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McCarthy named SB chair; Kusnierz, vice-chair

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WARE – Following the annual town election, the Selectboard welcomed newly elected members Nancy Talbot and Jack Cascio.

The Selectboard voted in favor of appointing Caitlin McCarthy as chair and Josh Kusnierz as vice-chair at Tuesday night's meeting.

"Thank you for trusting me with this responsibility," McCarthy said.

Kusnierz was appointed vice-chair, as well as clerk. The position of clerk was offered to Cascio and Talbot and they both declined the nomination

Event approval

The Selectboard approved a special event request from the Ware Business and Civil Association for the annual spring Shop Hop with craft fair and breakfast on Saturday, May 6 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Ware Lions Club will be hosting the breakfast as a way to raise money for scholarships.

Removal of documents

The Selectboard reviewed a draft for the potential new policy regarding the removal of public, private and personnel documents from municipal and town buildings.

Director of Human Resources Justine Caggiano said she prepared a draft policy pulled from examples of other towns and tailored it to fit Ware.

While some towns suggested restrictions on removing documents from municipal buildings, Town Manager Stuart Beckley said other towns, flat-out, would not allow it.

The draft was reviewed but no edits were made nor was the draft voted on.

Resignations

John Carroll announced his decision to step down from his appointments with the Community Development Authority and Pioneer Valley Transit Authority.

"I've been doing it through zoom which is legal but it's not quite the same...I think it's time for someone else to fill the shoes," said Carroll.

The board acknowledged Carroll's decision and thanked him for his service.

The Selectboard voted to accept Talbot's resignation from the Planning Board, with Talbot abstaining.

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Founder's gravestones reset



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WARREN – Last week, 39 gravestones in the founder's section of Pine Grove Cemetery were straightened and reset in their proper places.

Cemetery Commission Clerk Cynthia Baxter said this is going to be part of an ongoing project to restore this section of the Cemetery, as well as make other improvements to the Cemetery as a whole.

Founded in 1746, the Cemetery is the final resting place for many of the town's

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Kai Nalez, founder and president of Gravestone Services of New England, LLC, reset and clean

Children enjoy 'Music with Caylin' at the library

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WARE – On the first Tuesday of every month, the floors of the Young Men's Library Association, 37 Main St., vibrate with the movement of little feet dancing to nursery rhymes and classic toddler tunes.

Local musician and country/folk artist, Caylin Haley brings her ganjo (an instrument that looks like a guitar, but sounds like a banjo), ukulele, colorful scarves, singing voice and kid-friendly instruments to the monthly 10:30 a.m. music meetings.

Being a musician with 10 years of experience as a preschool teacher, Haley said she believes "music

is overlooked in early childhood," and finds it is a great tool for learning and expression.

Children's Librarian Cathy Goulet said the event is geared towards ages 0-5, and is becoming "pretty popular."

"It's been a wonderful addition to the library and it's gaining momentum," said Goulet.

Kim Stella was one of the many parents present at the last meeting and said Haley is "awesome" with the kids.

"She knows how to engage the kids very well," said Stella.

To highlight the accessibility of making music at home without professional instruments, Haley brought recycled bottles filled with

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(Turley Publications Photo by Dallas Gagnon)

Wesley and Brantley Therrien were mesmerized by the melody.



(Turley Publications Photo by Paula Ouimette)
Angela Hicks of the Warren Public Library reads "Chester" by Melanie Watt to first grade students.

Community Reading Day

Guest readers give literacy a boost at WCES

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WARREN – Community Reading Day returned to Warren Community Elementary School earlier this month, with over a dozen guests readers visiting each classroom.

Guest readers ranged from public safety personnel to bank employees, a postmaster, library staff, municipal employees, a dance teacher and the Historical Commission chair.

Each one had a story to share about their role in the community, as well as a read-aloud with a book selected by each grade level.

Community Reading Day has been an annual event since 2015, only pausing during the pandemic.

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Raindrops on roses

Teen author publishes two books of poetry

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WARREN – We've all heard that, "April showers bring May flowers," but for 16-year-old Haileigh Swistak, this saying also marks the first two milestones in her writing career.

Just one year ago, she decided she would write her first book.

This past January, the Quaboag Regional High School junior and Warren resident published her first volume of poetry titled "Raindrops in April" which

was quickly followed by her second volume, "Roses in May".

"I've always really liked writing, since I was a kid," Swistak said. "A couple of years ago, I realized this is what I want to do for a living."

"Raindrops in April" contains 47 poems, and "Roses in May" has 41. They are dedicated to her boyfriend and best friend, who have birthdays during those months.

When asked why she dedicated her books to them she said, "they're two of the most important people in the world."

Swistak said the poetry in "Raindrops in April" is more melancholy, compared to the poetry in "Roses in May", which has more hope.

Out of her 88 poems, "I'll



(Turley Publications Photo by Paula Ouimette)

Quaboag Regional High School junior Haileigh Swistak has published two volumes of her poetry this year.

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Special education director to resign

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WARE – Superintendent Dr. Marlene DiLeo announced that Special Education Director Jessica Bolduc would be leaving her position at Ware Public Schools at the end of this school year.

DiLeo said a search committee will be formed to fill her position.

Reorganization

The School Committee reorganized at their April 12 meeting, following the annual town election in which member Aaron Sawabi was reelected.

Christopher Desjardins was unanimously voted in for chair and Brian Winslow as vice-chair. All subcommittees will remain as they are.

Comments and concerns

Ware Teachers Association President Amber Boucher asked the School Committee if they had updates on incoming Superintendent Michael Lovato's salary.

Desjardins said he does have Lovato's contract, which has been signed by three members of Committee, but it was not signed by all members at the time of the meeting.

Desjardins said Lovato's salary is \$146,000.

Student update

Student representative Ethan Flamand said playground equipment is arriving for the Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School that week, and the installation should be completed by April 24.

Use of facility

The Committee approved a request for a waiver of fee for the water and wastewater assets meeting the town held on April 11. He said they typically waive the fees for town meetings since the schools are town-owned buildings.

DiLeo said she also received a request to waive fees for the annual Town Meeting on May 8 which the Committee also approved.

Prior use of facilities

Committee members agreed to either return or discount \$100 from the use of facilities fee for a dance studio's recital.

Last year, the dance studio had complaints about the space they rented not being ready for use, as well as malfunctioning stage curtain.

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Learning is sweet

Homeschoolers tour PEZ Factory with OHA

By Colette Lefebvre-Davis
Correspondent

WARE – Local homeschoolers were treated to an interesting field trip recently, when they joined Outstanding Homeschool Adventures for a tour of the PEZ Factory in Orange, Connecticut.

Over 30 families signed up for the tour led by Carrie Hill the founder of OHA. The response was overwhelming and had to be split into two separate tours.

Located just under 40 minutes away from Ware, the PEZ Factory is a famous spot. The museum houses memorabilia, dispensers, accessories and the motorized dispenser that stands at 14 feet tall.

Officially dubbed as the PEZ Factory Visitor Center, the site boasts more than 4,000 square feet of fun and the world's largest PEZ Dispenser on record.

The large dispenser greets the visitors and behind it is the scavenger hunt. The hunt takes the visitors through the museum as they search for all sorts of clues.

The factory is even featured on Atlas Obscura, a website and company that seeks and scours the globe for the most interesting of all places in each corner of the world.

Local homeschoolers were treated to the history of PEZ as they learned that it originally began in Austria as an alternative to smoking back in 1927.

The name PEZ came from the German



(Turley Publications Photos by Colette Lefebvre-Davis)

PEZ memorabilia on display at the PEZ Factory museum.

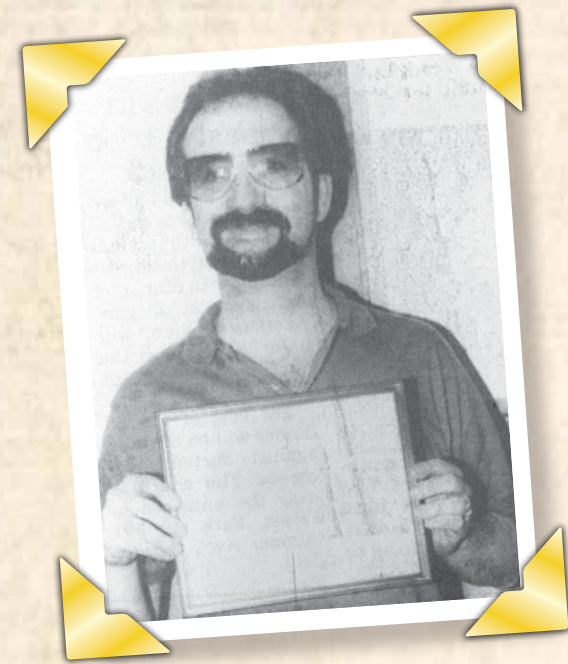
word "Pfefferminz" which means peppermint. Then makers took the "P" from the first letter, "E" from the middle letter and the "Z" from the last letter to coin the name PEZ.

PEZ began operating from the United States in 1952. The Orange, Connecticut factory wasn't opened until the 1970s and it's still going strong today.

Homeschoolers were able to learn the history of this iconic candy, see how it was made and processed, and interact with the museum to learn more about the types of dispensers from around the world.

Ware Homeschoolers visited the PEZ Factory in Orange, Connecticut on April 6.

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 Environmental Police Officer John Pajak measuring a bass caught by Jose Ramon of Springfield. If you recognize the folks in this week's photo, please send their names and your full name to pouimette@turley.com.

Knights to hold 'Blessing of the Swords'

WARE – Stanley Ciukaj, Master of the Fourth Degree, Massachusetts Knights of Columbus, announces the first ever Procession of Masters and "Blessing of the Swords" together with Honor Guard Certifications on Sunday, May 7.

This will take place at St. Mary's Church, South Street, starting with a celebration of Holy Mass at noon, led by Friar Reverend Piotr Pawlus, Pastor. The Blessing of the Swords will occur at Mass.

Dinner will immediately follow in the parish hall. The menu includes garden salad, pasta e fagioli, spaghetti, meatballs, garlic bread, chocolate cake with cream and strawberries, coffee and soda.

Tickets for the dinner are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children aged 12 or under.

This event is open to all family members wishing to attend. Donations are always appreciated.

It is open to the public with purchase of ticket; no tickets will be sold at the door.

To purchase tickets, please call Ciukaj at 413-531-8602.



(Courtesy Photo)
Stanley Ciukaj, Master of the Fourth Degree, Massachusetts Knights of Columbus.

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Ware Senior Center news

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

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

ACTIVITIES

Monday, April 24

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 6 p.m. Whist (doors open at 5:30 p.m., \$3 donation)

Tuesday, April 25

- 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 Grenville Park, Church Street
- 1:30-3:30 p.m. Chair Massage (available by appointment only, call 413-967-9645; \$5 for 10 minutes)
- 6 p.m. Scrapbook Class
- 6 p.m. Pitch (doors open at 5 p.m.)

Wednesday, April 26

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 10-11 a.m. Lucas McDiarmid, District Director for state Sen. Anne Gobi

- 11:30 a.m. Lunch

Thursday, April 27

- 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 28

- 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

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Monday, April 24

Teriyaki Chicken Wings, Spanish Rice, Dessert of the Day

Tuesday, April 25

Shepherd's Pie, Tossed Salad, Dessert of the day

Wednesday, April 26

Hot Turkey Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Veggie of the Day, Dessert of the Day

Thursday, April 27

Brunch: French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Corn Beef Hash, Dessert of the Day

Friday, April 28

Tuna Melt Sandwich, Potato Chips, Tossed Salad, Dessert of the Day

Professor talks geology at Keep Homestead

By Paula Ouimette
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MONSON – While many in the area can agree that living in the Connecticut River Valley “rocks,” most are unaware it’s also home to one of the rarest geological formations: lithified armored mud balls from the Jurassic Period.

Dr. Richard Little, professor emeritus at Greenfield Community College presented “Dinosaurs, Dunes & Drifting Continents” during the Keep Homestead Museum’s opening day for the season on April 2.

Little, the author of two books, “Dinosaurs, Dunes, and Drifting Continents: the Geology of the Connecticut River Valley” and “Exploring Franklin County,” has been the driving force behind a bill to make sure armored mud balls, or AMBs, get the recognition they deserve.

Little said the commonwealth has about 50 state symbols including the corn muffin and Boston cream donut.

“My goal is to make these a state symbol,” he said.

This year, the bill will be presented to state legislature to help start the process of making AMBs the state’s official “sedimentary structure.”

“We have the best place in the world to study geology in Franklin County,” Little said. “You can go all across a billion years of history, most from the roadside.”

In 1970, Little discovered AMBs in the quarried stone supports of a bridge in Turners Falls, located near the parking lot.

“They’re extremely rare... up until this point, you’ve probably never heard of armored mud



(Turley Publications Photo by Paula Ouimette)

Dr. Richard Little admires the rock foundation of the barn at the Keep Homestead Museum during his recent presentation, “Dinosaurs, Dunes & Drifting Continents.”

balls,” he said.

AMBs are created when pieces of mud erode from the top of streambeds, rolling downstream and getting coated with pebbles, which stick to the mud and form an armor. During the Jurassic Period, these mudballs were covered by stream deposits and lithified over a process that took millions of years.

“Franklin County is the only place on the planet to easily see lithified armored mud balls,” Little said.

Greenfield Community College’s Geology Path, located to the left of the front of the main building, has many AMBs, with more locations in Gill and Turners Falls. For a complete listing, visit armoredmudballs.rocks.

Little has even found AMBs on geology trips he has taken across the country.

“Most geologists never see

one,” he said.

AMBs are not the only piece of geology that is important in Massachusetts, rocks also play a major role.

The commonwealth’s official building and monument stone is granite, a rock that has great significance to Monson and surrounding towns.

Home of Flynt Quarry, Monson is famous for its gneiss, a type of metamorphic rock that used to be granite but has been affected by heat and pressure, resulting in stripes and a unique texture.

“There’s only three ways that rocks form,” Little said. “Igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic.”

Granite is an igneous rock that forms when magma cools underground and then when it is subjected to heat and pressure, it becomes metamorphic, resulting in gneiss.

The biggest stone quarried from Flynt was 354 feet long, 11 feet

wide and four feet thick and many buildings present today were built from this stone’s pieces, including Memorial Hall.

The iconic Trinitarian Congregational Church in Gilbertville was also made from Monson granite.

Gneiss is a hard rock, but is easily split along its strata Little said. It also doesn’t have a lot of iron in it, which makes it ideal for building facades.

Flynt Quarry closed in 1935 and is now preserved as open space by the town and Opacum Land Trust.

“Flynt Quarry looks very different today,” Little said. The boulders that remain at the site, “don’t reflect the scale and importance of the Quarry.”

For more information about Little, visit earthview.rocks or email rdlittle2000@aol.com.

