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Selectmen continue betterments discussion

By Dallas Gagnon
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HARDWICK – The Board of Selectmen discussed the proposed sewer betterment rates as presented by RCAP Solutions' Regional Director Laurie Stevens.

Betterment rates based on the calculation system presented at the April 24 meeting would be determined by several factors including Title V flow-per-room measurements and bedrooms per house.

The overall cost of the proposed wastewater treatment upgrade project is \$27,728,500 which includes construction of the Hardwick Road pumping station, upgrades to the collection system, the Gilbertville Water Pollution Control Facility and Wheelwright Water Pollution Control facility.

While \$17,017,500 is funded through a large grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the remaining costs are funded by an additional \$22,500 grant, \$5,000,000 in state funding, \$7,500

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Food pantry opens at All Saints Church

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WARE – The decision to open a food pantry in the hall of All Saints Church, 17 North St., happened somewhat by accident, but it's certainly been a happy one for those in need.

The food pantry, which is sponsored by All Saints and St. Mary's churches, opened for the first time this past Saturday, staffed by members of the Ware Knights of Columbus Council 183 along with a rotating crew of volunteers.

Knight Michael Letendre said the idea to start the food pantry came as a result of the outpouring of support the organization received during the pandemic.

Each month, the Knights deliver a hot meal to people in the community, but had to stop due to COVID concerns. Instead, they switched to collecting and delivering canned goods to residents.

Donations of canned goods and other nonperishable food items have continued to come in, even after the Knights were able to resume their regular meal delivery.

"People are so generous, and kept donating," Letendre said.

Soon the Knights found themselves with enough food to stock a whole food pantry.

The food pantry will be open



(Turley Publications Photo by Paula Ouimette)

The food pantry at All Saints Church, 17 North St., is open the second and fourth Saturdays of each month from 9 a.m.-noon. Shown from left are Ware Knights of Columbus Council 183 member Brian Rheaume, volunteers Catherine Gallery, Hailey Gallery and Patrick Gallery, and Knight Michael Letendre.

the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, from 9 a.m.-noon. Access to the food pantry is from the church's entrance on North Street.

People can choose 12 items on each day the food pantry is open,

and they're able to shop the shelves on their own.

Letendre said if the food pantry doesn't have something people are looking for, they have a list to write down suggestions.

"Put it down, and we'll see if we

can get it," Letendre said. "We're just trying to meet the need."

On the first day, many shoppers were happy to find rice and pasta, Letendre said. The shelves

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(Turley Publications Photo by Paula Ouimette)

Abbie White gathers bitter-sweet vines that she cut down from trees at Ware River Park as part of an Earth Day cleanup.

Earth Day cleanup targets newest park

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HARDWICK – The Conservation Commission and a group of dedicated volunteers continued their work to develop Ware River Park in Gilbertville; removing piles of brush and invasive plants on Earth Day.

"It was pretty much all through the park," Vice-Chair Becky Bottomley said of the invasive plants. The most prevalent at the Lower Road site being the bittersweet vine.

"They will actually strangle and kill the trees," she said.

The Conservation Commission has the care and custody of Ware River Park, spanning from the gazebo at New Furnace Landing to the area across from St. Aloysius Cemetery on Lower Road (known as the Thompson tract).

Ware River Park now has two paddling access points for the Upper Ware River section of the Blue Trail, made possible by the efforts of the Chicopee 4Rivers Watershed Council. Signs mark the access on Lower Road, and at the New Furnace Landing.

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Celebrating Earth Day

EQLT, volunteers plant trees at dog park

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WARE – Ware's four-legged friends will have some relief from the sun this summer, thanks to the efforts of the East Quabbin Land Trust and volunteers.

This past Saturday in celebration of Earth Day, 12 trees were planted at the Dog Park, which will eventually provide shade for dogs and humans alike.

The trees are part of a \$252,000 grant from the U.S Forest Service State and Private Forestry Landscape Scale Restoration program to plant 1,000 trees in the urban areas of Ware.

East Quabbin Land Trust Executive Director, Cynthia Henshaw said "we are grateful" for all the volunteers who showed up to plant trees.

