delegation or even legislators from the other party to craft language that can command a majority on the floor. And as part of that process, you have to make commitments. If you don't follow through or you shade your language or you misrepresent your intentions, word gets around.

So why do so many people hold the ethics of members of Congress in such low esteem and often tell pollsters that you can't trust what they say? I think in part it's because many politicians learn quickly to be very careful about how they use language in public - not for nefarious purposes, but because it's natural to want an audience's support even though, quite often, the issue in question is far more complicated than it's possible to convey in a few words.

Or, especially these days, a politician may be entirely sincere in expressing a point of view, but it's based on misinformation or information that comes from what proves to be an untrustworthy source.

At the same time, issues evolve.

Policy is a dynamic process and circumstances and legislation change: What you said a year ago might no longer be relevant or even useful today. In fact, as a member of Congress, I became very cautious in answering when a constituent or lobbyist asked me whether I would support a particular bill because, by the time it reached the floor, it might have gone through so many changes that it was unrecognizable.

The problem is, as a legislator you don't get to vote "Maybe." A vote is a blunt response to a difficult issue; "yes" or "no" rarely reflects a member's complete thoughts because of the complexities inherent in legislation.

Intriguingly, it's that changeability - in how legislation evolves, politics unfolds, and politicians think - that makes trustworthiness so important. If other legislators conclude they can't take you at your word, then you're sidelined. As deals get struck and the details change, you have no influence. In the end, you're just occupying a seat.

As Santos has found, you may have a megaphone in the press, but when it comes to affecting public policy or the course of legislative events, you're frozen out. And the losers are your constituents.

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One townspeople suggested they believe a private firm would respond similarly to how electric companies respond, by shutting off that utility and charging additional fees to turn it back on.

Concerns such as which areas would be sold by the town and which areas would be kept were also discussed.

One citizen said he has utilized the field at Beauregard Memorial Park for over 30 years and would not like to lose access to that.

At a previous meeting, the Finance Committee suggested the town pay an outside financial entity or firm to assess the case at hand.

Several residents were concerned about the private firms interest in the facility, especially regarding profits and revenue.

Residents questioned how tax rates may reflect the firm's financial interest in obtaining the property.

If the town does not sell the water and wastewater treatment facilities, a steady increase in taxes would occur as a result of the need to achieve the capital planning improvements necessary to repair and replace the existing equipment.

However, some townspeople were concerned the one-time payment of the sale of assets would only alleviate the pressure of capital planning momentarily but be potentially problematic long term.

A question some residents posed, were if they are paying tax increases, would a private firm increase that tax as a way to generate more revenue than rates the town would propose.

"The town has made the decision to look at the process," said one citizen.

He added "you do control the vote."

A projected timeline of the process was presented during the forum. The RFP is due to the Town Manager's office by May 18.

If the Selectboard chooses to further explore privatization, the Board would conduct an interview and review in the summer of 2023.

Additional public forums will be held in the summer and fall, and by fall 2023 the subject would be ready to present at the special town meeting.

In the spring of 2024, a rate review and implementation would be recognized.

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Selectmen review draft letter to DESE

By Dallas Gagnon
Staff Writer
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WARREN – The Board of Selectmen reviewed and revised a drafted letter to be presented to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education asking for a financial assessment.

The purpose of the letter is to ask if DESE does or will consider assessing the district's budgets to track how and where school funding is spent.

Town Administrator James Ferrera told the Board at their April 6 meeting, that the request should address the "growth in the budget."

He added the schools have "continued to ask for additional funds on top of the fact that they have gotten, this particular fiscal year, more than a million dollars more than they did that last year...they are still asking for additional funds."

The Board agreed more specificity was needed regarding what the board is asking DESE to assess and that it should be more clearly stated in the letter before it is considered complete.

Appointments and approvals

The Board unanimously appointed Jennifer Leneau to the Board of Registers with a term ending on June 30, 2024.

The Board voted unanimously in favor of appointing John Obrzut as a part-time van driver for the Council on Aging. Obrzut is a lifelong Warren resident and highly recommended by the Council on Aging.

The Board approved the agreement between Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission and the town for the administration of the Green Communities Act.

Ferrera said CMRPC is the town's planning partner on the project.

"They are penciled in to do our recording of this particular grant, and this is an agreement between them and the town of Warren for those services," he said.

CMRPC will be compensated in the amount of \$5,000 for their work.

The Board also approved the contract for the School Street Phase 1 and Prospect Street Improvements project with A Martin and Sons construction.

STM and ATM

The Board motioned to close the warrants for the special town meeting and annual town meeting with the caveat that there may be some changes with legal terminology and additional money for specific articles.

No additional articles will be added at this point.

The special town meeting will

be at 6:30 p.m. and the annual town meeting will be at 7 p.m. on May 9 at Quaboag Regional Middle/High School.

Police Department report

Police Chief Gerald Millette said during the month of March the Department logged 17,042 calls of service, which included seven on view arrests, four warrants arrest, 18 summons arrests for a total of 29 arrests.

March included a total of 191 motor vehicle stops and 88 citations.

The Department took possession of the two new vehicles, he said, and now have five SUVs and one Humvee."

On March 1, the Department met with a member of Homeland Security to complete a security assessment for Quaboag.

"We viewed a bunch of areas for the day," said Millette. He added when the assessment is complete it will also "help with grants," though he is currently waiting on the assessment.

"We conducted interviews for the open full time slot," said Millette. A part-time officer was promoted to a full-time position.

On March 15, a school safety committee was held where the Department discussed meeting safety concerns for the schools.

On March 16 Fire Chief Adam Lavoie and Millette attended a class on active shooter training.

Chairman David Dufresne said, "You guys are keeping busy... Top notch guys and ladies in the department."

The Warren Police Department has eight officers on staff.

"You guys are doing a lot," said Dufresne. "We appreciate everything you guys do."

Town Administrator report

The regional school business has been taken out of the omnibus and is now reflected as a warrant article.

Ferrera said "we are looking at approximately only a 2% increase across the board...By the time some of these articles in the and ATM play out you will see about a 2% increase over last fiscal year's budget."

Improvements to the town Shepard Building are "continuing on the process."

Some recent improvements include the addition of etchings above the doors in the building, rug cleaning and select rooms painted.

There is about \$21,000 left for improvements.

"There are still some outstanding bills that haven't cycled through yet," said Ferrera.

However, of the remaining funds, Ferrera suggested putting money towards Senior Center improvements.

Balloon sponsorship helps Clowning For Kidz

WARREN – Not even the coldest, wettest, most blustery days of March could stop The Clowning For Kidz clowns from entertaining crowds in two St. Patrick's Day Parades this year.

The Clowning For Kidz Foundation is an all-volunteer, interactive clown unit, established in 2008 in West Warren, for the sole purpose of providing aid to children-in-need under the age of 16 years. The Clowning For Kidz Foundation raises its funding through the art of clowning.

According to a press release, the friendly clowns, ranging in age from 8 years to young-at-heart cheered the crowds at the 67th annual Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade in Newport, Rhode Island on Saturday, March 11, to honor St. Patrick's Day.

The crowd was estimated to be around 50,000 people and Clowning For Kidz loved performing in the two-mile parade.

The following Sunday, March 19, The Clowning For Kidz Foundation clowned at the South Boston St. Patrick's Day/Evacuation Day Parade hosted by the South Boston Allied War Veterans Council. The parade celebrated St. Patrick's Day and the evacuation of British Forces from Boston on March 17, 1776.

An estimated one million people attended the over a three-and-a-half-mile parade route.

The Clowning For Kidz Foundation is honored to have participated in both these great community parades.

"Our parade vehicle sports balloons each dedicated in memory of; or supporting a business; or a name. Your dedication, name or



(Courtesy Photo)

The clowns at The Clowning For Kidz Foundation have started the year off by bringing smiles to faces, participating in two St. Patrick's Day parades, including the South Boston parade.

business can be placed in a vinyl balloon on our vehicle for a sponsorship of \$50 for a small balloon or a \$250 donation for a large balloon. The balloons are viewed by spectators around New England," Tracey Mazur, Clowning For Kidz Foundation secretary.

If you are interested in sponsoring a balloon, please send your check to The Clowning For Kidz Foundation, P.O. Box 286, West Warren MA, 01093 and indicate in

the memo how many balloons, the size and the text for each balloon.

The balloon donations are used to support the foundation's vehicle.

The Clowning For Kidz Foundation is anticipating a very active year as communities rally from the pandemic. Local appearances for Clowning For Kidz are the Asparagus & Flower Heritage Festival on the West Brookfield Common on Saturday, May 3, and the foundation's Annual Car

Show at the Ware High School on Saturday, Sept. 23.