About Keep Homestead Museum

The Keep Homestead Museum, 35 Ely Road, is open April through October and has open houses the first Sunday of each month from 1:30-3 p.m. Visitors are also welcome by appointment by calling 413-267-4137.

Upcoming events include Sunday, May 7, Eleanor Roosevelt, First Lady of the World; Sunday, June 4, Sarah the Fiddler; Sunday, July 2, Ice Cream Social on the Lawn; Sunday, Aug. 6, Wildlife on Wheels from Forest Park; Sunday, Sept. 3, Open House; Sunday, Oct. 1, Open House; Sunday, Nov. 5, Button Appraisal Day at the Keep; and Sunday, Dec. 3, Victorian Christmas Traditions.

For more information, call the phone number listed above or visit keephomesteadmuseum.org.

Parade participants wanted for Memorial Day

WARE – Plans are underway for this year’s Memorial Day parade and ceremony, to be held on Monday, May 29, rain or shine.

Veterans are needed to march or ride in the parade, as well as other participants including community organizations. Cars and floats are welcome.

The parade will line-up at 12:30 p.m. at the American Legion hall, 45 Maple St., and step-off at 1 p.m. The parade

will proceed to Veterans’ Park on Main Street for a ceremony.

The featured speaker this year is Gold Star mother, Pat Boynton.

Following the ceremony, parade participants are invited to return to the American Legion for a luncheon of American chop suey and salad.

For more information or to participate in the parade, please contact the American Legion by calling 413-967-9762.

Historical Commission’s Book Hunt returns May 7

WARE – Feeling lucky? The Ware Historical Commission is getting ready to do their book hunt again on Sunday, May 7 (rain date is May 21).

The Commission has purchased books for the Book Hunt and plans to hide them in historical places in town, in places where people hang out, and in some of the town’s more interesting venues.

Keep your eyes open, as they’ll be hidden “in plain sight.”

What books are Commission members hiding? One of each of the green-bound “History of Ware, MA” by Chase, Conkey, and a mix of authors, “Around the Quabbin” by David McLaughlin and Laren Bright, “Laced with Love” by Sheila Walker, “Images of Ware” by Warren Bacon and Claudia Chicklas, “Around Pattiquadic” by Don Duffy, “Lost Towns of the Swift River Valley: by Elena Palladino, “Candy Cummings, Kaplan Block, and Boys of Summer” by Stephen Katz,



(Courtesy Photo)

Ware Historical Commission members are shown from left, Elena Palladino, Wanda Mysona, Claudia Kadra, Kathleen Galford, Lorrie Willette, Alice Atkinson-Bonasio and Lynn Caulfield Lak.

“Letting Swift River Go” by Jane Yolen, and other books for young people on American history.

Inside the book, you’ll find a book mark with directions to take your picture with your found

book, and send it to melissa@qvcdc so it can be seen on the Visit Ware site.

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.

To apply for this scholarship, a copy of your school transcript and a completed application, which is available at your school’s guidance office, must be submitted by May 1.

Please mail to: Ware Amvets Post 2577, c/o Richard Rucki, 8 First Avenue, Ware, MA 01082.

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LIFE TOGETHER

Anger and hate stem from pain

James Baldwin wrote, "I imagine the reason people cling to their hate, is because if they let it go, they would have to deal with their pain."

When a person assaults another they need to be held accountable. But we are also called to understand what motivates violence.

The person who is so angry and rages at others, has experienced trauma that causes him to blame others for his anger.

Is it possible to get to the angry person before they act out?

Angry people target those who are different, and directs their rage at Jews, Asians, Blacks, gays, transgenders, and other vulnerable people. The saddest violence is the school shootings of children and staff.

Where is the hope? Every time a horrific mass shooting takes place, we ask ourselves if this will be the one to turn things around?

Of course, we have a right to have guns. No one wants to take our guns.

The issue is the assault guns which kill many people in minutes. What if the 24-year-old shooter in Louisville entered the bank with a Louisville Slugger bat?

How many could he kill in minutes? What if he could not acquire a weapon of war?

Death by gun violence, including suicide, is the epidemic generated by pain.

As Baldwin wrote: "I imagine the reason people cling to their hate, is because if they had to let it go, they would have to deal with their pain."

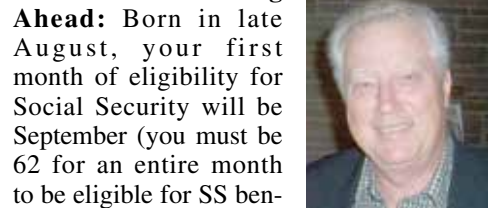
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What can I earn in my first year collecting Social Security?

Dear Rusty: My 62 birthday is in late August of this year. I would like to start collecting Social Security, but after reading about the need to keep my earnings less than \$21,240 in the first year it doesn't seem fair to those who have birthdays later in the year. I will have earned a lot by the end of August. Or am I missing the part where the year starts from the day you retire? Or is it a fiscal year? Please elaborate? *Signed: Looking Ahead*

Dear Looking Ahead: Born in late August, your first month of eligibility for Social Security will be September (you must be 62 for an entire month to be eligible for SS benefits). If you start your benefits in September, for the months of September through December 2023 you'll have a monthly earnings limit of \$1,770. If you exceed that limit in any of those 4 months, you won't be eligible for SS benefits in any month that the \$1770 monthly limit is exceeded. If you exceed the monthly limit in all of those months, you won't be entitled to any benefits in 2023, unless using the annual earnings limit formula to determine your penalty would result in a lesser amount.



The penalty for exceeding the annual limit is \$1 for every \$2 you are over the 2023 limit and, if using that formula yields a penalty which is less than for exceeding the 2023 monthly limit for September - December, they will use the annual limit instead of the monthly limit to compute your penalty. Thus, your annual earnings earned before September will only count if using the annual limit will result in less of a penalty than using the monthly limit for the months after your benefits start. If you plan to retire from working before September, then there will be no penalty for exceeding the annual earnings limit prior to that, but if you continue to work full time there will likely be a penalty which will cause Social Security to take away some of your benefits.

Starting in 2024, only the annual earnings limit, which will be a bit more than the 2023 annual limit, will apply to you. Generally, if you continue working full time and will significantly exceed the annual earnings limit, it may be wise to reconsider claiming your Social Security until your income is below or closer to the annual



Asparagus, a perennial favorite

When I was a kid, we had a big flower garden that ran the length of the gable end of our ranch house.

It was tremendous fun for mom and me each spring to mark the rows and sow the seeds of calendula, cleome, balsam and so many other interesting annual flowers.

Sometime in the mid to late 1980s, it became trendy to install perennial flower gardens. Under the guise of "less work," lots of folks traded in their marigolds and zinnias in place of daylilies and summer phlox.

Where am I going with this, you ask? Straight to an article about asparagus.

Yes, asparagus. My favorite perennial vegetable.

The correlation came when I was working in my asparagus patch earlier today and

I thought about just how much bang for the buck you get from established asparagus for such little annual labor.

In order to thrive, asparagus plants require full sun, fertile soil, a neutral pH, and a weed-free bed. If time allows, prepare the site in the fall prior to spring planting by removing the sod from grassy areas and by making the necessary adjustments to the soil with the addition of lime and balanced organic fertilizers.

A soil test will determine accurate amounts for your site.

Once asparagus crowns have been purchased you shouldn't wait too long to plant them, or they will dry out. At first look, the roots look like fleshy white tentacles of an octopus radiating out from its head!

If planting ASAP is unlikely store them in moist sphagnum moss until you are able to get them in the ground. New advice recommends planting the crowns in trenches 8-10" deep.

It is helpful to incorporate additional lime and bone meal thoroughly into the bottom of the planting furrow. Set plants on small mounds of soil 12-18" apart in the row and cover with 2" of soil.

As the spears poke through this first layer of soil and begin to fern out, gradually fill in the trench with a mixture of soil and finished compost. It should take six weeks for the furrow to be completely filled in.

Water regularly and top-dress with fertilizer in August of the first year and every spring

thereafter. A thick application of compost at this time will also enhance fertility, while liming annually will help keep the pH neutral.

New studies indicate that spears can be harvested for a week-long period the year after planting. Simply cut with a sharp knife at the soil surface.

The following year expand your harvest to four weeks; by year three a full harvest season of eight weeks is possible.

After harvest let the foliage grow, once winter killed it can be cut back and removed from the garden site in case it harbors insect eggs. Good hygiene and hand picking will reduce populations of the asparagus beetle and other culprits of the asparagus patch.

What was I doing out in the asparagus patch today, you ask?

Besides thinking about flowers, I was weeding, and prepping the beds for their annual application of lime and compost. It's a fair trade-off for two months of harvesting one of my favorite vegetables!

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

Cascio thanks voters for their support

"What a trip it's been" running for office! It's time to thank so many family members and friends and the voters of Ware. I found I needed a push to get out and meet the voters.

This was a 'write-in' campaign, so knocking on doors was a requisite. My slight trepidation was put to rest very quickly.

With no response after knocking on the front door of a residence, I went to the side door to see an elderly woman peering through the curtain. With the door slightly ajar I spoke to the partially hidden lady explaining that I was asking for her vote for Selectman.

With that she stood in the open doorway. I offered her my handout describing my platform.

She looked at me and said, "I have never had anyone take the time to approach me seeking my support...you have my vote!"

From that moment on I relished the opportunity to visit with the voters and knock on more than a hundred doors. What a treat, what an honor.

I got an earful; folks that were angry, folks that were inquisitive, folks that were frustrated, folks that had thrown their hands up in disgust with the way things were with the present Ware Board of Selectmen. They wanted decorum back in the BOS.



They wanted their voices heard at the meetings as they have in the past 25 years.

I promise that I will strive to represent the town of Ware and her tax paying citizens in a manner that will make them proud.

I know I won't be able to make everyone happy. What I can promise is that I will be

open to your questions and suggestions, and I will share my reasons for making the decisions I am responsible for.

I thank you for your vote and will work hard to earn your vote.

Jack Cascio
Ware



Great blue herons are back. After writing in the previous column about an email from a Hardwick resident about a heron rookery, I received two other emails about rookeries in their area.

A couple who read the Journal Register enjoy watching the rookery at Conant Brook Dam in Monson. They said there were about four or five nests being used.

A Brimfield resident also sent an email about the Conant Brook Dam in Monson. He said there are about six nests.

Last year all of the nests fledged young. He said the rookery is easy to find and it is accessible from the a parking lot off of Munn Road in Monson. On Google maps it is listed at the Conant Brook Dam/Munn Dike Trailhead.

From the parking lot walk about a quarter mile through the field and then take a right to the water.

He said, "The nest are spread out and sometimes it takes a bit to find all six because of all of the dead tree trunks standing in the water."

I have a pair of great blue herons nesting in the beaver pond, which borders my hayfield. They nested there last year for the first time.

For many years before nesting, the great blue herons frequented the pond. I even saw a



Great blue heron

green heron once.

Sparrows and purple finches

The Brimfield resident said he has not seen many migrants yet, but he had fox sparrows, which were around for a few days. He also saw his first of the year chipping sparrow and a bright male purple finch.

An Oakham couple also have purple finches coming to their feeders. I keep looking, but I have not seen any yet.

I only put a small amount of seed out in the morning because of the many bears in my area.

Displaying Tom turkeys

On April Fools Day, three of my grandchildren and I saw a Tom turkey displaying in front of a hen turkey in a field in Barre. It was a quiet country road, so we stopped and watched for awhile.

My granddaughter, Lizzie, even took a photo, but it did not come out well as they were a distance away.

The Tom would display his tail feathers in a fan and strut about. Then he would lower them to the normal position and start the mating ritual all over again.

Loon mating behavior

The Loon Preservation Committee in Moultonborough, New Hampshire said in a newsletter, "Courtship is much more subtle in loons than it is in some other bird species. Loons do not perform mating dance, if you see some flashy, splashy behavior going on between two loons, you are likely witnessing a territorial interaction between rivals rather than an interaction between pair members. Instead, loon courtship often looks like peaceful coexistence, they strengthen their bond by doing things together, from preening to foraging to patrolling their territory. You may also hear them hooting softly to one another."

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

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Let's Keep Hardwick Pristine

Tulips

By Fred DeBros

This is my Hardwick version of tulip gardening.

Tulips everyone knows, loves, has, but; some of you might cringe at my take on tulips in Hardwick: tulips are not recommended.

Why? They are only perennial unless you plant them six feet deep...good luck!

They are a favorite food for moles and voles...plenty here! Most bulbs sold in fall are forced and make huge floppy flowers in mid spring that tip over at the slightest wind and break up and most tulips here get fire blight and become useless as cut flowers.

My recommendation? Want to bring in tulip bouquets? Buy them at the store.

Yes they are from the garden, just not mine.

But for mass effect, outside tulips, I have my favorites: Tulipa by Holland Bulbs.

You can visit www.hollandbulbs.com and buy red revival tulips (nr 88122) 12 for \$15 in summer, four times cheaper in late fall.

I like tulipa because they are up in early spring, so they bloom with crocus and daffodils; they do not have fire blight disease and stay up erect in rain and snow; they are sturdy 10-14-inches tall sin-



gle flowers, ideal for bouquets; and they are perennial.

The only disadvantage is they are single stems and do not vigorously naturalize.

You can plant tulips all year long with a crowbar as deep as it goes, throw in the bulb anyway, cover with mulch. Bone meal and lime will help.

With a helper I can plant 500 in an hour...as long as you can make a hole.

There is a yellow cultivar: don't get it, it's not showy and during bloom you have plenty of yellow and white, you want red and blue!

The fire engine red and translucency of Tulipa 88122 is unique! The other tulips I like and have are the fusilier and early red varieties, but none are as showy as red revival.

A source of free bulbs are the large estates and park managers who plant acres of tulips in fall and

have to scoop them off in May to throw them away. These are perfectly reusable bulbs that will all thrive for a few years in a border.

If you can get a few bags of these you have a deal!

There are smaller red tulips like the kaufmannia minis...which are not exactly cheap. There are some fiery red ones and they will go dormant by Memorial Day, so they can go in the lawn.

Stay with the red ones.

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.

Sponsor a balloon and support Clowning For Kidz

WARREN – 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.

Your dedication, name or business can be placed in a vinyl balloon on the Clowning For Kidz vehicle for a sponsorship of \$50 for a small balloon or a \$250 dona-

tion for a large balloon. The balloons are viewed by spectators around New England.

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, 01092 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.

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Love You" is the one closest to her heart, she said.

"A lot of these poems are from years of writing," Swistak said.

Poetry has been one of Swistak's favorite literary genres, since taking a creative writing class with teacher Dana Babcock.

"Emily Dickinson is my favorite poet," Swistak said.

But Swistak isn't just a poet.

She is currently writing her first novel, and she is aiming to have her first draft completed by the end of this year.

The novel is geared for young adult readers and is loosely based on fairy tales.