Volunteer Tammy Morin said the trees are a "wonderful" addition to the park.

"We have three dogs we bring here all the time... We were here the other day, and it was so hot.

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(Turley Publications Photo by Dallas Gagnon)

Mother-daughter duo Gabriella and Cynthia Henshaw smile after planting trees for Earth Day.

'Mr. and Mrs. Quabbin' honored with Visitor Center renaming

Dedication ceremony will be held June 4

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BELCHERTOWN – At the close of last year, efforts to rename the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Quabbin Visitor Center were successful.

Now, the Visitor Center is named in memory of two people who dedicated much of their lives to the Quabbin Reservoir, and were key in the creation of the Visitor Center.

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(Turley Publications Photo by Paula Ouimette)

Shown from left are Paul Godfrey, Anne Ely and Mark Lindhult standing next to a poster Lindhult made using photos of Les and Terry Campbell, and some of Les' photos of the Quabbin Reservoir.

C4R Watershed Council holds kick-off meeting

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PALMER – The Chicopee 4Rivers Watershed Council held its spring kick-off meeting, highlighting the work that's been done since it was formed almost 10 years ago, and plans going forward.

River enthusiasts from the towns within the commonwealth's largest watershed filled the Palmer Historical and Cultural



Center in Three Rivers on April 20, discussing ways they can work

together to bring awareness to the Council's work.

The purpose of the Council is to give a voice for the four rivers that make up the watershed, the Swift, Ware, Quaboag and Chicopee, said C4R Coordinator Keith Davies.

All four of those rivers converge in Palmer.

"A lot of communities are reconnecting with their river," Davies said. "We've kind of become the voice to get neighboring towns talking to each other."

Water sampling

Davies talked about some of the Council's focuses last year, including expanding the Blue Trails and continued bacteria monitoring.

Davies and a crew of volunteers take water samples at 15 locations to monitor the bacteria

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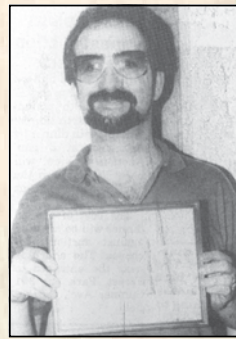
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Are You Old News?



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 Andre Durand of Gilbertville with a plaque he was awarded by Robert Tytula, owner of Bay Path Bowling Alley. Durand, a professional candlepin bowler, broke the alley record for a three-string total with a score of 472. The previous record was 460 and was held by Steve Renaud since July 1990.
If you recognize the folks in this week's photo, please send their names and your full name to pouimette@turley.com.



WBCA hosts spring Shop Hop downtown Ware on May 6

WARE – The Ware Business & Civic Association will be hosting the annual Shop Hop downtown, on Saturday, May 6 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., just in time for Mother's Day.

The event features a pancake breakfast, craft show and lots of shopping. Ware businesses will have in-house drawings, give-a-ways, and sales.

Cedarbrook Village of Ware will sponsor a basket for a drawing and tickets will be available at all participating locations.

The event kicks off with a pancake breakfast in Veterans Park on Main Street from 9-11 a.m.

The pancake and sausage breakfast is run by the Ware Lions Club and all proceeds benefit their scholarship fund. The scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating Ware High School student.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. Tickets are available by calling 413-967-6721 or at Nat Falk's men's clothing store, 64 Main St.

The annual breakfast is outside with a rain location of Hanna Devine's restaurant at 91 Main St. Live music will be provided by Lori Brooks.

Brad Matthew Jewelers of Holyoke and Hanna Devine's of Ware are sponsors of the breakfast.

Also that morning is a craft fair at Veterans' Park which will be held from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Local crafters will set up in the front of the park along Main Street.

In case of inclement weather, the craft fair will move into Town Hall across the street.

"This is a wonderful event to help welcome spring, support the Lions scholarship fund, shop for sales and support our small business community," said Danielle Souza, vice president of the Ware Business & Civic Association in a press release.

"Quite a few of our retail shops are still coming back from the pandemic and need the community's support. I think a lot of shoppers will be surprised by the unique offerings of Ware businesses. Everything from children's clothing, vintage and antiques, furniture, appliances, jewelry, art and pottery, wine and craft beers, as well as great food all right here in Ware!" she said.