If you would like to get involved or join The Clowning for Kidz Foundation, please email clowningforkidzfoundation@comcast.net for information about clown classes.

The world runs on laughter and The Clowning For Kidz Foundation hopes that by sharing their laughter, love, and resources that they will bring genuine smiles to children of all ages.

Tam O'Shanter Farm offers spring break fun

WARREN – Join Tam O'Shanter Farm, 107 Richardson St., for Kid's Spring Break Fest 2023 the week of April 17-21.

There will be fun and creative outdoor activities. A one-hour slot includes spending time with the animals and participating in a craft.

The cost is \$25 per person adult with child free. Registration is required and space is limited.

For more information or to register for the event, visit www.tamoshanterfarm.com.



Community breakfast on May 6 benefits students

WARE – A community breakfast to benefit the sophomore class at Ware High School will be held on Saturday, May 6 from 8-10:30

a.m. at Gabe's, 11 East Main St.

The breakfast includes eggs, ham, potatoes, coffee, muffins and juice.

Adults are \$8 and senior citizens and children under 12 are \$6. All proceeds benefit the sophomore class at WHS.

Voter registration deadline is April 22 for town election

WARREN / WEST BROOKFIELD – Town Clerk of Warren Laura Stockley and Town Clerk of West Brookfield Heather Gough announce that voter registration will be held in their offices on Saturday, April 22 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. for the Annual Town Election, which will be held Tuesday, May 2.

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eign language incarnations. "Fatal Justice" is a courtroom drama, but not in a courtroom? "Deadly Western" is a unique take on the horse opera theme. Of course, there is the sheriff who will defend the town, but has to ask why?

"Deadly Western" is where Science Fiction meets the Western.

It is the story of "a Sheriff that awakens with amnesia and the imminent threat of a deadly group coming to take over the town. Struggling to find out who he is and how to defend the town lead to secrets being exposed and not everything being what it seemed."

Gary Cooper never faced that dilemma in "High Noon". McGahee is a Twilight Zone guy so you can expect even more surprises at the end.

Your man has high hopes for "Deadly Western". He wants people to come out of the theater saying to friends, "ya gotta see it."

So it was a great week out on set. What's up back here in the Bay State?

We can look forward to the eventual premiere again at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield.

In June he will be filming "Scary Tales 3". Did we mention McGahee does horror?

But, again, a twist. It will be a comedy. It does fit, as what I've seen of his oeuvre, there is usually at least a tinge of humor.

It will be more than a tinge this time.

The man's heart is in comedy, and he wants to prove that comedy works on a budget.

McGahee described himself as a natural goofball, and if you follow the man on social media, there is that in him.

So, watch out for the announcement of the premiere of his Hollywood flicks and then watch out for comedy/horror made in New England. One could die laughing.

Michael H. Deslauriers Scholarship applications available

WARE – Applications for the Michael H. Deslauriers Scholarship are now available at your high school's guidance office.

The committee will award the Michael H. Deslauriers Scholarship to a graduating senior residing in the Town of Ware, regardless of the school district they attend.

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Following Student Government Day and after receiving encouragement from his teachers at Quaboag, Congelos decided to contact Smola and ask for an internship opportunity.

Smola quickly responded "yes" during a visit the following day at Quaboag Regional High School, where Congelos and other students in Project Lead the Way presented their biomedical innovations projects.

An internship at the State House is custom tailored to match each student's skills and interests, Smola said.

"We give them an issue in state or local government and have them drill down on it," Smola said. "We put them to work... they can be involved in sessions, answer phones, deal with the public."

Congelos said he is especially interested in environmental issues, which is something he is working on in his civics class.

"I really would like to do something to really make a change," Congelos said.

Congelos is working on bringing change to his hometown,



(Turley Publications Photo by Paula Ouimette)

Antonio Congelos (center) is shown with Warren Town Administrator James Ferrera, interim Superintendent Maureen Binienda, state Rep. Todd Smola and Principal Stephen Duff.

where he and his classmate Riley Sloan will revitalize hiking trails. He said being outdoors is also

important to mental health, which is an issue many are facing not just locally, but globally.

Congelos will start his internship with Smola in the State House after this school year ends.

Farm marketing with Halley and Curtis Stillman

Farming is not just putting a seed in the ground

By Richard Murphy
Correspondent

HARDWICK – Last Wednesday, people started assembling in a makeshift auditorium among clothing for sale at Hardwick Farmers Co-op in Gilbertville.

Cynthia Henshaw of East Quabbin Land Trust organized a table with a projector while a screen was improvised in front of boxes of shoes and boots. EQLT and Hardwick Farmers Co-op cosponsored the event.

Dawn Campelo, store manager, stood in front of the audience to introduce the event. She noted that soup and cookies and bread were available, but though some partook, those in attendance were mostly hungry for knowledge.

Halley and Curtis Stillman were there to talk about something they are intimately familiar with at the night's presentation, "Farm Marketing."

Their Still Life Farm, historically the Hardwick Poor Farm from the 1850s on the east side of the Quabbin Reservoir, is an ongoing project of reinvigorating tired pasture into fruitful orchards and vegetable fields. The two specialize in winter storage vegetables, and winter greenhouse crops. They operate a winter CSA vegetable share program, and produce a variety of specialty fruits.

According to the couple, "At Still Life Farm, we believe in wildlife stewardship and conservation, and as always, our conscientious approach assures our customers the highest quality produce available!"

In a business that is never easy, their dedication to what they are doing was evident in that it is done with no off-farm income.

They came prepared with a well-ordered PowerPoint display.

The message they started off with was to find a mentor. Curtis grew up on a farm, but still values mentors, so it must be doubly important for those without that background.

The necessity of being organized was stressed.

Not in so many words, but it was suggested one bring out the inner cost accountant as knowing where the money is going is important.

The budding farmer needs to know the target market before starting to plant crops.

Watching expenses, as in any business, is important. Also, don't forget to count your own labor.

Tied in with that is finding a niche.

Merriam Webster defines niche as a specialized market. It could be how one sets oneself apart.

Being part of your community was also stressed.

A CSA is a big part of what they do at Still Life Farm. CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture.

A CSA is "A system in which a farm operation is supported by shareholders within the community who share both the benefits and risks of food production."

Thus, members are the "backbone of your farm" and therefore the priority. It's tough and not for everyone. Learn to farm before taking it on.

It is good to have other outlets, markets and wholesale as well as the CSA, but CSA members are the priority. Much emphasis was placed on marketing tools, specifically social media. The presentation noted that though social media may not be to everyone's taste, it has huge importance to the business owner. Is not a farm a business?

They noted a litany of platforms; Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, TikTok, Pinterest, Snapchat, blogging, YouTube and countless more.

Social media does take time so the farm marketer should pick two or three that that one believes one can manage.

Everything is content and remember to tag people, because social media is social, and "Social can be exponential."

Don't forget to Google your own page!

Though social media was discussed at length, the point was made that one should not make social media the sole method of marketing.

At a farmers market, it is a good idea to ask people to provide emails and farmers should use the list for marketing.

A farm should consider hosting targeted events. With the PowerPoint and in the presentation, they stressed that such occasions are a great way to engage custom-



Halley and Curtis Stillman of Still Life Farm in Hardwick talked about farm marketing. (Turley Publications Photos by Richard Murphy)



Shown is East Quabbin Land Trust's Executive Director Cynthia Henshaw.



Hardwick Farmers Co-op Store Manager Dawn Campelo welcomes guests.

ers in an intimate and personal setting and get them excited about your farm and products.

Such events could be farm dinners, open barn events, festivals, CSA days. Be creative.

Everyone's farm is unique. Figure out how to share your farm's "uniqueness."

What else can you do, among other things, farmers might be willing to give a talk.

The presentation was chock full of information and after, there was a lively question and answer session with great audience participation.



Daffodils bloom around the memorial in Gilbertville.

Daffodils

By Fred DeBros

Daffodils don't need any explaining; they fill our eyes and give us a good mood at the end of March to May.

In Hardwick, they come mostly in early-mid and late season versions. Early versions are small double, mid versions very proliferating and single, big blooms. Late are less proliferating often double caicas, dual color and scented.

The last ones are the pheasant eye, very fragrant.

They are unpalatable to animals and can be taken in as cutting flowers as soon as you see a bud, where they last a week.

Now, where to set them? Not on your lawn.

They sometimes take until July to go dormant and that looks messy. You mow their leaves on Memorial Day and they won't come back next year.

The best place is a sunny spot. They need six hours of full sun to replenish their energy for next year's growth.