"This is definitely going to be dark," she said.

If that wasn't enough, she has written a jukebox musical and is also creating a screenplay.

"I just did a readthrough of the musical with my mom last night," Swistak said during our interview.

This coming-of-age musical is set to various songs you hear on the radio and Swistak is ready to send it for further review to James Joinville, Fine Arts Department head at Quaboag.

Swistak has been involved with the stage crew of Quaboag Drama Club, including during the Club's recent production of "Freaky Friday". Next year, Swistak will be taking on the role of stage manager.

"The stage manager needs to be organized and have visual skills, and know how to work with the choreographer...and how to keep people quiet backstage," Swistak

said.

Her screenplay is based off of her favorite book series, "Renegades" by Marissa Meyer.

"It was a little challenging at first," Swistak said, taking all of the dialogue and character's thoughts, and turning it into facial expressions.

She had already created 70 slides about the characters, and what they look like.

Swistak said in addition to writing the screenplay, she also wants to direct it.

"I want to do it all," she said.

How to purchase
"Raindrops in April" and "Roses in May" are both available in paperback on Amazon, at a cost of \$10.50 each.

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Selectmen concerned with Wi-Fi speed at Fire Station

By Dallas Gagnon
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WARREN – Board of Selectmen Clerk Derick Veliz said he was "very concerned" with the Wi-Fi situation at the Fire Station after visiting the site.

"I'm very concerned. Last week, the Town Administrator and myself went to check out one of the tablets at the Fire Station and I found out that the Fire Department is lacking Wi-Fi, incredibly," said Veliz at the Board's April 13 meeting.

He added he tested the Wi-Fi in the Board of Selectmen's meeting room and found it was reading 25.7 megabits per second.

"Our fire department is running at 2.8 so that's almost 10% and they pay a lot for their bill. We need to do something to help them get good Wi-Fi," said Veliz.

Fire Chief Adam Lavoie said he had a proposal from Crocker Communications to improve internet connectivity and speed.

"The Fire Station is one of the buildings they put the fiber connections through, so it's part of the state broadband system," said Lavoie.

He added, the problem with being connected to the state broadband system, is that they are very limited in preferred vendors, and they are locked into a price.

After speaking with Crocker Communications, Lavoie said they did offer an amendment to the Department's current set-up, to go with 10 megabits per second.

"For that proposal, they were going to waive a \$50 installation fee," but charge an additional \$120 a month, he said.

The Department is currently paying \$98 a month for 5 megabits per second.

Veliz said he "was concerned" because "it wasn't fair for the Fire Department to pay so much."

"\$98 is the average amount for 100 megabits per second, not 3 or 5 megabits," said Veliz.

Police Chief Gerald Millette said he went through the same situation about a year ago, and switched to Comcast.

Community Planning Award

The Board announced that Warren has been named the recipient of a Community Planning Award.

Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission is recognizing the town's "proactive efforts to build assets that increase the capacity of residents to improve their quality of life."

The ceremony will be held Thursday, June 8 at the Southwick Zoo in Galliford's Restaurant & Tavern.

Fire Department Report

Lavoie presented the monthly fire department before the board.

For the month of March, the Fire Department responded to 60 ambulance calls, nine motor vehicle accidents, six medical assists and two structure fires.

The department took on four investigations, six powerline incidents, two activated alarms, three illegal burns and two gas emergency calls.

Fire personnel also conducted their annual CPR training in March as well as other EMS training.

Lavoie said EMS did a protocol update and has been working closely alongside the Department.

"We have a company who comes in with a contract...they did our protocol update which was required by the Office of Emergency Medical Services. They allowed us to expand our scope of medication administration," said Lavoie.

In terms of the department's budget, Lavoie said he saw "no immediate red flags," and spoke with Town Administrator James Ferrera about acquiring funds for some overtime.

Dufresne told Lavoie that he and his Department are doing a great job.

"We appreciate all you guys are doing," said Dufresne.

Petty cash account

The Board voted unanimously in favor of reestablishing the Police Department's petty cash account in the amount of \$100.

Millette said the petty cash account is "for things that are not on the list," such as the U.S. Postal Service and Fed-Ex.

Ferrera said having a formal request to approve of petty cash before the Board is "the start of the new process to track all of the petty cash accounts."

The policy was created by the Board to know how much petty cash departments have and who is going to be in charge of it. The money is also subject to auditing by the town accountant.

For the Police Department, Dawn Guzik is going to be the custodian of the petty cash account.

Final review of FY 24 proposed budget

The Finance Committee met earlier this past week to review and revise the fiscal year 2024 budget.

The Board motioned to accept the FY 24 budget as proposed by the Finance Committee.

Ferrera said the current budget does "not include any of the new positions that may be established at town meetings."

The budget is going to the printer's next week and should be ready for the election and town meeting.

The copy presented before the Board saw no changes from the last time the selectmen reviewed the documents.

The Warren libraries were granted a flat 3% increase for both Warren and West Warren.

The Board said they saw about a 2% increase overall in this year's budget compared to previous years.

Ferrera gave the department heads credit for their collaboration and the volunteers with the Finance Committee for their efforts to create the budget.

"There is a lot to be proud of," he said.

Dufresne said there is still a need for members to join the Finance Committee.

He added the Board would like to establish Capital Planning again and work hand in hand.

"It is proof that this system works and as long as everybody works together and gets it done it works pretty smooth," Dufresne said.

Both the Finance Committee and Capital

Planning are seeking members.

Review of STM articles

The Board approved the special Town Meeting and annual Town Meeting warrants as presented and revised by town counsel.

Town Administrator's report

Northeast IT is getting three new computers in town, one for the Fire Department, Cemetery Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Ferrera said, "all those devices were operating at a Windows 7 level," and the refurbished computers distributed in town will be updated at a higher level.

Several painting projects have been completed in the Shepard Municipal Building as supported by grants.

Equipment for the break room and updates will be starting this week. Some equipment updates include a refrigerator, toaster and microwave.

Ferrera said the upgrades were made possible by a Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association grant for employee wellness.

A new dumpster also came in this week and new carpeting was installed in the Historical Commission room.

A project moving forward will potentially include getting siding and receiving quotes for the project.

A dishwasher that was approved to purchase using American Rescue Plan Act funding is awaiting to get into the building.

Ferrera said the addition is proving to be more challenging than originally expected.

The dishwasher that was ordered is similar to an industrial dishwasher and may require contracting plumbers, carpenters and an electrician.

Resignation

The Board formally recognized the resignation of Police Officer Brad Merkel.

"He's a great police officer and I wish we could have kept him," said Dufresne.

Millette said he is working through a list of potential candidates to fill the vacancy.

Correspondence

The Board received a letter from a resident about a desire "to turn over 5.9 acres of his mother's land to the town."

The proposal was before the Board last year and was declined as the land is "wetland" which cannot really be sold or developed.

Dufresne suggested asking the Conservation Commission if they would like the land.

The discussion was tabled until the Board contacts the Conservation Commission and explores what can be done with the lot.

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education

Duda advocates for voc-tech education

By **Matty Anderson**
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PALMER – Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School Superintendent Eric Duda shared photos and information from his recent trip to Washington, D.C., to advocate for vocational education in the commonwealth.

Massachusetts is one of the most underrepresented states in the country in terms of vocational education, Duda said at the School Committee's April 12 meeting.

While in Washington, D.C., Duda met with Senator Tim Kaine, founder and co-chair of the Senate career and technical education, as well as Congressman Jim McGovern.

Duda explained how wonderful his experience was, and that he feels like he made real progress in representing Massachusetts' vocational scene.

HVAC Department upgrades

After receiving a half million-dollar grant, the HVAC department was completely transformed with a full renovation. HVAC will have a brand-new space, fully equipped with new tools, better ceilings, new light, better ventilation, and all new boilers.

Renovations are estimated to be completed by July 1, and there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony in August.

This renovation was much needed considering HVAC workers are in high demand at the moment and the field is predicted to keep growing.

Behavioral concerns

The school district has been facing unprecedented levels of behavioral issues, including fights amongst the freshman students.

Recent changes have proved effective in addressing the fighting, including no more congregating for breakfast in the morning, assigned lunch seating and stricter regulation of cell phone usage.

Assigned lunch seating with no cell phone usage has proved especially effective, encouraging students to make new friends and entertain themselves in more natural ways such as playing board games.

Chronic absenteeism is at an all-time high following COVID. There are about 35-45 chronically absent students throughout the school, and faculty says that mental health issues have contributed to this issue. The School Committee is considering partnering with local police in hopes of getting this matter under control.

Behavioral issues have also extended to the school buses.

School calendar changes

The School Committee approved adding half days around midterms to lower stress levels for students and staff.

Trips approved

The School Committee approved a number of upcoming field trips including April 27-29, Skills USA at Blackstone Valley Regional Technical High School; April 21-26, DECA International Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida; May 9, New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks, Connecticut; and May 25, Brownstone Adventure Sports Park in Portland, Connecticut.

New hires

The school district looks forward to welcoming new hires Michael Forrest, Transition Coordinator/Assistive Tech and Reading Instructor; Jennifer Pytel, Paraprofessional; Tonia Speenburgh, part-time Library and Media Support.

Retirement

School Committee members recognized retiree John Weyant, Carpentry Instructor, for 23 years of great work.

Donations

The School Committee voted to accept a \$15,000 donation from the Palmer Rotary Club.

They also voted to accept a number of gifts including a Lincoln Electric AC/DC Arc Welder and some other tools from Elaine Hodgman; a 2015 Sedona from Mary K. Young; a 2009 Honda Odyssey from Darlene Henshaw; and a 2010 Ford Fusion Hybrid from Cristian Covert.

Lowes Hardware donated tools and equipment including 49 drills.

The Polish American Citizens Club donated to the music program, and Palmer Rotary Club donated a scholarship.

Senior cadets piped over the side at change of command

By **Ellenor Downer**
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BARRE – The Quabbin Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps unit officers changed command and bid fair seas to their senior members.

Last Friday, April 7, Commanding Officer Summer Barringer, Class of 2023 addressed her fellow cadets. She said, "You can not lead alone, the people around you are the greatest asset in leadership." She also said there was no shame in asking for help, don't be afraid of mistakes, learn how to breathe, push through and find the balance.

Captain Daniel Brennock addressed the audience of Cadets, award presenters, family members and staff the unit performed 2,600 community service hours and 980 school hours. He said the unit had a "spectacular annual inspection."

Cadet Jady Gonzalez, Class of 2024, took over as Commanding Officer. Cadet Brianna Caponigro, Class of 2024, replaced Cadet Abigail Ramsey in the First Platoon and Cadet Hannah Wiggin, Class of 2024, replaced Cadet Abigail Ramsey in the Second Platoon. Cadet Julio Pagan, Class of 2024, replaced Cadet Rose Leander in the Third Platoon. Cadet Klara Allen, Class of 2024, replaced Cadet William Lambert as Supply Officer and Cadet Natalie Fisher, Class of 2024, replaced Cadet Natalie Techera as Administrative Officer.

In addition to the Change of Command, promotions and awards were also part of the program. NS I promotions to Seaman were: Tyler Belden, Brandon Brooks, Micah Cerezo, Mia Ducos, Garrett Erickson, Aiden Fuller, Madeleine Hardy, Alex Holden, Anna Labrousse, Finnegan Leander, Oliver Lyden, Hunter McQuestion, Madeleine Rigney, Allison Sprinkle and Samantha Vessair.

NS II promotions to Cadet Petty Officer First-Class were: Benjamin Bibik, Joshua Bibik, Jordan Blanchard, Alisyn Brusco, Matthew Erickson, Angelina Feliciano, Jack Fors, Isabel LaBelle, Hunter LeBier, Reagan Laprade, Goldkeng Lee, Benjamin Metcalf, Luke Salvadore, Frederick Schaaf and Richard Tucker.

NS III promotions to Cadet Petty Officer First-Class were: Brett Clarkson, Joshua Marcotte and Mathew Tolman and promotions to Cadet Petty Officer Second Class was Ryan Sylvia. Promotions to Cadet Ensign were Klara Allen, Brianna Caponigro, Natalie Fisher, Jady Gonzalez, Sophia Januszewski, Julio Pagan and Hannah Wiggin.

NS IV promotions were: Cadet Commander Summer Barringer and Abigail Ramsey, Cadet Lieutenant Commander Rose Leander and Cadet Petty Officer First-Class Eliana Trott.

Receiving Cadet Achievement were Klara Allen, Summer Barringer, Brianna Caponigro, Jady Gonzalez, William Lambert, Hannah Wiggin and Abigail Ramsey; NS I High Honors Hunter McQuestion and Honors Tyler Belden, Brandt Brooks, Michah Cerezo, Alex Holden and Samantha Vessair. Also NS II High Honors went to Matthew Erickson and Isabel LaBelle and Honors to Alisyn Brusco, Angelina Feliciano, Jack Fors, Benjamin Metcalf, Luke Salvadore and Richard Tucker; NS III High Honors Sophia Januszewski and Honors Jady Gonzalez and NS IV Honors Summer Barringer, Rose Leander,



Quabbin Regional School District Superintendent Sheila Muir received an American Flag, which flew at the high school the day before.

Tucker.

NS I Distinguished Cadet went to Micah Cerezo and Hunter McQuestion; NS I Honor Cadets Hunter McQuestion and NS IV Distinguished Cadet Summer Barringer and Abigail Ramsey and NS IV Honor Cadet Summer Barringer.

Receiving the American Legion Post 2 Barre Academic Scholarship Award was NS 1 Mia Ducos and NS 2 Joshua Bibik; American Legion Post 2 Barre Military Achievement Award NS 1 Garrett Erickson and NS 2 Joshua Bibik; National Sojourners Award Jordan Blanchard; Surface Navy Association Stephen Decatur Award (NS 1) Micah Cerezo; American Veterans JROTC Award Alex Holden; Armed Forces Committee of Worcester County Military Excellence Award Finnegan Leander; Reserve Organization of America Military Achievement Award Madeleine Hardy; Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Award for Excellence Isabel LaBelle; Non-Commissioned Officers Association Award NS 1 Tyler Belen, NS 2 Matthew Erickson and NS 3 Joshua Marcotte; Military Order of the World Wars Award Richard Tucker; Military Officers of American Association Leadership Award

Goldkeng Lee, Jeremy Michael Kauppila Leadership Academy Scholarship Award Joshua Bibik, Jordan Blanchard, Julio Pagan and Mathew Tolman; Military Order of the Purple Heart Sophia Januszewski; Sons of the American Revolution Award Luke Salvadore; Daedalian Award, Brianna Caponigro; Association of Naval Aviation Patriots Chapter Award Summer Barringer, Surface Navy Association Stephen Decatur Award NS III Hannah Wiggin and Navy League Military Leadership Award Jady Gonzalez.

Brennock presented Quabbin Regional School District Superintendent Sheila Muir with an American Flag, which flew over the High School the day before. She will be retiring in June.