To find out more about the WBCA, please visit warebca.com.

Country Bank welcomes new VP of IT operations

WARE – Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving Central and Western Massachusetts, is pleased to announce that Erin Pope of Westminster has joined its Innovation and Technology Division in Ware.



(Courtesy Photo)
Erin Pope has joined Country Bank's Innovation and Technology Division.

Before joining Country Bank, Pope worked at Digital Credit Union and American Tower.

"We are thrilled to welcome Erin to the Innovation and Technology team. Her experience in varying industries from start-up, defense, financial and real estate, which expanded her knowledge and skillset to lead teams in supporting and implementing lean infrastructures and processes, makes her a perfect fit for Country Bank. We look forward to Erin's enthusiasm and dedication representing Country Bank and supporting our iSTEP Corporate Values of Integrity, Service, Teamwork, Excellence, and Prosperity, and we are pleased that she has chosen Country Bank to be her Employer of Choice," said Miriam Siegel, First Senior Vice President and Chief Culture & Development Officer, Human Resources.

"At American Tower, I managed a network operations team responsible for the global office and data center infrastructure. It was through working with this team that I learned the importance of strength and a diverse team," Pope said in a press release. "I am excited to join Country Bank's storied history and contribute to its continued success. I hope to support the team by increasing engagement and innovation to support the business and its customers better."

Pope holds a bachelor's degree in electrical and computer engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and received certification in Professional Scrum Master 1.

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Historical Society holds fundraiser for powder horn on April 30

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.

Town-wide yard sale benefits rescue squad

WEST BROOKFIELD – The second annual spring town-wide yard sale will be held on Saturday, May 6 with a rain date of Sunday, May 7.

Maps will be available from May 1-6 for \$3.

This year, all proceeds go to the West Brookfield Rescue Squad, a nonprofit

emergency service center that offers medical services to West Brookfield and surrounding towns. WBRS relies solely on donations to operate.

For more information, people may contact Jennifa by emailing w.brookfieldTWYS@gmail.com or calling 781-835-9785.



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Ware Public Schools introduces new superintendent

WARE – Ware Public Schools is pleased to announce Michael Lovato as the new Superintendent. “I am incredibly excited to begin working with Mr. Lovato,” said Chris Desjardins, School Committee chairperson in a press release. “We had many applicants for this position, and he quickly showed us he was the right fit for Ware. He brings a diversified wealth of experience that will foster new growth and strengthen the district, making it an even better place to learn and work.”

Lovato’s most recent role was Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning in the Chelsea Public Schools. Prior to this position, he served as the Director of Special Education in the Lowell Public Schools, as Superintendent in Questa Independent Schools in Questa, New Mexico, Associate Superintendent in Las Vegas City Schools in Las Vegas, New Mexico, and as a turnaround Principal for the Santa Fe Public Schools in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Lovato began his career in education as a student engagement advisor in the Santa Fe Public

Schools. He also served in the New Mexico Army National Guard. In July, Lovato will be awarded his Doctorate in Education in organizational leadership from Grand Canyon University. He also holds an Administrator Certification from University of New Mexico, a master’s degree in special education from New Mexico Highlands University, Certification as an Educational Diagnostician from Texas Tech University, a bachelor’s degree in criminology from the University of New Mexico, and an associate’s degree in applied science from Dona Ana Community College.

“It is my honor to serve as the Superintendent of the Ware Public Schools,” said Lovato. “I want to ensure the community that I hold an unwavering belief in the unlimited potential of every individual. As your Superintendent, I will focus on providing a well-calibrated educational experience for students every day, so they can graduate with the confidence that they too have the equitable opportunity to



Michael Lovato will begin his new role as the Superintendent of Ware Public School, effective July 1.

accomplish any post-secondary goal that they strive to achieve. I will support learning as a process that can only occur collaboratively and collectively, with every member of our diverse community adding their own unique value. It is through the united support of every teacher, leader, staff, parent, and community partner, that students can realize the opportunity and the privilege that comes from attending any of our Ware Public Schools.”

Lovato’s first day as Superintendent will be July 1.