Or under a deciduous tree, not an evergreen!

Wet? Doesn't faze them.

Ideally you would plant them along the southern border of an east-west stonewall. They love that!

Prepping the soil is easy: in fall dump your compost and mulched grass clippings and mulched leaves where they are already, or where you want to plant them next spring. Dump some lime and bonemeal on it, no fertilizer.

I like to use horse manure as mulch because it contains no weed seeds, and it is loaded with ivermectin which sterilizes your ground (plus its free).

It looks good and doesn't compost fast.

Barnsoil and black compost and woodchips are good too, but you have to lime it generously and it looks ugly over the long decay. If you have money, pine bark is good of course.

Daffodils do not propagate with seeds, so you have to spread their bulbs.

Here's how I do it.

I plant them en masse, 1,000 at a clip, in spring. Ideally when they are finished blooming but that's not crucial.

Anytime you find them is better than tomorrow.

Here are the reasons: I know where they go; the soil is wet and soft; and they are small bulbs. I can do 250 an hour with a helper.

I stick them in a pail, water and when rested, plant them within a week or less, best on a rainy day. Just don't let them dry out.

I grab the plants gently by their leaves, and sink them in the hole as deep as they go, voila. No need to cover, tamp down or fertilize.

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Daffodils are one of the first flowers of spring.

Baystate Health offers free virtual events about strokes

SPRINGFIELD – Baystate Health is offering three free informative virtual events during May's Stroke Awareness Month.

"Stress, Lifestyle and Silent Stroke," presented by Dr. Rajiv Padmanabhan, stroke director in the Department of Neurology at Baystate Health, will be held on May 4 from 6-7 p.m.

Padmanabhan will discuss how many people feel stress at some level in their lives and answer the question, "Can stress and unhealthy lifestyle choices cause stroke or even a silent stroke?"

"Signs of a Mini-Stroke in Women," presented by Dr. Heydi Flores Podadera of the Department of Neurology at Baystate Health, will be held on May 9 from 6-7 p.m. Women have a higher lifetime risk for stroke.

Podadera will discuss mini-stroke symptoms that could be missed, causes, diagnosis and treatment.

"Stroke Rehab at Home: Hand Therapy Exercises," presented by Michelle Lantaigne, OT of Baystate Rehabilitation Care will be held on May 22 from 6-7 p.m.

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Bethany Dunn, Noah Dunn, Aubrie Chenevert and Carson Chenevert attended the Easter egg hunt at Lucy Stone Park.



Paul Savage, Mary Parent and Mason Savage smile as they finish egg hunting on a brisk April morning.



Volunteers Lauren Bansfield and Alex Soares sold raffle tickets. (Turley Publications Photos by Dallas Gagnon)



Instead of hunting for eggs or taking photos with the Easter Bunny, one local came dressed as both the egg and the bunny.

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of the year” Tim O’Brien said eggs were hidden along the trail and in the grassy areas inside the park.

“We held the first Easter egg hunt last year and it was such a success they made it an annual event,” said O’Brien.

O’Brien spearheaded the addition of the Easter egg hunt last year and said, “Warren hasn’t had one before,” and it was “good to rejuvenate it for the community.”

Despite the brisk morning chill, by 10:15 a.m. O’Brien said the community turnout this year was already looking “pretty good.”

Volunteers from the Conservation Commission, Cultural Council and friends made the event possible with their help organizing tables, refreshments and hiding eggs.

O’Brien recognized donors such as Gail Winders of the Warren Council on Aging, Jasper Fortunato of Mass Appeal Pizza & Bread Co. and state Rep. Todd Smola for contributing various materials to the egg hunt. Children were given a free “fuzzy friend” Easter Bunny of their own after taking a photo with the “real,” life-sized Easter Bunny.

Volunteers Lauren Banfield and Alex Soares sold raffle tickets for Easter baskets which were also organized by age group.

Each basket had different kid-friendly activities; one included a coloring book, crayons and bubbles.



Finnley is excited for his first Easter and leaves a happy hunter with a yellow egg.



Tim O'Brien is shown with the Easter Bunny.

“Thank you to everybody for coming out for the event...It’s nice to see the community getting together,” said Banfield.

O’Brien said the funds raised from the raffle tickets will be donated to the Conservation Commission.

The most recent ongoing project at Lucy Stone Park includes a pollinator garden which will hopefully be in full bloom as the weather warms up.

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Ware outlasted by rival Hopkins

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARE—Two days after beginning the regular season by defeating Mt. Greylock, who's the defending Division 5 state champion, the Ware varsity baseball team was looking to celebrate another victory against Hopkins Academy in their home opener.



Photos by Jack Cascio NEAPsmugmug.com
Octavio Cotaj snags the throw to first.



John Mumper delivers tosses it in for a strike.

Things didn't go according to plan for the Indians this time.

The Golden Hawks players enjoyed their bus ride back to Hadley following a wild 17-14 victory at historic Memorial Field on a chilly afternoon, last Wednesday. The Suburban League crossover game took nearly three hours to complete.

"We played awesome defense against the defending state champions the other day," said longtime Ware varsity baseball coach Scott Slattery. "We just didn't play very well defensively in today's game. We fell behind early, but we did make a comeback and took the lead. It's very frustrating that we couldn't hold onto the lead. This

was also the first time that we've been on this field this year."

Memorial Field, which is normally one of the best kept baseball diamonds in Western Massachusetts, wasn't in pristine condition for the Indians home opener.

"The field is in tough shape, but both teams had to play on it," Slattery said. "They had a carnival here and they also play youth soccer games on this field."

Two years ago, the Golden Hawks (2-0) defeated the Indians in the Western Mass. Division 4 championship game.

The last time that Ware defeated Hopkins Academy on the baseball diamond was a 6-1 victory in the

2010 Western Mass. semifinals, which was held at Veteran's Field in Greenfield.

The longtime Ware baseball coach thought his team should've had a 2-0 record following this year's home opener.

"I just told the kids that we're a better team than them. We just made too many mistakes in today's game," Slattery said. "We do have a lot of very good baseball players, and they work very hard."

The two seniors listed on the Indians varsity roster are Owen Welsh, who started in left field, and Jack Auchter, who started in

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Josh Mulligan takes over with this spike.



Photos by Jack Cascio NEAPsmugmug.com
Remy Cahalan dives to dig this one out.

Indians best Commerce

WARE – The Indians improved to 2-2 in volleyball action with a 3-2 win over the High School of Commerce. It has been a tale of home and road so far as Ware's two wins have been at home while their two losses are on the road. The Indians will next face East Longmeadow on Thursday, April 13 followed by a home game with Frontier on Friday, April 14.



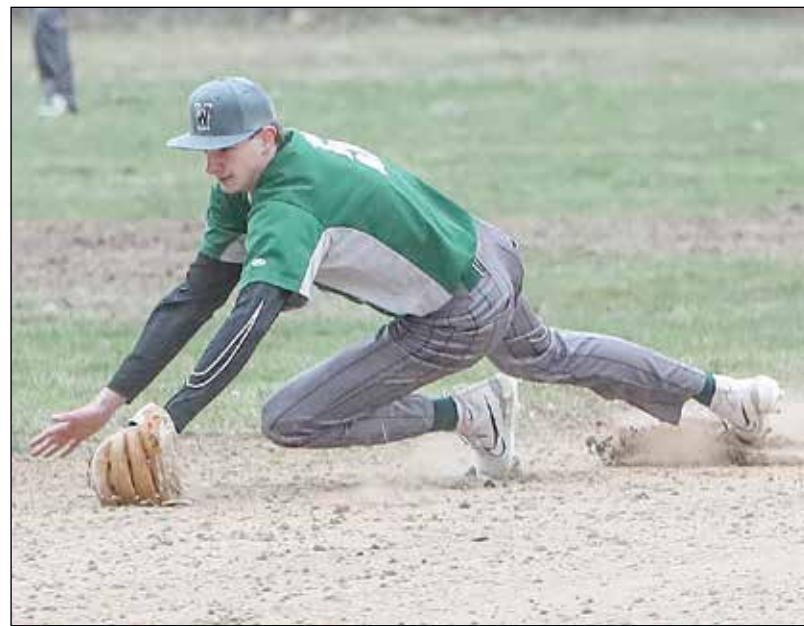
Nathan Harmon passes the ball.



Chris Vadnais prepares for this spike.



Jack McKeever lines the ball the outfield.



Brady Dyer snags this hot shot up the middle



Karter Benoit picks up the ground ball.