Finally, the Class of 2023 Cadets lined up and were piped over the side.

As the soulful sound of the whistle blew for each one, they left with both sadness and joy for their futures. They were Summer Grace Barringer, Abigail Grace Ramsey, Rose Mary Leander, Elizabeth Lynn Burns, William Francis Lambert, Kenny Nguyen, Eliana Noel Trott, Noah Josiah Linhart, Natalie Elizabeth Techera and Collin Clinton Woodruff.

Lions Club hosts pancake breakfast May 6

WARE – The Ware Lions Club will be hosting a pancake breakfast at Veterans' Park, Main Street, on Saturday, May 6 from 9-11 a.m.

Tickets are \$7 adults and \$4 children. Tickets can be purchased at the breakfast,

or in advance at St. Germain Insurance or Nat Falk.

Proceeds from the breakfast will benefit the Lions Club scholarship fund.

This event is sponsored by Brad Matthew Jewelers.

Paige Memorial Library lists upcoming events

HARDWICK – The Friends of the Paige Memorial Library's Seed Library and Raffle is ongoing at the Library, 87 Petersham Road.

All are welcome to choose some seeds, record what you take, plant and nurture what you have, borrow a book, buy some raffle tickets. The raffle basket is full of valuable gardening items and a gift certificate given by the Hardwick Farmers Co-op.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. The drawing will be on Sunday, May 21.

Cheese and Cheesemaking

Come learn about cheese and cheese making from Archer Meier and Marlo Stein of Round Table Farm, formerly the Robinson farm on Saturday, April 29 at 1:30 p.m. in the Town House, 32 Common St.

Cheeses will be available for tasting and for purchase. Currently Round Table Farm offers four kinds of small batch, raw milk, aged cheese and specialty cut flowers.

Registration is requested but not required.

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

Historical Society holds fundraiser for powder horn

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

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

On Sunday, April 30, from 3-5 p.m. at the Hardwick Town House, Don Madden from Belchertown will bring the audience back to the 18th century with some artifacts of the era and a lecture. Donation at the door is \$20.

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

There will be mocktails and light food, as well as the chance to get a glimpse of the historic powder horn.

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

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C4R spring kick-off event tonight

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

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founders; and time and the elements have taken a toll on the gravestones.

Lichen covers the surface of many of the gravestones, most of which are either leaning, and some have even fallen over.

Some gravestones have laid on the ground so long, they are almost completely covered by the earth.

“There’s probably a couple hundred needing resetting,” Baxter said, including headstones and footstones. “It’s going to take us years to get this done.”

Helping to make this possible is Kai Nalenz, founder and president of Gravestone Services of New England, LLC, based in New Hampshire.

His interest in cemeteries and gravestones began as a child.

Nalenz grew up in Germany, where he served in the military before moving to the U.S.

He began working to restore cemeteries 19 years ago, offering stone resetting, repairing and cleaning, without the use of harsh chemicals, which can damage the stones.

“I’m from Germany. We don’t have these old cemeteries,” he said. “You lease a plot for 30 years, then someone else goes in.”

Nalenz said his family in Germany had a family plot, which had 16 graves.

Since he started Gravestone Services of New England, LLC, Nalenz has worked all over the northeast, from Maine to Pennsylvania. He’s even worked on one of Grizzly Adams’ gravestones.

Restoring gravestones is more than just bringing old cemeteries back to order, it’s about honoring and remembering those that are buried there.

“Without this, nobody would remember them,” Nalenz said. “These people should be remembered.”

The first headstone Nalenz set to work on in Pine Grove Cemetery belongs to Isaac Moore, who was born April 18, 1753, and died Aug. 15, 1843.

Moore was a veteran of the Revolutionary War and lived to the



Kai Nalenz removes soil to be able to shift the headstone back into place.

age of 90.

Nalenz reset the approximately 300-pound stone, in less than 15 minutes single-handedly, armed with a narrow shovel, hardpack and a customized hammer drill to pack the dirt around the stone.

Moore’s stone is decorated with images of willow trees and an urn, common for gravestones of the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

Nalenz said images were often used to get a message across, as not everyone was able to read centuries ago.

After being reset, the stones should remain in place for several decades, Nalenz said.

Nalenz returned to Pine Grove Cemetery earlier this week to

remove lichen from the stones he reset, which is well-timed for this Saturday’s BillionGraves event to record headstones.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints along with volunteers will take pictures of headstones using the BillionGraves App on April 22 from 9 a.m.-noon. All ages are welcome, and this event is open to everyone.

To participate, you will need to bring your phone with the BillionGraves App downloaded, a spray bottle with water to help darken the headstone details and a brush to clean any debris from headstones.



Once straightened, Kai Nalenz uses a modified hammer drill to tamp soil around the stone.



Kai Nalenz secures the headstone of Isaac Moore, a Revolutionary War veteran who died in 1843 at the age of 90.



Parents and children alike follow along to the music with their colored cloth.

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loose beads and sediment for shaking and simple music making.

Haley said she wants caregivers to know making music with children is “achievable without technology and experience.”

While some children opted out to stomp their feet and clap their hands, others used homemade maracas or other percussion instruments such as tambourines and sound sticks.

During a few songs, children were even encouraged to hum or try whistling.

Although only a select few could whistle, adults and children all found humor in their attempts to string together a tune.

Some catchy and interactive songs performed at the April 4 session include “Five Little Ducks”, “Mr. Golden Sun” and “Shake Your Sillies Out”.

Colorful scarves were waving throughout several numbers, with caregivers joining in on the fun.

The next Music with Caylin meeting is taking place Tuesday, May 2 at 10:30 a.m. downstairs in the Library.

If you and your child would like to connect with other children and caregivers while enjoying interactive and educational music, join in on the fun and shake your sillies out with Haley.



Karin Davey is grooving along to “Mr. Golden Sun” with Rose and Clara.



Adaline Guzik is enjoying Music by Caylin with her caregiver at the Young Men’s Library Association.

Caylin keeps the children on their toes while singing and playing her ganjo: it looks like a guitar but sounds like a banjo.



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Police Chief Gerald Millette read "House Arrest" by K.A. Holt to sixth grade students.



Community readers are shown from left, state Rep. Todd Smola, Sylvia Cummings, Angela Hicks, Jennifer Zalatores, Betty-Jo O'Brien, Sylvia Buck, Kerry Schmidt, Jennifer Drago, Dawn Swistak, Rachael Slozak, Fire Chief Adam Lavoie, Joe Ribeiro, Police Chief Gerald Millette and Warren Community Elementary School Principal Kevin Slattery.



Jennifer Zalatores of the Dance Factory read "The Magician's Hat" by Malcolm Mitchell.

COMMUNITY Reading Day

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"They need to see people in their community, sharing why reading is important," Literacy Coach Linda Beaudry said. "It's just so good to see people with a book in their hands."

Beaudry said the school is ready to bring back other community-supported events, such as reading nights and math nights.

"The kids love it, they truly do," Beaudry said.

Students in kindergarten through fifth grade chose books with a common theme of "How do I help the community?"

They also learned what it means to be a hero, Beaudry said.

Sixth grade students chose to have a novel, "House Arrest" by K.A. Holt, read to them, telling the fictional story of a 12-year-old boy who is placed under house arrest for a year after stealing a wallet to buy medicine for his sick brother.

The boy is required to keep a daily journal during his house arrest in this thought-provoking book.

Sixth grade guest reader Joe Ribeiro of North Brookfield Savings Bank admitted that he's not an avid reader, but "House Arrest" had him hooked from the moment he picked it up.

"This book pulled me in," he said.

Also reading "House Arrest" was Police Chief Gerald Millette, who agreed with Ribeiro that it was a page turner.

Joining Ribeiro from NBSB was Rachael Slozak who read "Not Norman" by Kelly Bennett to the kindergarten class, where her son is a student.

Slozak began volunteering to



Tax Collector Kerry Schmidt gets ready to read "The Magician's Hat" by Malcolm Mitchell.

read at Community Reading Day four years ago and always looks forward to the event.

Fire Chief Adam Lavoie read "Manfish" by Jennifer Berne, detailing the life of famed ocean explorer Jacques Cousteau.

Many of the guest readers have been volunteering for some time, including Tax Collector Kerry Schmidt who read to first grade students.

"I love being in this school. My daughter went here...now she's in college," Schmidt said.

Treasurer Dawn Swistak has also volunteered for several years, and worked as a paraprofessional in the school prior to taking her current job with the town.

Sylvia Cummings of the Warren Cultural Council and board member of the West Warren Library Association has been participating in Community Reading Day for 10

years.

For Warren Public Library assistant Angela Hicks, reading to students comes naturally, as it's something she does regularly at her job.

Jennifer Zalatores said, for her, it's quite different.

"I'm usually trying to get them moving, instead of sitting still," she said, in her job as a dance teacher at The Dance Factory.

Historical Commission Chair Sylvia Buck is a familiar face for all, as she is always eager to share the history of the town with learners of all ages.

Buck said she has participated in Community Reading Day every year since it started.

WCES Principal Kevin Slattery said Community Reading Day is an opportunity for students to meet the people who make their town run, as well as a way to bring the community in.



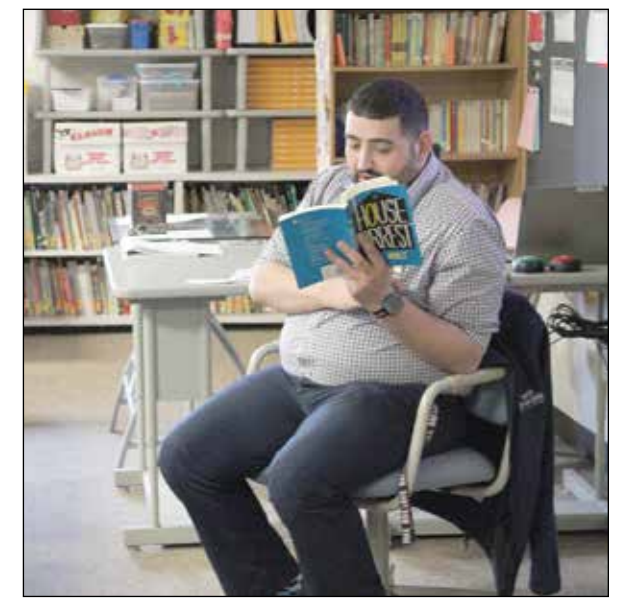
Stephen Duff, principal at Quabog Regional Middle High School read "Dinosaur Lady" by Linda Skeers.



State Rep. Todd Smola explained his job in the State House to fifth grade students before reading "Before She Was Harriet" by Lesa Cline-Ransome.



Historical Commission Chair Sylvia Buck read "The Other Side" by Jacqueline Woodson to fifth grade students.



Joe Ribeiro of North Brookfield Savings Bank also read "House Arrest" by K.A. Holt to sixth grade students.



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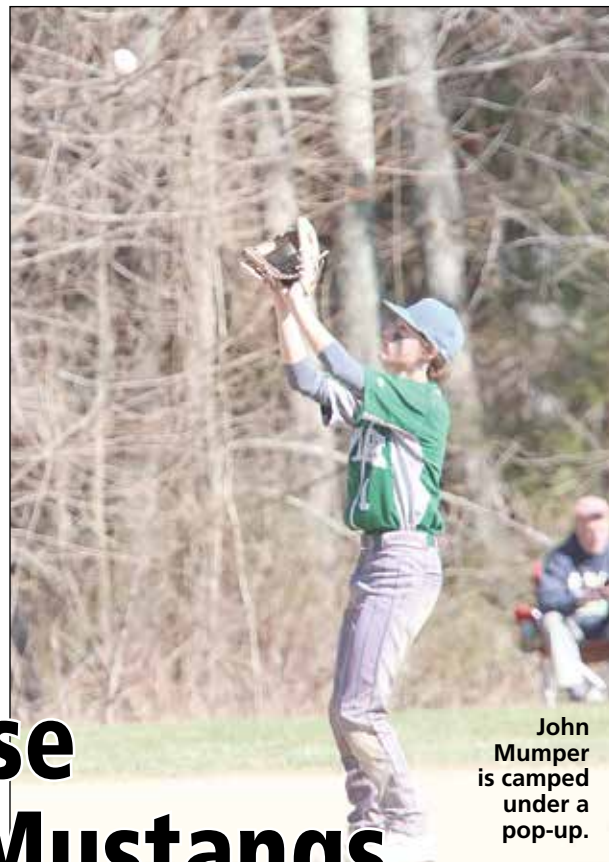
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Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
John Auchter rushes down to first base.



John Mumper is camped under a pop-up.

Indians offense overwhelms Mustangs

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

MONSON—The Ware varsity baseball team hadn't had very much success against Suburban Central Division rival Monson at the Ronald Constantino Baseball Field during the past couple of years.

When the Indians made the bus trip to the Monson baseball diamond a year ago, they held an early 6-1 lead, but wound up suffering an

8-6 loss.

The Indians players certainly didn't want a repeat performance this year, as they coasted to an 11-1 road victory over the Mustangs, last Monday afternoon April 10. The contest ended after five innings due to the 10-run mercy rule.

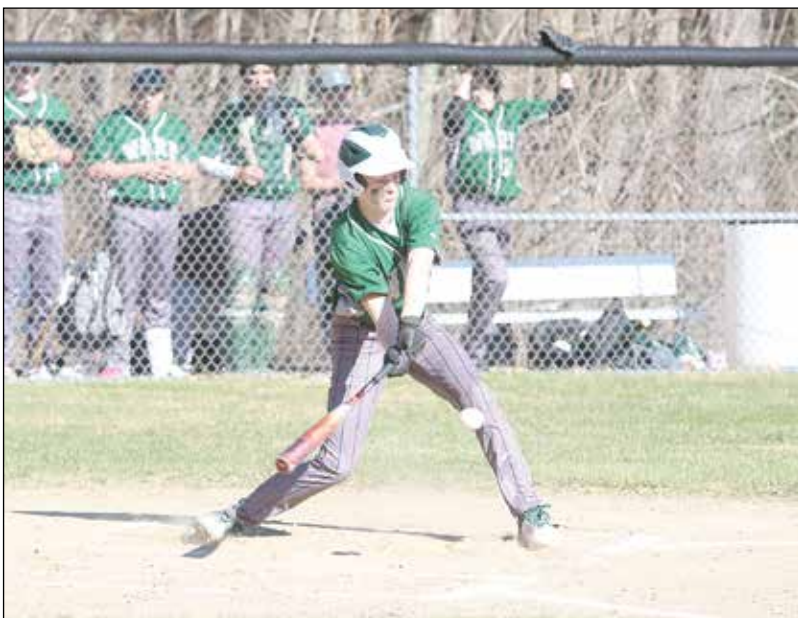
"We've lost on this field during the past couple of years," said Ware head coach Scott Slattery. "We were able to put the ball in play, and we also ran the bases very well

in today's game. Our two pitchers also threw strikes."

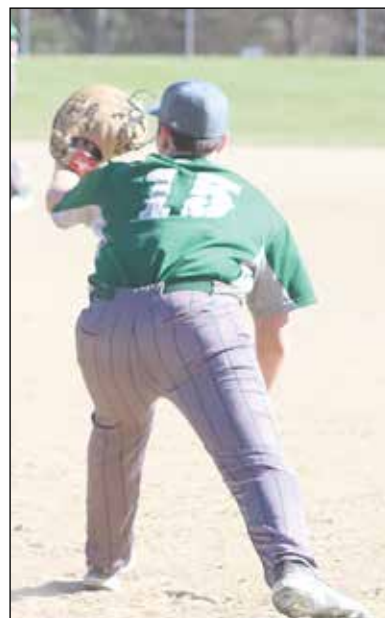
Sophomore righty Nathan Kaczuwka, who won his second road game, worked the first 4 1/3 innings allowing one run on just two base hits. He struck out seven and walked two. He threw 67 pitches.

Kaczuwka also helped himself at the plate with four hits and he

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Jack McKeever swings and connects.



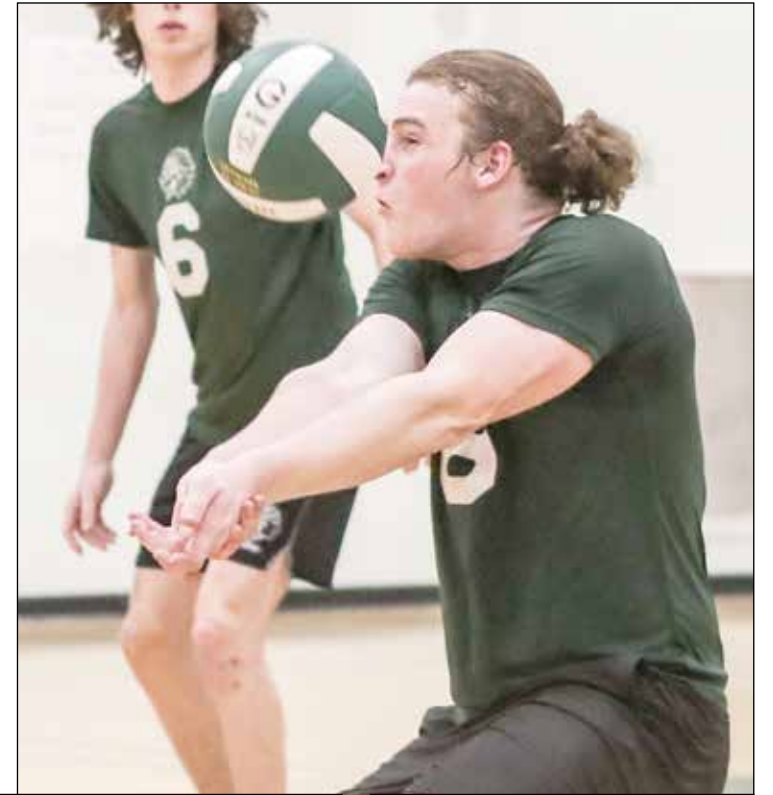
Octavio Cotaj catches the out at first.

Tough week for boys volleyball

WARE – Last week, the Indians ran into some tough competition as Ware fell in matches Granby, East Longmeadow, and Frontier. Last Thursday, Ware faced Frontier and suffered a 3-0 shutout against the Spartans at home. Ware got nine kills from Remy Cahalan while Joshua Mulligan finished with five kills and 10 digs. Ware is 1-5 this season.

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Nate Harmon sets up the next shot.



Remy Cahalan jumps high for the spike.



Josh Mulligan is all concentration as he readies this spike.



Sean Bernier dips low to retrieve this low shot.

Shorthanded Panthers fall to Littleton

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—Prior to last Wednesday's home opener against Littleton High School, Quabbin senior captain Sydney Giorgi had only pitched one inning for the varsity softball team.

Giorgi made her first career varsity start versus the Tigers because junior Mady Breault and eighth grader Abby Rogowski, who are the Lady Panthers top two pitchers this spring, were on a class trip.

Junior Meg Doyle, who's the starting centerfielder, and sixth grader Juliana Guilderson, who normally plays for the junior varsity softball team, also pitched in a varsity game for the first time in the home opener.

The Tigers (4-1), who are the defending Mid-Wach C league champions, took advantage of the inexperienced Lady Panthers hurlers by posting a 17-4 victory in six innings.

Despite the loss, Quabbin varsity softball coach Chris Nosek was pleased with the performance of his three pitchers.

"Being a softball pitcher is incredibly hard," Nosek said. "All of the attention is focused



Photo by Ray Duffy
Sydney Giorgi pitches for the Panthers.

on you and you're trying to throw the ball into a small window. I'm very proud of the three girls who pitched for us in today's game. It was the first time that any of them had pitched at this level, and they competed very hard out there."

Besides the two pitchers, the

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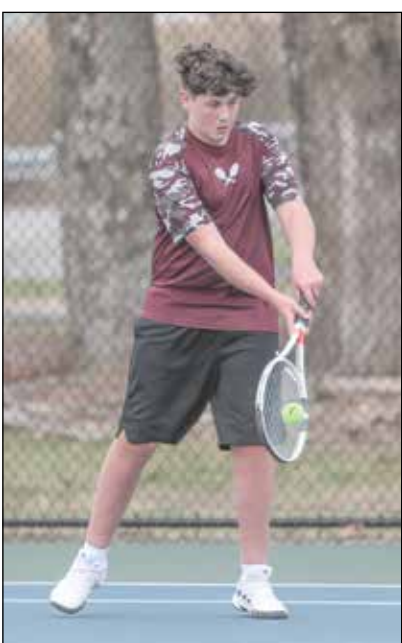
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Mark Halaby heads for his attempt at the long jump.



Colin Brown and Casey seem compete in the 800 meter.

Quabbin boys track wins

BARRE – The Quabbin boys varsity track team had their first meet against Hudson on Monday, April 10. Quabbin was able to take the win with a 90-point victory with seniors Mark Halaby and William Hood as the top scorers from Quabbin.



Owen Allen gets both hands on the return.

Quaboag picks up win over Palmer

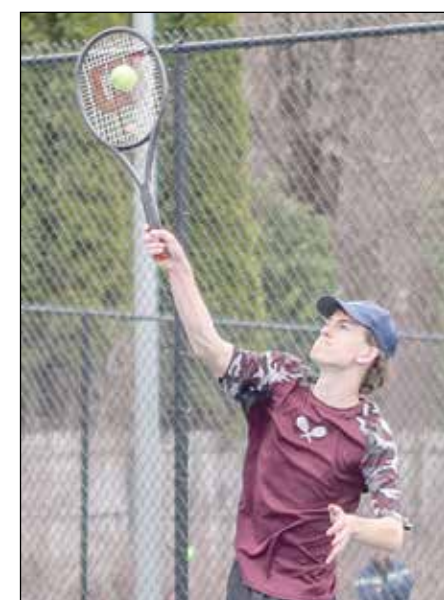
PALMER – Last Tuesday afternoon, Quaboag boys tennis picked up a 4-1 win over Palmer. With the win, Quaboag improved to 3-3 on the season. Quaboag started the season a quick 2-0, but ran into some tough competition with losses against Bartlett, Auburn, and South High Community School. Quaboag looks to get back above .500 against David Prouty on April 24.



Brandon Allen goes for a forehand play.



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Liam Sloan returns the ball over the net.

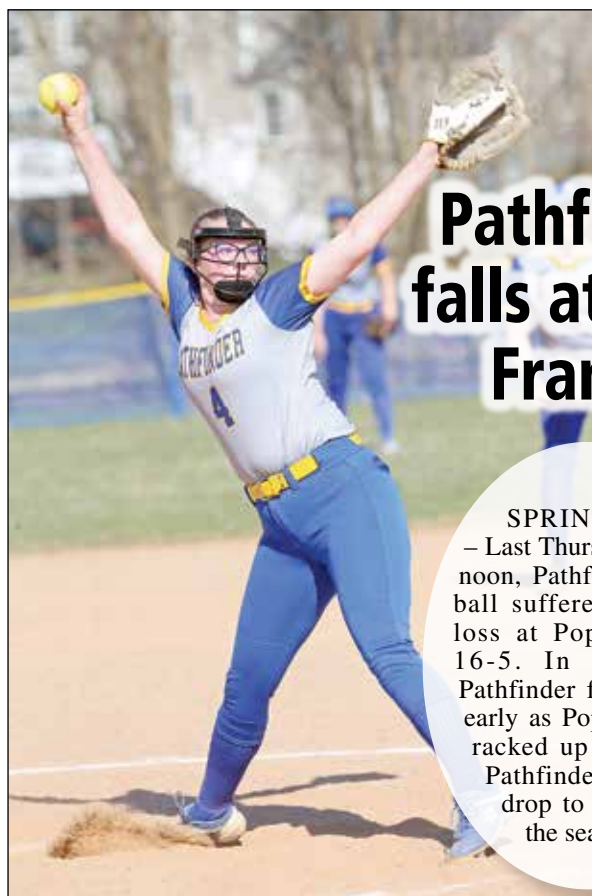


Evan Long goes overhand for a return.



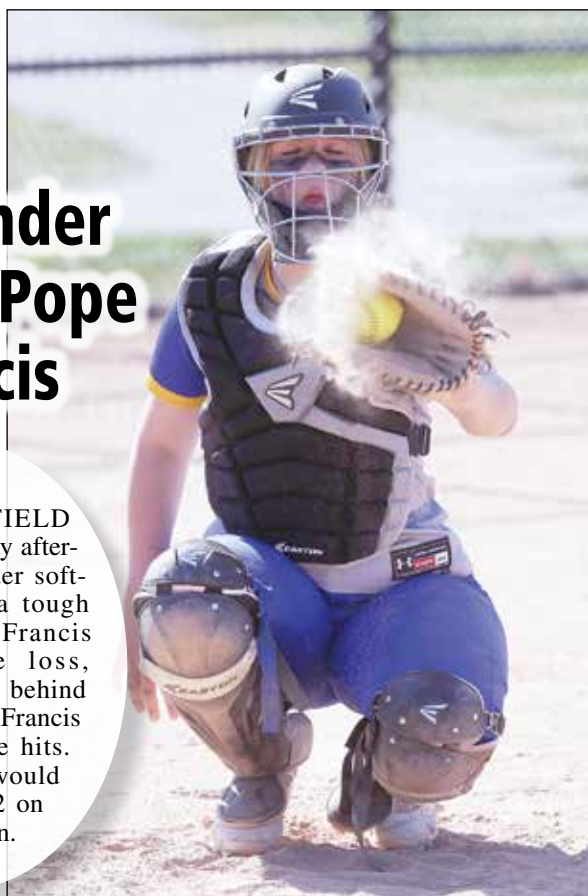
The Panthers attempt to get an out at home.

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Pathfinder falls at Pope Francis

SPRINGFIELD – Last Thursday afternoon, Pathfinder softball suffered a tough loss at Pope Francis 16-5. In the loss, Pathfinder fell behind early as Pope Francis racked up the hits. Pathfinder would drop to 1-2 on the season.



Bella Nompoggi catches for the Pioneers.

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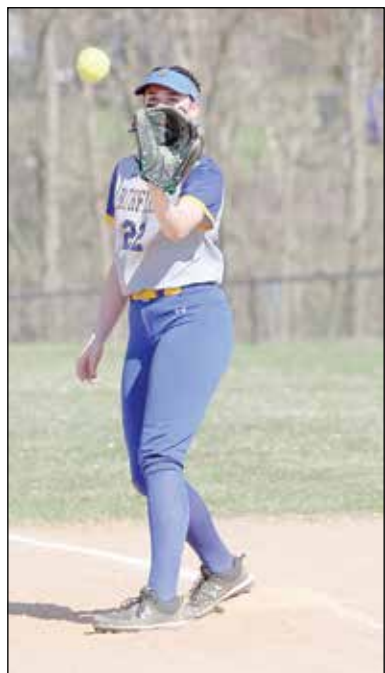
Kendra Burke fires to the plate for Pathfinder.



Brianna Beynor makes an under-hand flip for the out.



Lianna Carrasquillo tries to bare-hand a slow roller.



Megan Bly catches an out at first base.

T-Birds fall in finale

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - The Springfield Thunderbirds (38-26-3-5, 84 points) fell to the Providence Bruins (44-18-8-2, 98 points) in their regular season finale on Sunday afternoon by a final score of 7-3 inside Amica Mutual Pavilion.

Providence's win sealed an Atlantic Division championship; the T-Birds will be the 4-seed when they open the First Round of the Calder Cup Playoffs on Wednesday night against the 5-seed Hartford Wolf Pack.

It looked like the Bruins would run away with the game in the opening minutes, as back-to-back goals 43 seconds apart from Chris Wagner and Eduards Tralmaks staked Providence to a 2-0 lead less than eight minutes into game action.

However, the T-Birds showed their comeback fight, along with a stroke of luck, to turn the first period around. A dump-in attempt came bouncing near the back of Kyle Keyser's net. The Bruins goalie bobbled the puck, and it skittered right into the slot to Mikhail Abramov, who had a wide-open net to make it a 2-1

game at 13:58.

Just 4:04 later, and after the Bruins committed a pair of minor penalties, Will Bitten cashed in his career-high 22nd goal in the paint to tie the score, 2-2, with 1:58 to go in the frame.



Vadim Zherenko stabilized after allowing the two early goals to keep the 2-2 game heading into the second, but Providence's power play restored the lead as Vinni Lettieri wired a slapper into the top shelf at 7:56 of the period, making it 3-2.

Once again, the T-Birds had a reply as Greg Printz whistled home a centering pass from Dylan McLaughlin with 3:23 left in the second to send a 3-3 tie into the final period.

The Bruins' offense proved to be too much in the final 20 minutes. Jack Ahean netted a shorthanded goal off a rush at 3:16, and tallies from Joona Koppanen, Marc McLaughlin, and a second goal of the afternoon from Wagner helped secure the division title for Providence.

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 roster 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 typically fields six teams each year. Games are usually played at 10 a.m. with fields in Easthampton and South Hadley normally used.

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

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scored three runs.

"We had some good at-bats and put the ball in play, which made it very easy for me on the mound," said Kaczuwka, who threw mostly fastball against the Mustangs. "I now have a 2-0 record, which feels great."

Kaczuwka won his third road game against South Hadley last Friday afternoon, as the Indians celebrated a 12-2 victory in six innings. Kaczuwka allowed two unearned on two hits in that contest.

There was a lot of pressure on Kaczuwka in his first start of the regular season, as the Indians squeaked out a 3-2 win at Mount Greylock in the season opener.