Mustangs fall on the road

GRANBY – The Monson High School boys lacrosse team, which co-ops now with Pathfinder Regional, fell on the road last Thursday afternoon at Granby High School 8-2. The Mustangs managed a couple of goals in the first half, but were shut out the rest of the way. Monson fell to 0-2 on the season. The Mustangs hope to rebound on April 14 against Lenox.



Kyle Beaudry gets the pickup.

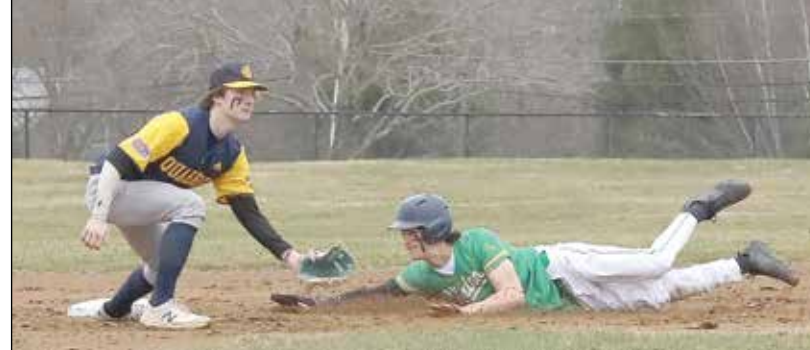
Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Panthers fall in first two matches

BARRE – To open the season, Quabbin girls golf has had two competitive matches that unfortunately resulted in defeats. Last Tuesday afternoon, Quabbin would lose against Burncoat 20-16. That was followed by an even closer to defeat against Auburn on the road 17.5-16.5. The Panthers had two matches this week and then have a long break for the spring holiday. The Panthers return to action on Monday, April 24.



Photo by Ray Duffy
Kayla Sherbloom hits a chip shot in Quabbin's Girls Golf match against Notre Dame.



Sam Morgan waits for the throw at second.

Panthers shut out in opener

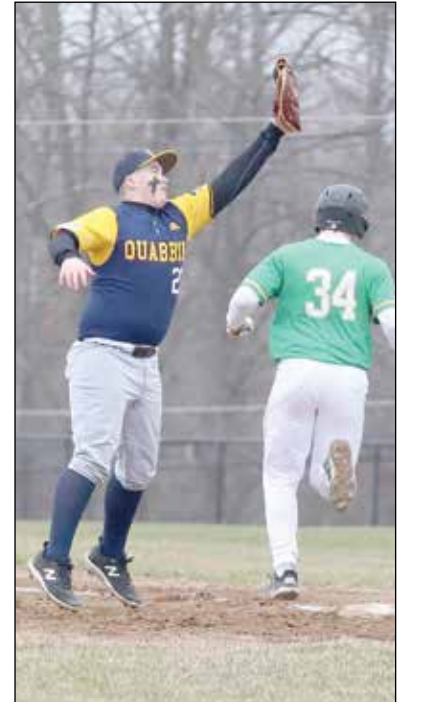
BARRE – Last Wednesday, the Quabbin Regional High School baseball team suffered a 12-0 defeat in five innings. The Panthers struggled against Clinton's Aiden Green, only managing one hit in the game. Quabbin is 0-1 to start 2023.



Matt Sands beats the throw to first.



Colton Wells in his first varsity at bat.



Photos by Ray Duffy
Finn Leander stretches for the catch.

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Railers steal Adirondack's 'Thunder'

WORCESTER – One of the oldest and most unproven proverbs in sport is that streaks follow streaks.

The Railers are hoping to prove it true.

They snapped the Adirondack Thunder's 12-game points streak with a solid 6-2 victory Saturday night in the final regular-season game of the DCU Center hockey season. The triumph ensured that Worcester retains control of its playoff destiny.

The Railers have two games left, both at Adirondack next weekend. There are all sorts of numerical possibilities what with games in hand, overtime and shootout losses, etc, but the mathematical truth is undeniable. If Worcester wins both games in regulation, it makes the playoffs.

During the ups and downs of the last few weeks the Railers have had trouble scoring goals, but not Saturday night. Steve Jandric scored on a breakaway just 69 seconds after the opening faceoff and when Jacob Hayhurst scored 38 seconds into the third period, Worcester had a four-goal lead for the first time since Feb. 24 in South Carolina.

"We changed our point of attack," coach Jordan Smotherman said. "We emphasized making sure we were getting everything to the net from different angles. We wanted to get some traffic there and get some of those dirty ones, which we did tonight."

It marked the first time since Jan. 27, a 7-6 overtime victory over Reading, that Worcester got as many as six goals in regulation. There were a lot of offensive contributors starting with Hayhurst, who had two goals. Anthony Repaci had a goal and two assists, Jandric and Myles McGurty both went 1-1-2 and Brent Beaudoin had a pair of assists.

Nick Fea scored his seventh goal of the season, first since March 4.

The puck spent a lot of time in the Adirondack zone. When it didn't, Henrik Tikkanen stopped all but two of the 33 Thunder shots. Adirondack scored back to back goals at 3:13 and 6:42 of the third period. Matt Stief got the first with Worcester the two men short, Ryan Smith the second.

Jandric's goal set the tone for the night. Thunder defenseman Kyle Hallbauer had the puck

between his skates inside his blue line and Jandric poked it free. He finished the play by beating goalie Mike Robinson with a 15-foot backhand. Hayhurst made it 2-0 at 18:24 of the first period, then McGurty scored his second of the season — fourth as a Railer all-time — at 16:06 of the second period with Repaci setting him up.

It was McGurty's first goal in his 67 games played at the DCU Center.

Jandric's goal was not just good for the Railers. It was good for him, too. He had been playing well but not cashing in on chances.

"It was very important," Smotherman said, "he'd been dealing with some frustration the last couple of games and it was good to see him get that one early."

The Railers enter the final week of the regular season with almost no margin of error. Worcester has 72 points, Adirondack 71, but the Thunder has two games in hand, both on the road. Adirondack plays Sunday at Maine, next Friday at Trois-Rivieres. Even if the Thunder win both, they will lead the Railers by three points, a deficit Worcester could make up with a sweep next weekend.

T-Birds lose to Phantoms, will make playoffs

ALLENTOWN, PA - The Springfield Thunderbirds (36-25-3-5, 80 points) fell victim to a third-period charge by the Lehigh Valley Phantoms (37-26-3-3, 80 points) in a 4-3 loss on Saturday night inside the PPL Center.

Despite the defeat, the T-Birds did secure their second straight Calder Cup playoff berth thanks to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton's 8-2 win over the Bridgeport Islanders. After relenting the first goal of each of their past two games, Springfield wasted little time jumping to the advantage in Pennsylvania, as Nikita Alexandrov moved in on the left side looking to get a wrist shot in on Sam Ersson's net. Alexandrov's shot was ultimately blocked, but defenseman Tyler Tucker alertly followed up on the play, picked up the loose puck, and squeezed it through Ersson on the stick side, and the T-Birds had a 1-0 lead just 34 seconds into play.

Scoring chances were prevalent for each team in a first period that netted 24 combined shots on net, but Ersson settled in nicely, while T-Birds starter Garet Sparks was stellar, turning away 14 Lehigh Valley offerings, including a handful of point-blank chances from his former teammate Adam Brooks.

Springfield gave Sparks a bit of insurance when Hugh McGing finished off a 2-on-1 pass from Will Bitten at 4:14 of the second, extending the lead to 2-0 on his 15th goal of the season.

A frenetic and high-paced second period, which featured exclusively even-strength hockey, finally allowed Lehigh Valley to cut the lead in half when Jordy

Bellerive beat Sparks with a slot wrist shot at 16:07 to send the game to the third in a 2-1 score.

It appeared the T-Birds had withstood the Phantoms' toughest rebuttal when Mikhail Abramov beat Ersson at 2:11 of the third off a cross-ice pass from Mathias Laferrriere. Springfield's 3-1 lead would prove to be the most dangerous one of all.

Just a minute later, after a penalty put the Phantoms on a power play, Emil Andrae beat Sparks with a seeing-eye wrist shot through traffic, and it was a 3-2 game at 3:11 of the third. Before the midpoint of the third, Kevin Connauton joined a rush, accepting a drop pass from Adam Brooks and slipping a wrist shot through Sparks' left arm to tie the score, 3-3 at 9:05.

The momentum jolt for the Phantoms proved to be too much to overcome, and Olle Lycksell slipped in behind two defenders following a Springfield turnover and cashed in on a one-on-one on the doorstep, set up by Brooks, with just 3:24 to go to ice the game.

Lehigh Valley's win propelled the Phantoms all the way up into a three-way tie for third at 80 points. The Phantoms own the tiebreaker over both Springfield and Charlotte, so they are the team that sits in third position heading into the season's final week.