"Nate pitched very well in our season opener at Mt. Greylock," Slattery said. "He has a chance to be an outstanding pitcher during the next couple of years. He's a great kid and he loves playing baseball."

Brady Dyer, who made his first varsity appearance on the mound against Monson, retired the only two batters that he faced on ground ball outs to the shortstop.

The road win evened the Indians overall record to 2-2. It was also their first league win. The Mustangs (0-4,0-1) don't have any seniors listed on their roster. Ten of their 16 players are either in the seventh, eighth, or ninth grades.

"We're a very young team and we've been making a lot of routine mistakes," said Monson head coach Curtis Oriik. "The Ware pitcher was throwing strikes and we just needed to start swinging the bats."



Photo by Gregory A. Scibelli

Nathan Kaczuwka pitches for the Indians last Monday.

We did score a run in our final at-bats, which was good to see."

Before taking the mound for the first time, Kaczuwka helped himself by hitting an RBI single with two outs in the top of the first. After stealing two bases, Kaczuwka scored on a throwing error by the catcher.

The visitors also scored a pair of runs with two outs in the second.

Junior shortstop John Mumper drove home the first run of that frame with a line-drive single to left center. Then his younger brother, Jason, who started at third base, grounded a run scoring single down the left field line.

Jason Mumper, who started at third base, finished the game with three base hits, which were all singles, and four RBIs.

"Jason has been our best hitter so far this season," Slattery said. "He started the season at the bottom of the order, but we moved him up to the second spot for today's game."

Jason Mumper capped off a four run third inning with a two-run single to center. Junior second baseman Jack McKeever and John Mumper also had RBIs, as the Indians built an 8-0 lead.

"When we played here last year, we took an early lead, but then we couldn't score any runs after that," Slattery said. "We just kept scoring two or three runs in every inning in today's game. We didn't allow them to make a comeback."

Kaczuwka struck out five of the first eight Monson batters that he faced. A walk to eighth grade second baseman Niko Matthieu with two outs in the bottom of the third ended Kaczuwka's dreams of hurling a perfect game.

Freshman Austin Meacham, who was Monson's starting pitcher, ended Kaczuwka's no-hit bit with a leadoff double to left field in the following inning.

At that point, the Indians were leading 9-0, as they scored another run in the top of the fourth.

Ware scored two more runs in the fifth, but they left the bases loaded.

Monson sophomore third baseman Tyler Labonte singled to center leading off the bottom of the fifth. He crossed the plate on a groundout by Matthieu.

Junior left fielder Sebastian Nava also drew a walk in that frame. He was standing on third base when Dyer recorded the third out, which ended the ballgame two innings early.

The second meeting of the season between the two rivals is slated to be held under the lights at Memorial Field in Ware on May 15.

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, bas-

ketball, 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

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Mary Cecelia (Doyle) Morrin

WARE/ST. AUGUSTINE, FL – Mary Cecelia (Doyle) Morrin was called home on Feb. 27, 2023, in St. Augustine, Florida after a brief illness.



Celia was born on July 10, 1938, in Spanish Point, Miltown Malbay, County Clare, Ireland, daughter of John and Bridget (O'Halloran) Doyle.

After graduating from secondary school when she was 17, she immigrated to America to her aunt Anna Mahon (Auntie), whom she had never met. Auntie became an important part of her and her children's lives.

While she was proud to have become an American citizen soon after she started her life here, she never lost the toughness, compassion, sharp wit, and sense of humor that led her here from the Irish countryside.

She went to work for Travelers Insurance Company in Hartford in 1956. In 1962, she married Jim Morrin and became a full-time mom the following year.

When her three mischievous boys were old enough to care for each other, Celia returned to

Travelers and attended college at night to become a paralegal in their law department.

She raised her boys in Ellington, Connecticut, and made many lifelong friends, especially Loretta Morton and Gemma Marquis. She enjoyed spending summer weekends with family at her cottage in Charleston Beach, Rhode Island.

Celia retired in 1995, and with Jim moved to Green Hill Beach, Rhode Island, where she devoted herself fully to her family once again.

A doting wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, Celia was an amazing host and always had room and a great hug for whoever showed up.

Celia and Jim wintered in St. Augustine Beach, Florida beginning in 1998. She was a devoted daily communicant of St. Francis Assisi Parish in Belchertown and Corpus Christi Parish in St. Augustine, Florida.

Celia and Jim moved to Beaver Lake in Ware, to be closer to their family in 2018. She loved the lake community, going for boat rides,

and hosting every conceivable family event.

Celia loved to walk the beach in Florida, and the Quabbin in Ware. She loved golf, and always hit it right down the middle.

She was a warm and caring person who made friends quickly, and kept them. She delivered Meals on Wheels, visited the sick, and brought Communion to her dear lifelong friend Mary Hanafin.

Celia's priorities were always her faith, her family, and her friends.

Celia was predeceased by her son James Morrin, and leaves to mourn her passing her husband Jim, her brothers John Doyle and wife Sheila of County Clare, Ireland and Christopher Doyle and wife Clare of South Windsor, Connecticut. She also leaves her sons John Morrin (wife Deb) of Ware, and Ed Morrin of Pelham. She will be dearly missed by her eight grandchildren, Erica, Shannon, John, Nick, Mary, Michaela, Thomas, and Matthew, and great-grandson, Clayton; as well as numerous nieces and nephews in America and Ireland.

A Funeral Mass will be held on April 22 at 11 a.m. at St. Francis Assisi Parish, Belchertown.

Stanley E. Nelson

WARE – Stanley E. Nelson of Ware passed away peacefully with his stepdaughters by his side on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at St. Vincent's Hospital.



He was born in Vasa, Finland on June 24, 1945, and adopted by the late Oscar E. and Anna D. (Shoblom) Nelson of Worcester in 1956.

He was predeceased by his wife of 38 years, Gail M. (Wheeler) Nelson and son David R. Nelson.

He leaves his stepdaughters Laura Nehls and husband Stephen of Imperial, Missouri and Dawn Swistak and husband Peter of Warren, his sister Margareta Hostman of Vasa, Finland also a niece and nephews of Finland, his beloved granddaughters Haileigh and Brooke Swistak, as well as his step-grandchildren Ashley Casagrand, Stephen Casagrand-Nehls, Victoria Nehls, and Shelley Nehls. He

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also leaves his beloved cat Frankie.

Stan graduated from Commerce High School and received a welding certification from Charlton Vocational School. He worked for O.S. Walker Co. as a machinist for 24 years where he designed and manufactured parts for magnetic chucks.

In his spare time, he enjoyed traveling on his motorcycle, going to the casino, selling at flea markets, fishing, and collecting just about anything.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Weir River Social Club, 6 East St., Ware on April 29 at 3 p.m.

Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home 3 West Brookfield Road, Brookfield.

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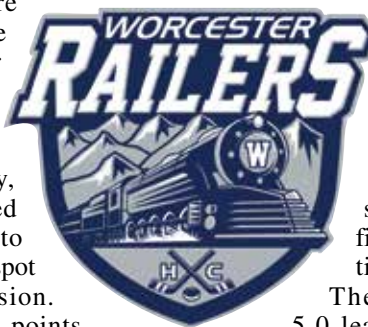
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sports

Railers win to get last chance at playoffs

GLENS FALLS, N.Y. – Worcester has taken things down and is 20-10-4 here for the season. The Thunder has beaten the Railers five straight times here and outscored them, 22-6, in those games.



With the victory, the Thunder jumped over the Railers into the fourth and final spot in the North Division. Adirondack has 73 points, Worcester 72 with one game left in the regular season. That will be here Sunday afternoon and in order to qualify for post-season play the Railers have to win in regulation time since Adirondack gets the tie-breaker.

"(Sunday) is a Game 7," coach Jordan Smotherman said. "That's what it comes down to. There is no carryover. It's a fresh day."

It won't be easy. The Thunder is one of the best home ice teams in the league. Adirondack has won

six straight home games overall and scored twice in the first period and three times in the second.

The Thunder had a 5-0 lead before the game was half over. Brent Beaudoin scored the only Worcester goal in the first minute of the third period, converting a great pass from Andrei Bakanov, but the game was out of reach by then.

That was the one pleasant note for the Railers on the night. It was the 20th goal of the season for Beaudoin, one of the ECHL's most under-appreciated players.

Patrick Grasso scored twice for the Thunder. Sebastian Vidmar, Dajon Mingo and Shawn Weller

had the other Adirondack goals. Mike Robinson stopped 22 of 23 Worcester shots. Robinson has surrendered 16 goals in three previous games prior to this one.

"We didn't attack. That was the problem," Smotherman said.

The first four Thunder goals were against Henrik Tikkanen, the last against Ken Appleby. Smotherman changed goaltenders after Grasso made it 4-0 at 5:20 of the second period, although he did not blame Tikkanen for the Railers early problems.

"I just wanted to change the whole thing," Smotherman, "and get a free timeout just in case we were gonna climb back into that game."

Vidmar gave the Thunder a 1-0 lead at 8:31 of the first period as he converted a pass from Ryan Smith. Vidmar had time and space from the right circle and put a snap shot inside the net post before Tikkanen could get over.

It could easily have been 2-0 three minutes later but Tikkanen

made a big stop on Mingo's re-direct from about 10 feet in front. He was not to be denied on his next good chance, though, which came at 15:58. He took a feed in the left circle, closed on Tikkanen a bit, and beat him with a wrist shot to the far post.

The period also featured a fight at 15:07 although it was not ruled one, apparently since neither combatant required CPR. Railers rookie defenseman Artjom Kulakov battled Matt Jennings. Punches were thrown and landed but both players wound up with simple roughing minors.

Worcester came out with some energy to start the second 20 minutes. It evaporated quickly and the game was essentially over before 30 minutes had elapsed.

Grasso scored at 4:49 and again at 5:20. Weller made it a 5-0 game with a power play goal at 9:20 and the only question left was if Worcester could bounce back on Sunday.

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July. Check each sport page for specific eligibility requirements.

The Summer Games include a wide variety of individual sports including swimming, track & field, figure skating, pickleball, wrestling, weightlifting, archery, judo, badminton, and more. These sports are open to a wide range of ages and skill levels from youth participants to masters-aged athletes. Adaptive sport divisions in archery, swimming, and track & field are offered, as well. Bay State Games also organizes tournaments for pre-existing teams in girls lacrosse, rugby, and 6v6 field hockey.

The 2023 Summer Games will feature Game On in Fitchburg as the host venue for 8 sports. Bay State Games expects 1,500 athletes and their families to attend competitions at Game On during the second week of July. "We are excited to expand the roster of sports being held at Game On this year," said Kevin Cummings, Executive Director of the Bay State Games. "This state-of-the-art facility allows us

to enhance the athlete and spectator experience and provide a true Olympic-style multi-sport atmosphere for our participants."

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

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

For more information on all sports in the 2023 Summer Games, links to online registration, and information on other programs, go to www.baystategames.org.

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

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Lady Panthers were also missing three other players for various reasons.

Giorgi, who's normally the starting first baseman, did her best during the first two innings of the game. She allowed seven runs on just two base hits. She issued nine walks and didn't record a strikeout.

"When I asked the players who wanted to be the starting pitcher, Sydney was the first person to step up," Nosek said. "She pitched an inning in a one sided game last year, but this was her first varsity start. It's a very difficult role and I'm very proud of her. She stepped outside of her comfort zone and helped the team."

Giorgi was also the captain of the Lady Panthers varsity field hockey team, which is coached by Shelly Zalneraitis, and the girls' varsity basketball team, which is coached by Evan Barringer.

"Sydney is an outstanding three-sport athlete," Nosek added. "If she decided to play tennis or golf, she would probably excel in those sports as well."

The other two senior captains of the Lady Panthers softball team are Tori Brewer and Brynn Adams, who started the home opener in left field.

"All three of our senior captains have done a lot of wonderful things during their varsity careers," Nosek said. "They're tremendous leaders on and off the field."

Adams finished the first home game with three base hits, which were all singles. She also scored two runs.

Doyle, who replaced Giorgi at the start of the third inning, allowed seven runs on four hits over 2 2/3 innings. She walked seven batters and struck out three.



Photos by Ray Duffy
Meg Doyle conferences with Juliana Guilderson.

"Meg had never pitched in a softball game at any level before today," Nosek said. "I told her that I needed a couple of innings. She did a good job."

Doyle also contributed offensively with two hits and two RBIs.

"We always want to have runners on base whenever Meg comes up to bat," Nosek

added. "She's a very dangerous hitter for us."

The trio of Adams, Doyle, and sophomore shortstop Ana Dunn had eight of the Lady Panthers nine base hits against Littleton junior Ella Gearty, who went the distance.

After the Tigers scored three runs in the top of first inning, Adams led off the bottom half of the frame with an infield hit. She scored the Lady Panthers first run on Doyle's triple to left field.

Two innings later, Adams hit a flyball single to right field and crossed the plate when Doyle lined a single into center field. Doyle scored the Lady Panthers third run following another single to center by Dunn, who also went 3-for-3. She also scored a run in the sixth inning.

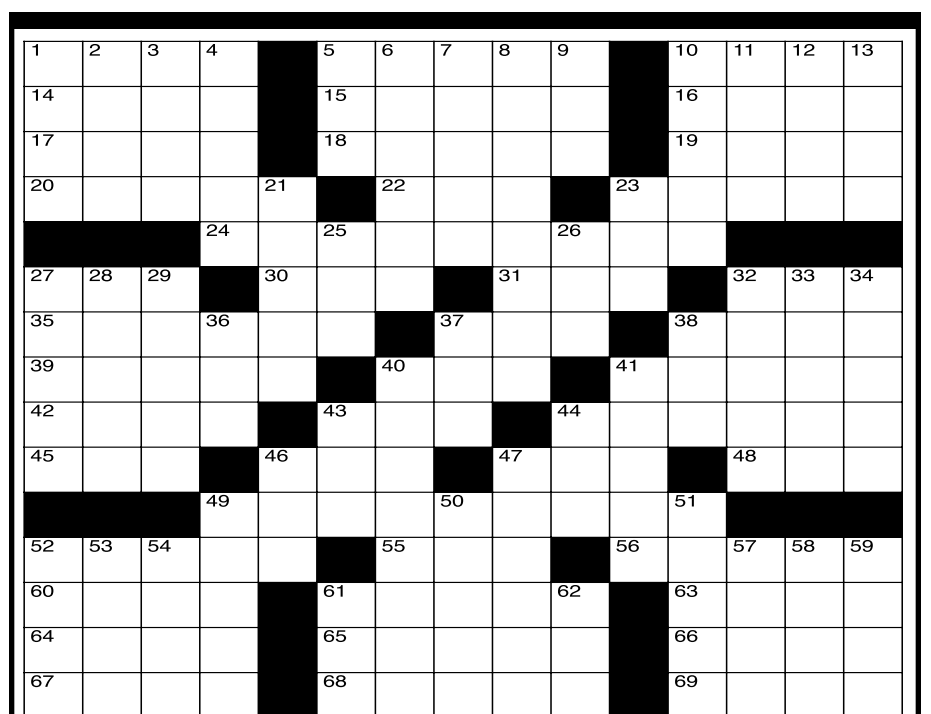
Guilderson was Quabbin's third pitcher against the Tigers, who scored at least one run in every inning that they batted. She allowed three runs on two hits and issued only one walk over the final 1 1/3 innings.

With two-outs in the bottom of the sixth, Guilderson came up to the plate and smacked an RBI single into center field. It was her first base hit and RBI in a varsity softball game.

"It was very cool seeing Juliana get her first varsity base hit in the final inning," Nosek said. "She'll probably remember it for a very long time."

Another j.v. player, who played in the home opener for Quabbin was sophomore catcher Makaylah Kingsbury.

Nosek, is expecting a much closer game when his squad makes the hour long bus ride to Littleton High School on May 5.



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Tuesday, April 11
 9:50 a.m. Traffic Incident/ Crash, Highland Village, Report Made
 2:23 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Upper Church Street, Dispatch Handled
 2:56 p.m. Fraud/Deception, North Street, Advised
 8:01 p.m. Traffic Collision, Pulaski Street, Unfounded
 9:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Arrest Made
 Arrest: Jose A. Resto, 31, Ware
 OUI-Liquor or .08%; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Ammunition Without FID Card, Posses

Wednesday, April 12
 10:20 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Valley View, Advised
 11:29 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Advised
 1:34 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Palmer Road, Criminal Complaint
 2:45 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Advised
 3:18 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Investigated
 6:46 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Bank Street, Services Rendered

Thursday, April 13
 10:42 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Pine Street, Dispatch Handled
 2:45 p.m. Warrant Service, Pleasant Street, Arrest Made
 Arrest: Rockeem S. Handfield, 20, Ware
 Fugitive from Justice on Court

Warrant; Resist Arrest
 3:41 p.m. Assault, Main Street, Services Rendered
 5:30 p.m. Administrative, North Street, Services Rendered
 Arrest: Daniel Kendall, 51, Ware
 Witness/Juror/Police/Court Official, Intimidate; Resist Arrest; Assault and Battery on Police Officer; Telephone Calls, Annoying
 7:06 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Highland Village, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 7:58 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Kelly Road, Dispatch Handled

Friday, April 14
 12:45 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Dispatch Handled
 2:35 a.m. Assault, Church Street, Patient Refusal
 Arrest: Curtis A. Rogers, 27, Ware
 Breaking and Entering Building Nighttime for Felony; Assault and Battery
 3:20 p.m. Breaking and Entering/Burglary, Church Street, Arrest Made
 Summons: Kenneth E. Lagimoniere, 26, Ware
 License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With
 8:21 p.m. Safety Hazard, Beaver Lake Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 11:38 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, East Street, Services Rendered
 11:41 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Services Rendered
 1:19 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Coffey Hill Road, Dispatch Handled
 4:36 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Vigeant Street, Dispatch Handled
 5:07 p.m. Outside Fire, Bacon Road, Extinguished
 6:01 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Main Street, Dispatch Handled
 6:22 p.m. Theft/Larceny, West Street, Unfounded

Saturday, April 15
 12:20 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Services Rendered
 12:33 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Robbins Road, Investigated
 12:50 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Walker Road, Dispatch Handled
 4:20 p.m. Theft/Larceny, North Street, Investigated
 4:50 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Gilbertville Road, Services Rendered
 4:53 p.m. Suspicious/Wanted, Palmer Road, Arrest Made
 8:18 p.m. Traffic Incident/ Crash, East Street, Arrest Made
 Arrest: Jake Gerich, 27, Tolland, Connecticut
 OUI-Liquor or .08%; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle

9:31 p.m. Wildland/Brush Fire, Church Street, Extinguished
 10:51 p.m. Traffic Violation, Old Belchertown Road, Arrest Made
 Arrest: Kevin J. Ryder Jr., 24, Palmer
 OUI-Liquor or .08%, 2nd Offense; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Alcohol in Motor Vehicle, Possess Open Container of; Marked Lanes Violation; Drug, Possess Class C

Sunday, April 16
 10:51 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Church Street, Advised
 Monday, April 17
 9:07 a.m. Damage/Vandalism/ Mischief, Eddy Street, Report Made
 10:06 a.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Mechanic Street, Services Rendered
 11:54 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Investigated
 8:43 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, East Street, Services Rendered
 10:55 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, East Street, Services Rendered

Sunday, April 16
 10:51 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Church Street, Advised
 Monday, April 17
 9:07 a.m. Damage/Vandalism/ Mischief, Eddy Street, Report Made
 10:06 a.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Mechanic Street, Services Rendered
 11:54 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Investigated
 8:43 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, East Street, Services Rendered
 10:55 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, East Street, Services Rendered

Warren Police Log

During the week of March 26-April 2, the Warren Police Department responded to 84 building/property checks, 107 community policing, 11 traffic enforcements, 12 radar assignments, 11 emergency 911 calls, one identity theft, one burglary, one prowler/trespasser, one threat, two fires/illegal burns, three animal calls and 41 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

Sunday, March 26
 3:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 4:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 4:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Shamrock Drive, Written Warning
 7:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Street, Written Warning
 8:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Street, Written Warning
 9:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Monday, March 27
 12:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:40 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Yankee Drummer Drive, Transported to Hospital
 7:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Tuesday, March 28
 5:27 a.m. Warrant Check/ Information, Little Rest Road, Report Filed
 Arrest: Beverley F. Walton, 49, Warren
 Fugitive from Justice on Court Warrant
 8:59 a.m. Serve Warrant, Old Douglas Road, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest: Jayden B. Humphries, 18, Warren
 Fugitive from Justice on Court Warrant
 11:44 a.m. Identity Theft, Old Turnpike Road, Report Filed
 4:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Main Street, Written Warning
 6:49 p.m. Prowler/Trespasser, Brimfield Road, Report Filed

Wednesday, March 29
 1:11 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle/ Parking Issues, Pleasant Street, Citation Issued
 12:06 p.m. Open Door/ Window, Crouch Road, Building Checked/Secured
 12:52 p.m. Complaint, Milton O. Fountain Way, Citation Issued
 2:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old West Brookfield Road, Area Patrolled
 Summons: Aaden E. Caruso, 18, Warren
 Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Speeding in Violation Special Regulation
 4:47 p.m. Fumes/Gas Leak, North Street, Services Rendered
 5:27 p.m. Sick/Unknown, East Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 6:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brimfield Road, Written Warning
 7:37 p.m. Burglary, Elm Street, Report Filed

Thursday, March 30
 6:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road Extension, Citation Issued
 6:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning
 1:10 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Reed Street, Report Filed
 2:05 p.m. Follow-up Investigation, Mill Street, Services Rendered
 Summons: Jacob J. Delisle, 34, Warren
 Sex Offender, Fail to Register
 2:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old West Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 6:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Citation Issued
 7:41 p.m. Fire/Illegal Burn, North Street, Fire Extinguished

Friday, March 31
 1:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Washington Street, Written

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Warning
 2:42 p.m. Officer Wanted, Main Street, Vehicle Towed
 8:14 p.m. 911 Hang-up/ Misdeal/Abandoned, Crouch Road, Information Taken
 8:32 p.m. 911 Hang-up/ Misdeal/Abandoned, Reed Street, Services Rendered
 10:07 p.m. 911 Hang-up/ Misdeal/Abandoned, Gilbert Road, Information Taken
 11:44 p.m. Fire/Illegal Burn, Forest Avenue, Fire Extinguished

Saturday, April 1
 11:54 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle/ Parking Issues, Yankee Drummer Drive, Vehicle Removed
 1:20 p.m. Unconscious/ Unresponsive/Syncope, Keyes Street, Transported to Hospital
 3:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Prisoner Bailed
 Arrest: Colby E. Goudreau, 30, Ware
 Speeding in Violation Special Regulation; Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle
 5:15 p.m. 911 Hang-up/ Misdeal/Abandoned, Spring Street, Information Taken
 5:16 p.m. Threats, Southbridge Road, Report Filed

community

Baystate Health's 'Wheeling for Healing' returns May 7

SPRINGFIELD – What began as a grassroots employee effort is hitting the road again to become one of the only comprehensive cancer fundraisers in the area.

The “Wheeling for Healing Ride, Walk, Run” will return on Sunday, May 7, at a new location at Yankee Candle Village in South Deerfield and with an expanded mission to support cancer care and services across Baystate Health.

“We are so thrilled to be hitting the pavement again, especially with our new partners at Yankee Candle Village on board,” said Kathy Tobin, director of Annual Giving & Events for Baystate Health Foundation in a press release.

“The expansion of Wheeling for Healing’s mission allows us to reach anyone who has been impacted by cancer care at Baystate Health and continue to raise awareness about the many ways this event can support these crucial services throughout our community. We want to be here to support all of our patients, regardless of what point of their cancer journey they are in or where they receive care,” she said.

Wheeling for Healing will host 10-, 25-, and 50-mile cycling routes, as well as a 5K for walkers and runners. There is no fundraising minimum and registration fees begin at \$10 for children under 12, \$25 for those ages 13-17, and \$40 for adults ages 18 and older.

To pre-register as an individu-

al, form a team, or join an existing team, visit BaystateHealth.org/WheelingforHealing.

Those who register online will be set up with their own fundraising webpage that can be shared with family, friends, and colleagues to raise funds for the event, which will support cancer care and resources at Baystate Health.

Pre-registered participants will receive a T-shirt at the event.

To donate to a participant or team fundraising for the event, or to make a general donation, visit BaystateHealth.org/WheelingforHealing.

Registration at the event is 8:30 a.m. for the 50-mile start, 9:30 a.m. for the 25-mile start, 10 a.m. for the 10-mile start, and 11 a.m. for the 5K start.

All proceeds and funds raised remain local to support cancer care and services in western Massachusetts. Since its founding in 2008, Wheeling for Healing has raised over \$538,000, providing funding that has supported the purchase of more comfortable infusion chairs and new exam tables, as well as programs for patients and survivors, including art therapy, writing, and yoga.

To learn more, donate, or register, visit BaystateHealth.org/WheelingforHealing.

For more information about Baystate Health, visit baystatehealth.org.



Baystate Health's "Wheeling for Healing Ride, Walk, Run" will be held on Sunday, May 7 at Yankee Candle Village in South Deerfield.



Participants can ride on 10-, 25- and 50-mile bicycle routes, or walk or run in the 5K.

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.

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.

Westfield State University receives earmark for nursing and health science programs

WESTFIELD – Congressman Richard E. Neal joined Westfield State University President Dr. Linda Thompson to announce a \$1,000,000 earmark to enhance Westfield State University's training capacity for nursing and health science students.

According to a press release, the allocation was made possible through Congressionally Direct Spending from the Department of Education. Neal included funding for this project in the fiscal year 2023 spending bill that was signed

into law on Dec. 29.

“The Commonwealth has long been at the forefront of innovations in the healthcare field, making our state's healthcare system the envy of the nation. We are fortunate to have some of the best hospitals in western and central Massachusetts, and institutions like Westfield State University are ensuring we have the skilled workforce needed to staff these facilities,” said Neal. “This funding will allow the university to improve and expand its nursing and

health science programs, ensuring the next generation of healthcare professionals has access to the state-of-the-art technology and real-world experiences needed to succeed in their respective fields.”

“The funding appropriated for Westfield State University's nursing and healthcare programs will create opportunities to reverse a healthcare professional shortage trend that has impacted a wide swath of our region,” said Thompson. “The critical, smart, and necessary move by

Congress, led by House Ways and Means Chairman, Richard E. Neal, will lead to the creation of systems that will reinforce and strengthen the health of the population. Westfield State University is eager to continue collaborating with our healthcare partners to provide top-level services to our communities through training and development opportunities for our students and others who may be interested in improving their skills.”

Westfield State's plans for this funding are threefold:

Double the University's simulation space that is utilized to develop students' skills and confidence in applying healthcare practices.

Provide a new Easy Street simulation space that will allow healthcare students to apply concepts of home-based and community care in their learning.

Provide new spaces for the practice of healthcare innovation.

Under guidelines issued by the Senate and House Appropriations Committees, members of Congress

requested CDS funding for projects in their state for FY 23. CDS requests were restricted to a limited number of federal funding streams, and only state and local governments, and eligible non-profit entities, were permitted to receive CDS funding.

This project is one of 15 CDS projects submitted by Neal, totaling over \$20 million in investments throughout the First Congressional District of Massachusetts.

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WARREN PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to MGL, Chapter 40A, Notice is hereby given that the Warren Planning Board acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority, will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, May 08, 2022 at 7:15 PM** on the application of Route 19 Materials LLC. The Hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at the Shepard Municipal Building located at 48 High Street in Warren and via digital platform Zoom Meeting.

The Applicant, Route 19 Materials LLC is requesting a Special Permit No. 307 under Section 3.28, Earth Removal (pursuant to Section 8) of the zoning by-laws to allow the operation of Earth Removal located on Brimfield Road in the Rural district located at Brimfield Road (Map 11, Lot 17).

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

<https://join.zoom.us>
Meeting ID: 869 2706 4530

Passcode: 784772
Phone # 646-558-8656
Warren Planning Board
Derick R. Veliz, Chairman
04/20, 04/27/2023

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

Notice of Public Hearing Planning Board LEGAL NOTICE SP-2023-04

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ware Planning Board, acting

as the Special Permit Granting Authority, will hold a Public Hearing on **THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023 at 7:05 PM** on the application of Greenwich Road Realty, LLC, for a Special Permit for annual renewal (SP-2023-04) of an approved earth removal operation under Section 4.8.5, of the Zoning Bylaw, and pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A. Pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, this hearing will be conducted in person and via remote means, in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the Planning Board as well as members of the public may access this meeting in person, or via virtual means. In person attendance will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Town Hall, Ware, MA. It is possible that any or all members of the public body may attend remotely, with in-person attendance consisting of members of public. The meeting may be accessed remotely via zoom. Go to <https://zoom.us/join> or join by phone. Phone Number: 929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 784 604 1861; Password: 01082.

SITE LOCATION: Greenwich Road, Ware, MA. Said premises being further described in deeds recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 14542, Page 232. Property is also identified as Assessor's Parcel # 35-12-1. Zoned: Rural Residential (RR).