The T-Birds' regular season ends with one final 3-game weekend beginning on Friday, April 14 on home ice against the Providence Bruins. All six playoff teams for the Atlantic Division are set, but nobody has locked themselves into a seeding with precious days remaining before the Calder Cup Playoffs.

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

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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

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 typ-

ically 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.

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Valley Wheel tryouts continue this weekend

Players looking to join the Valley Wheel Over-28 Baseball League can attend the next tryout time of Sunday, April 16 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 mod-

ified 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

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centerfield.

"We normally have four or five seniors, but we only have two seniors on this year's team," Slatery added. "Owen and Jack are both three year varsity baseball players. They love playing the game and they're fun kids to be around. I'm hoping that we can have a winning season."

Achter, who was the starting QB for the Indians football team during the past couple of years, will be playing college football at W.P.I. in Worcester next fall. He'll be a defensive back at the collegiate level. He'll also be studying Civil Engineering at W.P.I.

A year ago, the Ware baseball team qualified for the inaugural MIAA Division 5 state



Dylan Sukaitis dives in for the tag.

tournament with a 10-10 record. The 28th-seeded Indians lost to 36th-seeded Franklin County Tech, 4-3, in a preliminary round game held at Memorial Field.

In this year's home opener, the Indians were trailing the Golden Hawks 10-2 entering the bottom of the fourth inning.

The Indians (1-2) scored a

run in that frame when Welsh hit a ground ball to the shortstop, which brought home junior first baseman Octavio Cotaj, who doubled to right.

The home team scored nine more runs with the help of four Golden Hawks errors in the following inning.

A tapper in front of the plate

by junior second baseman Jack McKeever scored the game tying run.

Ware would take the lead for the first time at 11-10 when junior John Mumper, who was the starting pitcher, scored on a wild pitch. Then a sacrifice fly by junior catcher Dylan Sukaitis capped off the Indians rally.

Ware didn't keep the 12-10 lead for very long, as the Golden Hawks plated seven runs in the top of the sixth inning.

Ware got two runs back in the bottom half of the frame on an RBI single by sophomore Jason Mumper and a fielding error.

The Indians lost, 5-3, to Southwick in another home game, last Friday night. They're scheduled to play three road games this week.

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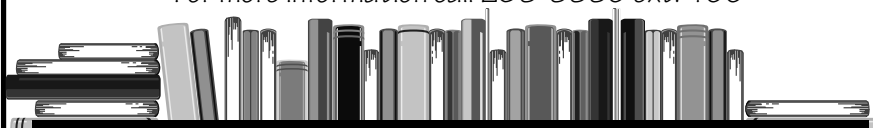
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Country Bank is in their 10th year of hosting Credit for Life fairs for high school seniors.

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Russ Fontaine, senior vice president of Customer Experience and Retail Banking and Mark Zawistowski ran the credit booth.



At the "fun fun fun" booth, students were offered exciting chances to spend their money. Credit for Life

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four fairs, which are run by Country Bank staff and community volunteers.

"Today is about budgeting," said Jodie Gerulaitis, vice president of Community Relations. "It's really about learning to live within your means."

Each student was given the chance to choose a career path, then given a credit score at random.

Handing out credit scores were Mark Zawistowski of Belchertown and Russ Fontaine, senior vice president of Customer Experience and Retail Banking.

"Having this type of event is important," Fontaine said, which can help high school seniors understand the cost of college and loans and managing that debt.

Once they have their career and credit score selected, students get to work on their budgets, starting with deducting their student loan payment.

From there, they visited booths to determine their housing, transportation, insurance, furniture, utilities, savings and retirement, food and nutrition, clothing, employment information, "fun fun fun" and "reality check."

Members of Ware High School's junior class handed out clipboards equipped with calculators to help the seniors accurately budget all of their expenses.

Using their monthly income, students had to determine which items at the booths they could afford.

Students looked at public transportation versus owning a new car, living at home with their parents or sharing an apartment with a roommate instead of buying a house, or buying used furniture instead of new.

Transportation volunteer Heather Gaudreau said many students with low credit purchased bus passes instead of cars.

"A lot of the kids are really trying to budget," she said.

They also returned to the transportation booth to lease or buy cars when they were successful in doing so.

Many also tried to find part-time jobs to help supplement their income.

Students who had low credit scores could raise them by visiting a booth where they answered questions to test their financial literacy, as well as receive snacks.

Running this booth were Country Bank employees Laura Dennis and Jennifer Bujevic.

Belchertown High School students AJ Terry, Brianna Gladu and



Volunteers Matthew Jackson, Bonny Rathbone and Kristen Doucas helped students learn about budgeting at Credit for Life.



Juniors Nicholas Bousquet, Kayley Campbell and Mia Dirienzo greeted students attending Credit for Life.

Eliza Rothstein took jobs they'd consider having in the future, noting the range in salaries.

Terry took a job as a social worker, earning just over \$30,000 a year, compared to Gladu who worked as a sociologist earning over \$100,000. Rothstein entered the field of human services and earned a similar salary to the social worker.

Terry said she wasn't too surprised by the salary of a social worker, but said it was still a job she would consider.

Kainoa David and Shea Lydon, also of Belchertown, found jobs as a chef and auto mechanic, respectively.

Pathfinder students Melissa Pereira and Ciarra Lopez both took careers they wanted to pursue after school with Lopez as a registered nurse and Pereira as a mechanical engineer.

Hallie Floyd and Grace Filippelli of Belchertown took careers they were looking into as well, as a dental hygienist and physicians assistant. Madeline Jaszek, Hannah Quesenberry and Steven Kite also took jobs in the health care field.

Ware High School students Abby Gaudreau and Brogan O'Keefe decided to be roommates in order to save money, while Riley Dulak opted to live at home with her parents.

Some students took this as an opportunity to see if they could sup-

port themselves in the world of rock and roll.

Josh Musnicki and Chris Vadnais of Ware took jobs as a music producer and a musician, both paying less than \$30,000 a year. The two decided to be roommates and Musnicki was able to secure a part-time job.

Vadnais said he is "a little down on luck," and wasn't able to get a part-time job.

Palmer High School Special Education teacher Paul Holloway teaches life skills to his students and said Credit for Life is "amazing" for them.

"It's a reality check," he said. "It's a good learning experience for them."

Volunteer Bonny Rathbone, a retired Palmer educator who started as a teacher in Old Mill Pond Elementary School and retired as high school principal, said she loves volunteering at Credit for Life.

"These are real life skills you need to know," she said.

By the end of Credit for Life, students learned "the real cost of life," Gerulaitis said.

"When they're essentially on their own, it's eye-opening...it's not only for the students, it's a great experience for volunteers," she said.

Anyone that would like to volunteer for a future Credit for Life fair can contact Gerulaitis at jgerulaitis@countrybank.com.



Belchertown High School students Ciarra Lopez, left, and Melissa Pereira attended the Credit for Life fair.



Ware High School juniors Isabella Lee, Noah Fales and Tyler Bonilla handed out clipboards.



Students got to spin the wheel of fortune at the "reality check" booth, giving them either a surprise amount of income, or a loss.



Heather Gaudreau, left, and Kaity Faucher helped students with transportation.



Country Bank intern Travis Pacheco, left, joins students Chris Vadnais, Riley Dulak, Josh Musnicki and Country Bank's Vice President of Community Relations Jodie Gerulaitis.

public safety

Ware Police Log

During the week of April 4-11, the Ware Police Department responded to 21 miscellaneous calls, 38 administrative calls, seven traffic violations, 30 emergency 911 calls, five animal calls, two harassments, one breaking and entering, one fraud/deception, three fires, three trespasses, four motor vehicle accidents and 29 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

Monday, April 3
3:54 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Webster Road, Investigated
6:29 p.m. Assist Other Agency, North Street, Services Rendered

Tuesday, April 4
3:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued
12:46 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Canal Street, Dispatch Handled
1:04 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Main Street, Dispatch Handled
2:22 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Dispatch Handled
3:22 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Lovewell Street, Dispatch Handled
6:25 p.m. Outside Fire, North Street, Extinguished
6:53 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Sczygiel Road, Dispatch Handled

Wednesday, April 5
1:30 a.m. Administrative, North Street, Services Rendered
Arrest: Loni G. Otero, 40, Ware Disturbing the Peace; Resist Arrest; Disorderly Conduct
Arrest: Shane E. Logan, 47, Ware
Disorderly Conduct; Disturbing the Peace; Resist Arrest; Motor Vehicle, Malicious Damage to
7:18 a.m. Abandoned 911, Main Street, Dispatch Handled
10:52 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Valley View, Dispatch Handled
11:52 a.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Aspen Street, Investigated
1:48 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Investigated