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

WARE PLANNING BOARD
Rick Starodaj, Chairman
04/20, 04/27/2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by John McClellan, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for HomeBridge Financial Services, Inc., dated July 26, 2019, and recorded with the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Book 13335, Page 176, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment

from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for HomeBridge Financial Services, Inc., to Freedom Mortgage Corporation, dated August 4, 2021, recorded at the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 14212, Page 59; and by an assignment from Freedom Mortgage Corporation to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for RMTP Trust, Series 2021 Cottage-TT-V, dated June 14, 2022, recorded at the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 14669, Page 207, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at **12:00 P.M. on the 17th day of May 2023**, at 62 Church Street, Ware, MA 01082, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To wit:
Real property in the City of Ware, County of Hampshire, State of Massachusetts, described as follows: A certain parcel of land, together with the buildings thereon, situated on the Northwesterly side of Church Street, in said Ware, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a bound point at the Northerly corner of Church and Cottage Streets, and said point being N. 47 03' E. Four Hundred One and 16/100 (401.16) feet from a stone bound on the Southwesterly side of Prospect Street; and running thence, N. 44 53' W. One Hundred Eighteen and 04/100 (118.04) feet along the Northeastly side of Cottage Street to an iron pin; thence turning and running N. 44 20' 50" E. One Hundred Fifty-Five and 68/100 (155.68) feet along remaining land of John S. Dziegiel and Rosalia Z. Dziegiel to an iron pin in the Southwesterly line of George C. Slattery et ux; thence turning and running S. 50 11' 40" E. One Hundred Twenty-two and 50/100 (122.50) feet along said Slattery Line to a drill hole on the Northwesterly side of Church Street; thence turning and running S. 45 45' W. along Church Street, One Hundred Sixty-seven and 00/100 (167.00) feet to the point of beginning. Containing 19,404 square feet, more or less, as shown on a plan of land recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book

82, Page 44.
APN: WARE-00061-000000-000127

Upon information and belief, the legal description attached to the Deed and Mortgage incorrectly reference the Property as being shown on the plan in Plan Book 82, Plan 44. The correct plan depicting the property is found in Plan Book 83, Plan 44.

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.
U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for RMTP Trust, Series 2021 Cottage-TT-V, Present holder of said mortgage,
By its Attorneys,
Demerle Hoeger LLP
10 City Square,
4th Floor
Boston, MA 02129
04/20, 04/27, 05/04/2023

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.
Vehicle description:
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VIN:
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Name and address of owner:
Nellie Soule
127 North St.
Ware, MA 01082
By: James M. Regin
Dated: 4/12/2023
04/13, 4/20, 4/27/2023

Hardwick Planning Board Notice of Public Hearing
Notice is hereby given that the Hardwick Planning Board per Hardwick Zoning Bylaw, Sections 3.2.6.1.1, 5.2 and 9.0 will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday May 9, 2023 at 7:00PM** at the **Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville, MA 01301**

This Hearing is regarding the application for Site Plan Approval by Nichele Herrick of Sunrun Installations Services, Inc. for a residential ground mounted 14040W solar installation at 984 Petersham Road. All interested parties are asked to attend.

Interested parties may also view this Legal Notice at <http://masspublicnotices.org>
Hardwick Planning Board
Jenna Garvey, Chair
04/20, 04/27/2023

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 prem-

ises 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, 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 northwesterly corner of land formerly of said 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 Corinne E. Campbell as set out in instrument recorded December 11, 1997 in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 5459, Page 40.
BEING the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagor by deed of Beatrice T. Andrews recorded with Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 6883, Page 326.
Except as to this lender and this lending transaction, for which my right of homestead specifically is waived, mortgagor expressly reserves his right of homestead (Book 6883, Page 340) and does not terminate his Homestead by granting the within conveyance."
The premises will be sold subject to any and all restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, and existing encumbrances of record superior to the Mortgage, if any. Said premises will also be sold subject to all leases and tenancies having priority over said Mortgage, to tenancies or occupation by persons on the premises now and at the time of said auction which tenancies or occupation are subject to said Mortgage, to rights or claims in personal property installed by tenants or former tenants now located on the premises, also to all laws and ordinances including, but not limited to, all building and zoning laws and ordinances. It shall be the bidder's sole responsibility to ascertain all items described in this paragraph and no representations are made concerning compliance with applicable zoning, building, sanitary or other state and/or municipal regulations.

TERMS OF SALE: FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$5,000.00) DOLLARS will be required to be paid in cash, or by certified or bank cashier's check by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price on the sale shall be paid in cash, or by certified or bank cashier's check within thirty (30) days thereafter and the Deed transferred contemporaneously therewith. A buyer's premium equal to five percent (5%) of the successful bid will be paid by the successful bidder and incorporated within the purchase price. The successful bidder at the sale shall be required to sign a Memorandum of terms of sale containing the above terms at the Auction sale. The purchaser will be responsible for all closing costs, Massachusetts deed excise stamps and all recording fees.
The sale may be postponed or adjourned from time to time, if necessary, by the attorney for the 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
Jonathan C. Sapirstein
SAPIRSTEIN & SAPIRSTEIN, P.C.
1500 Main Street,
Suite 2504
P.O. Box 15408
Springfield, MA
01115-5408
(413) 827-7500
Its Attorneys
Date: March 28, 2023
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Ware River News
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The annual salary range is up to \$62,775.00 depending upon experience, certifications, and in accordance with the DHCD Executive Director Salary Schedule/Calculation worksheet. The work week is 26 hrs. per week and includes a generous benefit portfolio. Candidates should apply in confidence by submitting cover letter and resume to G. Matthew Pike, MassNAHRO, 990 Washington Street, Suite 209, Dedham, MA 02026, ATTN: Warren E.D. Search. For a complete job description go to: <https://files.constantcontact.com/a08b9b0e001/042de6b4-8e7b-4f6b-ad76-4321183847e9.docx> Managing agent respondents should submit a proposal to that same address.

Closing date is close of business on Wednesday, May 3, 2023. Late submissions will not be accepted. The Warren Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Minorities, women, veterans, and people with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.

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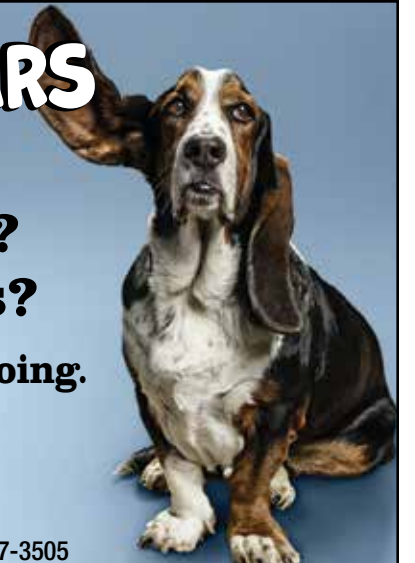
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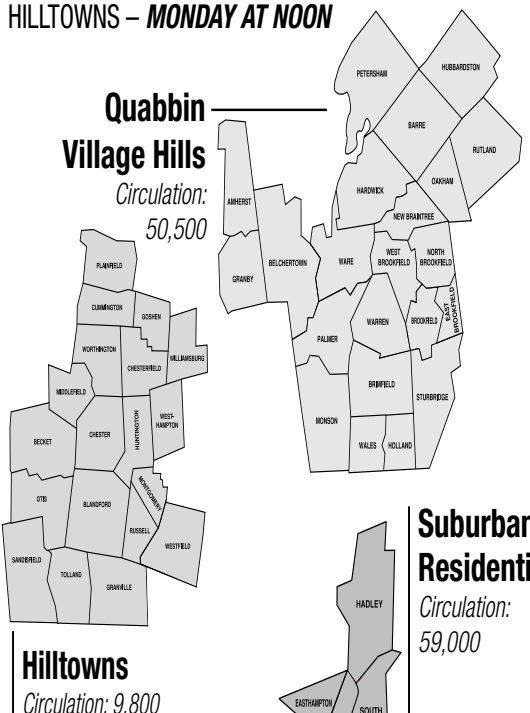
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Sonic bathing comes to Barre

The transformative power of sound

By **Christal Whelan**
Staff writer

BARRE – On Saturday, March 11, the Listening Wellness Center in Barre hosted an evening of sonic bathing in the Yoga Studio, featuring Matt Samolis and Randy Winchester.

An increasingly popular wellness practice, sound bathing, also known as sonic immersion, exposes listeners to a deep soak in the otherworldly sounds produced by any number of instruments, although most often by unconventional and handmade ones. Awash in such resonance has the cumulative effect of stilling the mind and relaxing the body of the sound bather. The handful of people who showed up on Saturday grabbed mats and blankets, lay down, and made themselves comfortable on the floor, or else sat on cushions.

Samolis and Winchester played on a homemade instrument they call a “modified bow chime.” Two or three musicians at a time can play this jumbo-sized, metallic unit composed of a curved metal front piece onto which a dozen or more cymbals are attached on its backside. Standing upright at intervals are five rods resembling antennae. These are stroked with giant curved bows, strung with 15-lb. monofilament fishing line, that resemble a hunter’s weapon more than a cello bow. The bow makes the metal vibrate to create long, low droning sounds. To offer some perspective, even the most forceful thing a musician can do on a violin is probably about the gentlest gesture the ensemble would attempt on a bow chime, which requires a much greater transfer of energy.

Samolis, 58, who has lived and worked at the Insight Meditation Society (IMS) for four years, has been pursuing drones for decades now. His initial interest was awakened through North Indian classical music and other types of ambient music that all share a droning sound. Said Samolis, “It had really gotten to the point where I realized that it was the drone that was the common denominator.” There was something unique, attractive, and valuable about drone sound.

For 35 years, the musician, also an accomplished flautist, worked

in maintenance at several churches in Boston: the King’s Chapel, the Church of the Advent, and Plymouth Congregational Church. In these liturgical environments the sound of organ music saturated the young man; not only the music, but often the repairmen working on these massive instruments would leave the pipe going as they worked. Samolis’s epiphany came in the form of a realization that it was actually the drone in different types of music that had drawn him all along. “In some way my interest in drone had eclipsed my interest in music. I started to feel like I had been studying music just to find the drone!” he chuckled. “It’s not as if you can go to school and study drones.”

While in Boston, Samolis began to work with Peter Warren, an acoustical engineer. Ten or fifteen years later, Randy Winchester, Team Leader for MIT Cable TV, joined the duo. Both men were very attuned to the scientific and mathematical aspects of acoustics. But the more Samolis studied sound theory, he felt conflicted, “I understood how traditional music actually deviates from what occurs naturally and organically.” Finally he landed on the notion that the drone work he had been pursuing possessed an honesty and integrity. Together, Warren and Samolis reached a milestone in their shared perspective that the bow chime was not an instrument for them to “play” as much as to serve in order to hear its voice.

They soon abandoned any agenda of their own because without one the two musicians were able to simply listen. The art of listening opened up a contemplative space for them. They tuned the rods in such a way as to support the instrument, rather than for it to accommodate their agenda for

certain notes. “We just abandoned trying to be in tune with any other instruments or anything.” They increasingly took their cues from the instrument, and whatever energy they put into it was an attempt to fulfill the expression of the instrument itself.

With this new perspective, the conceptual framework of their music shifted. This is the reason why Samolis is very careful not to call these sound immersion sessions either a “concert” or a “performance.” In fact, he chooses to use humbler language: “It is a sound-bath offering, immersive experience, whatever, but not a performance.” Serving the instrument also means that the players cannot play shorter or longer, faster or slower, just because people may get bored. “Everything I do is just by offering. I’m going to do this either solo or with people witnessing.” Samolis rents a hall to offer sonic bathing as his musical offering whether anyone shows up or not.

Warren, with whom Samolis has collaborated for decades, had been visiting IMS for about 30 years, and was familiar with meditation. He was the first to observe that the genre of music they were creating together with the sound bath was a kind of guided meditation. You approach from a place of stillness, put energy into the instrument, all the while being mindful of where the music is going. “That requires the players to scan their bodies,” said Samolis, “and inquire where their tension lies: Where am I potentially unable to support this instrument?” As the sound accu-

mulates and proceeds in whatever direction, the player, like the meditator, must be fully in the present moment, actively listening and determining how best to serve where the instrument is going. Does it need more pressure? Is it stable? Is it unstable? Is it about to change? What will bring that change?

The player must also be very tactile because they can feel the vibration through their arm as it sweeps the bow over the metal, and they are also standing close to the metal sheet. When the amplitude is sufficient, Samolis claimed it was possible to feel through the floor, through everything. Making the sonic bath then becomes an immersive experience for the player and often for anyone observing.

A major influence on Samolis and his ensemble was Robert Rutman, a 20th to 21st century composer, instrument builder, and pioneer of multimedia performance. He built the first bow chime, although he usually referred to it as a “steel cello.” Rutman’s prototype was simpler and more austere. Samolis and Warren made a larger bow adapted for their purposes, which allowed for a potentially longer gesture that would lead more easily into drone land. The second influence was Harry Partch, a 20th century composer and music theorist, who also built custom-instruments that could play the unusual scales and musical compositions he created.

Samolis’s group differs significantly from other varieties of sound bathing today. According to the bow chime master, a lot of sound-bath people curate their sounds. The singing bowl people want consonant harmonies, the sugar, basically a pleasant experience. But for Samolis, “We don’t typically titrate the experience. It only hap-



Bow Chime Musicians, from left: Matt Samolis, Randy Winchester, and Peter Warren.

pens when the instrument is feeling harmonious. It might be nice to offer very pleasant experiences for people and sometimes it happens; but sometimes it doesn’t.”

The music of their sound bath is completely acoustic although people are often surprised that those sounds are made acoustically since nowadays such sounds are associated with computers or are heard on film soundtracks. If they are live, people often assume that the sound must be made using a synthesizer. “After all, who lugs a big thing like our bow chime around,” said Samolis with a grin.

One-on-one sound bath sessions are becoming more common. Samolis said that people occasionally approach him with the request. But he believes people may just want to interact with the instrument itself, come over and lay down under the metal sheet, or just play it. Usually six to ten people turn up at his sound baths, which keeps the experience intimate.

The group does not generally play with other instrumentalists.

Since they need to get their pitches from the instrument and not just use the pitches they were taught in school, Samolis thinks it is very tricky for instrumentalists to break all their habits so that they really sound together like a unified voice. “Because if you just sound like the classical musician that you are, it’s not a unified voice. It’s just sort of Bach floating over some drone or something.”

In Boston, Samolis’s offerings had gained traction with a steady group of returning sound bathers. In turn, they would bring their friends, and everyone knew each other. He is trying to build such a community here in Barre. “This spring I need to just get out there. I’ll book another session at Listening and see where else I can play.”

For more information on upcoming sound bathing events, check the calendar at Listening Wellness Center: www.listeningwellness.org or contact Matt Samolis at: mjsamolism@gmail.com

NEWS BRIEFS

Ware River Park clean-up day is this Saturday

HARDWICK – Join the Conservation Commission for an Earth Day clean-up at the new Ware River Park, located on Lower Road (Route 32), Gilbertville on Saturday, April 22 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Ware River Park is located halfway between Hardwick Farmer’s Co-op and Cumberland Farms, across from St. Aloysius Cemetery.

Volunteers are needed to help cut and burn brush, clean up litter and debris.

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