6:15 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Grove Street, Services Rendered
8:08 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Dispatch Handled
8:49 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Palmer Road, Services Rendered

Thursday, April 6
9:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued
10:49 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Services Rendered
2:31 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Dispatch Handled
3:23 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Cummings Street, Dispatch Handled
8:23 p.m. Breaking and Entering/Burglary, North Street, Investigated
8:46 p.m. Outside Fire, Church Street, Extinguished

Friday, April 7
10:06 a.m. Outside Fire, East Street, Extinguished
11:12 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Maple Street, Dispatch Handled
11:35 a.m. Warrant Service, North Street, Services Rendered
Arrest: Sheantealee Y. Reed, 30, Ware
WMS Warrant
6:05 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Belchertown Road, Dispatch Handled
7:29 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Advised

Saturday, April 8
12:38 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Eddy Street, Dispatch Handled
12:56 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Eddy Street, Services Rendered
8 a.m. Drugs, Webb Court, Investigated
9:28 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Old Poor Farm Road, Dispatch Handled
10:05 a.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Palmer Road, Services Rendered
11:01 a.m. Fraud/Deception, Maple Street, Services Rendered

3:41 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Church Street, Services Rendered
7:13 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Services Rendered
9:03 p.m. Service of Summons, Pleasant Street, Arrest Made
Arrest: Dayquan L. Cumby, 26, Ware
WMS Warrant

Sunday, April 9
11:03 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Belmont Street, Dispatch Handled
1:57 p.m. Warrant Service, Maple Street, Arrest Made
Arrest: Jacob Kwaniewski, 28, Ware
WMS Warrant
1:59 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Services Rendered
3:21 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Clifford Avenue, Dispatch Handled
5:23 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Williston Drive, Services Rendered

Monday, April 10
9:17 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Dispatch Handled
12:11 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Dispatch Handled
12:37 p.m. Officer Needs Assist, Main Street, Arrest Made
Arrest: David Hutchinson, 29, Ware
Warrant of Apprehension
3:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Arrest Made
Arrest: Nicholas A. Leclair, 35, Gilbertville
Disorderly Conduct
5:40 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Route 9, Investigated
5:47 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Unknown, Dispatch Handled
9:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Laurel Drive, Citation/Warning Issued

Tuesday, April 11
9:50 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Highland Village, Report Made

Saturday, April 8
6:15 a.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Barre Road, Summons Issued
11:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Written Warning
11:59 a.m. Fire/Brush, Upper Church Street, Extinguished
4:07 p.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Officer Handled
4:13 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Officer Handled
6:37 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Petersham Road, Services Rendered

Sunday, April 9
10:52 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
11:46 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Upper Church Street, Transported to Hospital

Monday, April 10
7:24 a.m. Investigation, Barre Road, Investigated

Warren Police Log

During the week of March 19-26, the Warren Police Department responded to 98 building/property checks, 138 community policing, 24 traffic enforcements, 10 radar assignments, 12 emergency 911 calls, two motor vehicle accidents, two complaints, three frauds/forgeries, one harassment, one illegal dumping, three animal calls and 36 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

Sunday, March 19
10:46 a.m. Fraud/Forgery, Mill Street, Officer Advised
4:50 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Main Street, Citation Issued
11:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/Fire, Mass Pike, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Monday, March 20
5:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road Extension, Citation Issued
6:34 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Citation Issued
2:38 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Southbridge Road, Officer Advised
2:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled, Maple Street, Report Filed
4:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
4:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
4:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
Summons: Matthew Morin, 32, West Warren
Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Unregistered Motor Vehicle
5:27 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Southbridge Road, Report Filed
6:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

Tuesday, March 21
12:43 p.m. Falls, Old West Warren Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
3:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/Fire, Old West Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital

Hospital
Summons: Rolland J. Trifone, 47, Warren
License Restriction, Operate Motor Vehicle in Violation; Reckless Operation of Motor Vehicle; Expired License
5:13 p.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Coy Hill Road, Transported to Hospital
8:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Street, Citation Issued

Wednesday, March 22
12:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Erin E. Fritscher, 25, West Brookfield
Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; OUI-Drugs; Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit
9:10 a.m. Animal Bite, Milton O. Fountain Way, Message Delivered
2:09 p.m. Traffic Enforcement, Old West Brookfield Road, Written Warning
2:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old West Brookfield Road, Written Warning
4:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Boston Post Road, Written Warning
4:23 p.m. Leg Swelling, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
8:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Report Filed
8:35 p.m. Complaint, Ramsdell Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Thursday, March 23
1:35 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, Bacon Street, Citation Issued
1:50 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, Pleasant Street, Citation Issued
6:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning
7:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gilbert Road, Written Warning
8:28 p.m. Officer Wanted, Main Street, Report Filed
9:20 p.m. Breathing Difficulty,

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Nelson Street, Transported to Hospital

Friday, March 24
12:38 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
5:36 a.m. Vomiting, A Street, Transported to Hospital
8:05 a.m. Fraud/Forgery, Crescent Street, Officer Spoke to Party
1:44 p.m. Complaint, Old West Brookfield Road, Officer Advised
5:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
8:48 p.m. Harassment, Chapel Street, Officer Took Call
Summons: Genevieve Nambatya, 27, Arlington, Texas
Telephone Calls, Annoying

Saturday, March 25
12:36 a.m. Diabetic, Chapel Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
3:46 a.m. Falls, Spring Street, Transported to Hospital
7:24 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Winthrop Terrace, Transported to Hospital

Sunday, March 26
1:26 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, Bacon Street, Citation Issued

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of April 3-10, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 35 building/property checks, 26 directed/area patrols, eight traffic controls, 11 emergency 911 calls, nine radar assignments, one citizen assist, one assist other agency, one motor vehicle accident, one complaint, three investigations, one larceny/theft/shoplifting, one brush fire, two animal calls and eight motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, April 3
11:09 a.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Church Street, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

Tuesday, April 4
12:11 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Upper Church Street, Transported to Hospital
1:09 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Collins Road, Transported to Hospital

9:33 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Fiske Road, Transported to Hospital
8:24 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Main Street, Negative Contact
8:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Bridge Street, Spoken To

Thursday, April 6
12:35 a.m. 911 Misdiagnosis, River Run, Negative Contact
10:54 a.m. 911 Misdiagnosis, Bridge Street, Negative Contact
6:20 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Collins Road, Transported to Hospital

Friday, April 7
3:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Barre Road, Investigated
5:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued
5:34 p.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, Barre Road, Report Taken

Saturday, April 8
6:15 a.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Barre Road, Summons Issued
11:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Written Warning
11:59 a.m. Fire/Brush, Upper Church Street, Extinguished
4:07 p.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Officer Handled
4:13 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Officer Handled
6:37 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Petersham Road, Services Rendered

Sunday, April 9
10:52 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
11:46 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Upper Church Street, Transported to Hospital

Monday, April 10
7:24 a.m. Investigation, Barre Road, Investigated

Legislative earmark supports substance use treatment

PALMER – Baystate Wing Hospital received a \$50,000 fiscal year 2023 legislative earmark to focus on the prevention and treatment of opioid related substance use disorders in the Baystate Health Eastern Region. The earmark in the FY23 state budget was made by state Rep. Todd Smola, to support public-health-related programs and initiatives that reduce health disparities, promote community wellness, and increase access to prevention, treatment, recovery, and referrals

for people with opioid and substance-use disorders in the hospital's service area. Opioid and substance use disorders were identified as significant health needs in BWH's 2022 community health needs assessment. The BWH Opioid Task Force is focused on addressing the many individual, environmental and societal factors individuals facing substance use disorders experience and its consequences. The task force, made up of hospital team members, has a goal to meet

the needs of the local community who seek care in the Emergency Department and other outpatient departments throughout the hospital. The team will work to increase access to prevention, treatment, recovery, and referrals for persons with opioid and substance use disorders who live in the BWH service area, which includes the following communities: Brimfield, Hampden, Holland, Ludlow, Please see **TREATMENT**, page 13

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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. In addition to sports programming, Bay State Games offer col-



lege 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. For questions, email info@baystategames.org or call 781-932-6555.

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The only disadvantage is that the first generation is puny, don't be disappointed. No garden shop sells daffodil bulbs in spring. Besides the ones for sale are fist size and if you plant more than a dozen 10 inches deep you end up in orthopedic intensive care. You are lucky to get a bulb for less than 30 cents, so transplanting is very cost effective! Digging up daffies is key: the bunches split up in hundreds of smaller bulbs when they finish blooming. That's the time when to lift up overgrown clumps with an "industrial grade" shovel. The easiest to lift are those that were discarded forced bulbs: they are usually giant hybrids and most likely shallow! They are most often a foot deep. If you sink the blade too close to the stalks you will clip the bulbs off. Dig deep on two sides and lift out the clump, if the flower stalks break off don't cry. Stick the entire cutoff bunch back in the slit, and cover, it will partially be back next year. The only thing I am being care-

ful is to not break or torque off the bulbs from the leaves, as leaves are the bulbs source of energy for next year. Save the lopped off bulbs, they will all be back next year, albeit less floribund. The "too big to dig bulbs" I return in the hole. It looks messy but next year you won't notice. Plant them as deep as the crowbar will go, they will find their level. Lop off the flowers. No fertilizer except bone meal if you have to...waste of money. A tip to the transplanters: until mid-March, free up the spots where there are feet of blown matting leaves and mulch and free up the tips of the emerging daffies. Best on a very windy dry day. First year transplants are not fully established and therefore not very strong at pushing out. second year daffies are strong like ox. An air leaf blower might be handy? Once the daffies are out two inches, they don't take well to be trampled so in mid-March the window to dig up snowdrops is closed until the daffies are done. Other tips: daffies are so floribund trying to mix and match colors is a waste of time, you won't notice. Your bed will take a few years

to get established. Don't ever use roundup or any poison in spring, and in fall only selective stuff: crossbow or 2-4D, the stuff that's in Agent Orange! You will notice the first casualties are annual weeds and poison ivy, then rose bushes then poison oak and in a few years, you will have orchard grass, easy to maintain. in fall dump all the mulch you want, chopped leaves and horse manure are best. Not fresh cow poop! Finally, my favorite tip: pick all you want, seriously! You can't kill or deplete them, to the contrary, they will be more floribund next year. So don't hound away tourists who pick a few, please. Fred Debros is a resident of Hardwick and has been planting 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.

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Silent film night returns to Stone Church

HARDWICK – Friends of the Stone Church are delighted to offer organist Peter Edwin Krasinski presenting “The Hunchback of Notre Dame”, the 1923 dramatic silent film starring Lon Chaney.

Krasinski will perform live improvised accompaniment on the historic 1874 Johnson organ at the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St., Gilbertville on Saturday, April 29 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 at the door or at <https://buytickets.at/friends-of-the-stonechurch/738357>

Youth under 18 are admitted free. Group tickets for families of more than three will be capped at \$60 for the group.

Krasinski holds a bachelor's degree in music education and organ performance and a master's of music from Boston University.

He is internationally known for his art of live improvised silent film accompaniment. His unique performances take the audience on a captivating journey through “vintage video.”

To achieve such artistic integration, Krasinski memorizes each film. His spontaneous performances seamlessly reflect characters' actions and states of mind, bringing century-old productions to life with relevance and compassion.

In recognition of his talent and creativity, he received the First Prize in Improvisation from the American Guild of Organists National Competition.

A native New Englander, Krasinski is broadly recognized as a motivating consultant for the pipe organ community and as a conductor, organist, and music educator. He is currently House Organist of the Providence Performing Arts Center and was recently named the official House Organist at Mechanics Hall, Worcester.

A past Dean of the Boston Chapter AGO, Krasinski is active as Organist at First Church of Christ Scientist in Providence, accompanist at Beth El Temple Center in Belmont, and he recently presented Master Classes at the Sibelius Academy, Helsinki, Finland.

As renowned organ historian



Organist Peter Krasinski brings Paris to Gilbertville in with the silent film “The Hunchback of Notre Dame”. This photo shows Krasinski in his role as House Organist of the Providence Performing Arts Center.

Barbara Owen said of Krasinski's improvised silent film accompaniment, “...it takes us in. We are no longer sitting in pews in a warm church on a dark night watching tinted images flicker across a screen...”

American actor Lon Chaney was 41 when he made his legendary performance as Quasimodo, the deaf, half-blind hunchbacked bellringer who falls in love. The role brings out Chaney's ability to convey a basic decency beneath a grotesque exterior.

As a child of deaf parents, he had learned to communicate through facial expressions, sign language and pantomime. He became a film star after his role in The Miracle Man (1919) playing a “The Frog,” a con man who pretends to be a cripple.

Thinking his facial features were too ordinary for a star, Chaney also became renowned for his skill with

makeup, which he designed for his own role as Quasimodo. He wore a 50-pound hump on his back, a fleshy covering over one eye, prosthetics that grossly exaggerated his cheekbones, nose and lips and he applied hair to his breast and back.

Chaney's life ended abruptly from a throat hemorrhage only six years after this film was made. Motion Picture World called it “a picture that will live forever” based on Chaney's superb and sympathetic portrayal of a “most unfortunate and physically revolting human being.”

Gilbertville viewers will enjoy ‘The Hunchback of Notre Dame’ on a theater-sized movie screen provided by Cape Anne Community Cinema.

Recorded examples of Krasinski's “Let Joy Resound!” performances and his accompaniment to the 1924 film “Peter Pan” and last year's performance of

the 1929 film “It”, starring Clara Bow, can be heard through the Friends of the Stone Church website: [FriendsOfTheStoneChurch.org/music/](https://www.friends-of-the-stonechurch.org/music/).

Concerts at the Stone Church through September 2023 are supported by grants from the Mass Cultural Council and from Local Cultural Councils of Hardwick-New Braintree, North Brookfield, Oakham and Petersham. Local Cultural Councils are local agencies supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

FOSC is pleased to be participating in the Card to Culture program of the Mass Cultural Council, by extending discounts to EBT, WIC and ConnectorCare health plan insurance cardholders. Eligible participants may request up to two free tickets at the box office on the day of the event. Bring EBT, WIC or ConnectorCare health plan card for 2023.

Quabbin Visitor Center lists free upcoming events

BELCHERTOWN – The Department of Conservation and Recreation's Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center will offer several free programs this April.

All ages are welcome. Email QuabbinVisitor.Center@mass.gov with questions or to be added to the mailing list

Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring water and snacks. Dogs are not allowed. Space is limited.

To register for any of these events, visit www.mass.gov/locations/quabbin-reservoir/events?_page=1.

Explore the North Side
Join DCR staff for a 4-mile out/back hike on Quabbin's north side of the watershed via Gate 22 on Saturday, April 15 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Participants will be walking down to the water on a dirt road through the forest.

Walking to the water, the hike covers 2-miles and drops 180 feet in elevation. Participants will then backtrack and head back uphill the way they came.

The parking area for Gate 22 is located at the end of Shutesbury Road in the town of New Salem. Please do not block the gate. (<https://goo.gl/maps/SPq6Si9ixuCQt18>)

Register here www.mass.gov/locations/quabbin-reservoir/events?_page=1

Investigating Forest Health
Curious how active management of a forest can increase diversity and maintain forest health? Join DCR staff on Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m.-noon to gain a better understanding of how active forest management leads to a healthier environment for our region.

How are various agents (invasive insects and plants, diseases etc.) impacting trees in the Quabbin and Ware River forests?

Meet at Quabbin Park East Entrance for this 1-mile moderate hike.

(<https://goo.gl/maps/sW1wiH-e4DnRPL9a7>)

Register here www.mass.gov/locations/quabbin-reservoir/events?_page=1

Gate 37 Forest Walk to the Wetlands

On Thursday, May 4 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., meet at Gate 37 off Route 122 in the North of Quabbin Reservation for a 1.5-mile easy hike down a forest road to a stunning wetland habitat.

Those who are feeling adventurous may opt to hike further, up the side of Soapstone Mountain to a spectacular view of the Quabbin, though be advised this portion is difficult and will not be a part of

the official hike. Please wear appropriate footwear and protect yourself against ticks. Parking is limited.

(<https://goo.gl/maps/wPedFYxiN5Qp8sVv9>)

Exploring the North Side: Gate 26

Explore the North Side of the Quabbin Watershed during a moderate 2.2-mile hike on Saturday, May 20 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Participants will be walking down to the water on a dirt road through the forest via Gate 26. Walking to the water, the hike covers just under a mile and drops 200 feet in elevation.

The hike then loops back uphill via the forest road to Gate 27, which is located less than a quarter mile from Gate 26.

The parking for Gate 26 is located at the end of East Main Street (Millington Street) in the town of New Salem. You may park along the side of the road, please do not block the gate or the road.

(<https://goo.gl/maps/CQv63LcDMTY7szIW7>)

Memorial Day

A Memorial Day commemoration will be held at Quabbin Park Cemetery on Sunday, May 28 from 10 a.m.-noon. Refreshments will be offered at 10 a.m. and the parade and services begin at 11 a.m.

No registration required and the public is welcome

Like communities across the United States, the towns of the Swift River Valley commemorated their war dead each year on Memorial Day until the towns' demise in 1938. Since 1947, Quabbin Park Cemetery has been the center of Memorial Day services for the four towns.

Please join the Friends of Quabbin, the Swift River Historical Society, the Veterans Council of Belchertown, Chauncey D. Walker Post #239, American Legion and the staff of the DCR Quabbin Reservoir for this annual service.

Quabbin Park Cemetery

On Sunday, May 28 from 2-3 p.m., join DCR staff for “A Scene of Beauty” - The History and Creation of Quabbin Park Cemetery. This walk is easy, but is on uneven ground.

Specifically mentioned in the legislative act that created the Quabbin Reservoir, the removal and reburial of graves from the Swift River Valley has always been an area of fascination and misunderstanding for many visitors to the area. Discover the history and the process of how the state removed and reburied over 7,500 known graves from the Quabbin Valley.

Go ‘Into the Woods’ with Exit 7 stage show

LUDLOW — The Exit 7 Players Theater is getting ready to present “Into the Woods,” the Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine's Brothers Grimm inspired musical.

The theater is located at 37 Chestnut Street and the show runs April 21 to May 7.

Tales of getting what you wished for include The Baker and his wife, who wish to have a child;

Cinderella who wishes to go to the King's Festival; and Jack, who wishes his cow would give some milk. Also in the woods, meet Little Red, who is trying to visit her grandmother.

For showtimes and tickets, go to Exit7players.org or call 413-583-4301. For group tickets (10 or more tickets to a performance) enter Promo10 to receive a discount.

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Lantaigne will discuss the role of occupational therapy in stroke recovery and provide helpful hand exercises to do at home.

To register for the free stroke events, visit baystatehealth.org/strokeseries.

On average, someone in the United States has a stroke every 40 seconds. There are about 795,000 new or recurrent strokes

each year.

On average, someone dies of a stroke every four minutes. It is also the leading cause of serious, long-term disability in the U.S. Stroke risk increases with age, but strokes can, and do, occur at any age.

For more information on the comprehensive stroke treatment available at Baystate Health, visit baystatehealth.org/stroke.

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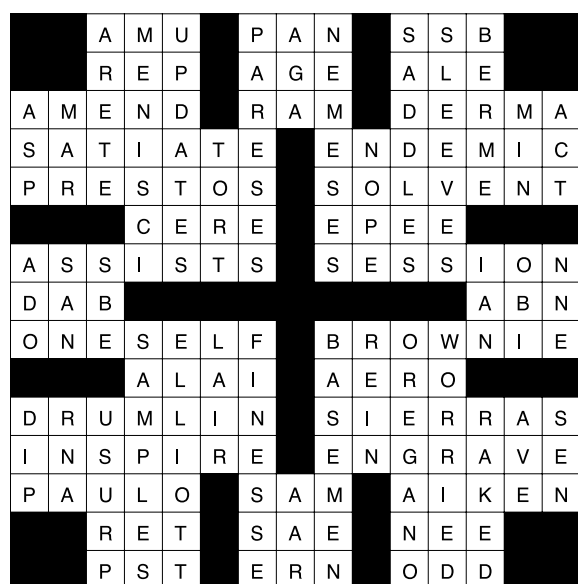
Monson, Palmer, Wales, Wilbraham, Belchertown, Ware, East Brookfield, Brookfield, Hardwick, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Warren and West Brookfield.

“I am pleased to have advocated for state resources to be used in my district to continue combating the serious issues related to opioid and substance use abuse,” Smola said in a press release. “It is critical we have well-trained health care professionals and community partners to serve our region and to work with families impacted by this deadly scourge. I look forward to seeing these good works continue,” he added.

“As the patients facing opioid related substance use disorders needs have grown more complex, focusing on coordination and communication across all the patient's health care providers has become increasingly crucial,” said Lauren Mansfield, Behavioral Health Practice Manager of Baystate Griswold Center.

“Our hospital Opioid Task Force and our care teams will collaborate to continue to increase access to care and resources for people with substance use disorders, reduce or eliminate the projection of stigma focusing on the care of the person, not his or her condition, and distribute harm reduction kits to those in need. Patients and their families will benefit from increased access to care as we work to build trust in our healthcare environment,” she said.

For more information visit www.baystatehealth.org/locations/wing-hospital.



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If you're a self-starter who enjoys community journalism and who can envision themselves connecting with our communities, we encourage you to apply for this position.

Qualifications should include:

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience
- A determination to get the story, whatever it might be
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Please tell us in a cover letter why you would be a good fit for our writer position and send it along with a resume and three writing samples to:

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Turley Publications, an independent, family-owned newspaper company, is searching for an experienced leader to serve as its Executive Editor and put their mark on its newsroom. The ideal person will evolve community journalism coverage in the company's 12 weekly papers and prepare its talented young journalists for the future.

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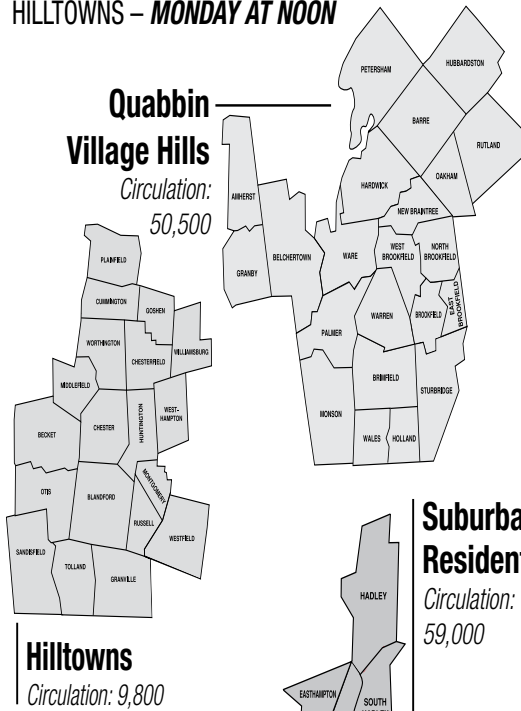
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WARE, MA 01082**

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
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Town of Warren Board of Selectmen NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Massachusetts General laws chapter 166 Section 22, a public hearing for consent to erect and maintain poles and wire to be placed thereon, Cronin Rd., Warren, Ma. The hearing will be on Thursday, April 27, 2023, Shepard Building 48 High St. Warren MA. At 6:00 PM

David Dufresne
Chairman
Board of Selectmen
Town of Warren
04/13, 04/20/2023

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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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 bidders, 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

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampshire Division Docket No. HS23P0203EA Estate of: Lorraine E. Kelly Date of Death: 02/02/2023 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Alice Davey of Monson, MA

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Alice Davey of Monson, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

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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

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue 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 leading 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 northwesterly 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 northeasterly 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 Corine 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 or 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 mortgagee 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

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1500 Main Street,
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Its Attorneys
Date: March 28, 2023
04/06, 04/13, 04/20/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampshire Probate and Family Court 15 Atwood Drive Northampton, MA 01060

(413)586-8500 Docket No. HS21P0228EA Estate of: Margaret Eileen Wallace

Date of Death: 12/23/2002 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Karen L. Wallace of Tonbridge, Kent United Kingdom requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Karen L. Wallace of Tonbridge, Kent United Kingdom be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/11/2023.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
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Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Linda S Fldnlek, First Justice of this Court.

Michael J. Carey
Register of Probate
04/13/2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue 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:
EXHBIT A
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 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 north-

easterly 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

By: James M. Regin
Dated: 4/12/2023
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Stormfield Capital Funding I, LLC,
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INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Worcester Division Docket No. W023P0825EA Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Estate of: George C. Slattery, Sr. Date of Death: January 9, 2023

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Dawn G. Szczygiel of West Brookfield, MA.

Dawn G. Szczygiel

of West Brookfield, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

04/13/2023

Notice of Sale of Motor Vehicle under G.L. c. 255, Section 39A

Notice is hereby given by REGIN'S REPAIR, 19 CHURCH ST., GILBERTVILLE, MA 01031

Pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that on 5/5/2023 at 10:00 AM at: Regin's Repair, 19 Church St., Gilbertville, MA 01031 by private sale, the following Motor Vehicles will be sold to satisfy the garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles.

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3FAHP07Z07R174461
Name and address of owner:
Nellie South
127 North St.
Ware, MA 01082

By: James M. Regin
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