Planning Board continues battery storage bylaw hearing

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WARE – The Planning Board continued to discuss the proposed battery energy system storage bylaw.

At the April 20 meeting, Town Manager, Stuart Beckley presented the Board with a two-page document prepared by the town’s attorney with suggestions for the proposed bylaw as it stands.

According to Chairman Richard Starodoj, the attorney’s suggestions encourage the language in the bylaw to be more definitive in the final document opposed to what is listed in the draft.

Members discussed zoning bylaws and restrictions for the battery energy system storage units as well as how these units could potentially affect residents, businesses and overall public safety.

A resident presented the Board with information about a battery energy system storage unit in Phoenix, Arizona which exploded in 2019.

The resident suggested the bylaw should require battery energy system storage units be located near outside water sources, so in case a fire was to break loose, water would be accessible.

“If it gets out of control...They need outside water sources - a pumper truck is not going to be effective,” said the resident.

Member Chris DiMarzio suggested allowing storage units in more rural areas to avoid damage spreading fires could pose on residents or businesses.

“It just seems it’d be safer to have it further out in rural settings away from businesses, homes and waterways,” said DiMarzio.

Alternate member Elizabeth Hancock raised concern about the potential size of storage containers.

“I think what you open by putting it into a rural district somewhere is, you’re opening up to a very large facility with multiple batteries,” said Hancock.

“They can be all different sizes.”

A resident said battery energy system storage should not be allowed in rural residential areas.

She said, “you’re talking about a commercial property - you’re talking about something that’s generating money, it is providing electricity - it’s not made for rural residential. That’s why we have zoning.”

DiMarzio suggested putting size restrictions on zones and introducing a tier system of what sizes are acceptable in designated zones.

He also suggested adding specific statements requiring water access under a special permit as well as including something to protect water supplies.

Starodoj said he doesn’t believe “we are going to put the perfect bylaw in place at this time,” as “the technology is going to keep changing.”

Before the draft is considered finalized, the Board agreed to add the zoning bylaw and restricted zoning to the use table as a way to “spell it out,” where they want it or don’t.

A final draft will be presented to the Board at the next meeting, scheduled for May 4.

Suggestions such as a tiered zoning system, special permit requirements, and limitations to only all units in commercial industrial, industrial and mill yard zoning were noted for inclusion in the final draft.

Starodoj said non-solar batteries in commercial industrial, industrial and mill yards are allowed in those three districts by special permit, and with a site approval plan.

He added the need for a non-separability clause in addition to the requirement that they “must be able to be served by the public water system or system approved by the Planning Board and Fire Department.”

Board reorganization

As a vacancy has opened on the Planning Board, Starodoj recommended alternate Hancock be appointed.

Starodoj recommended Nancy Talbot as an alternate.

A letter of recommendation will be presented to the Selectboard and Board reorganization will be discussed at the next meeting.

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 at 413-544-1574.

ACTIVITIES

Monday, May 1
9 a.m. Tai Chi
10 a.m. Scat
11:30 a.m. Lunch

Tuesday, May 2
9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing
9:30 a.m. Quilting Club
10 a.m. Scat
11:30 a.m. Lunch
1:30-3:30 p.m. Chair Massage (available by appointment only, call 413-967-9645; \$5 for 10 minutes)

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

Wednesday, May 3

9 a.m. Tai-Chi
9 a.m.-3 p.m. Foot Nurse (available by appointment only, call 413-967-9645)
10 a.m. Scat
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.)

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Monday, May 1

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Tuesday, May 2

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

Wednesday, May 3

Grilled Ham and Cheese Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Potato Chips, Dessert of the Day

Thursday, May 4

Chili Dogs, French Fries, Macaroni Salad, Dessert of the Day

Friday, May 5

Cinco de Mayo
Chicken Fajita over Mexican Rice, Black Bean and Corn, Salad, Dessert of the Day

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also had a variety of beans, canned soups and pastas, boxed milk and soy milk, popcorn, brownie and cake mixes, salad dressing and condiments, crackers, canned vegetables, instant potatoes, pickles, nuts and more.

The food pantry will also have an area for clothing, with both new and used donations accepted.

Letendre said there are no

requirements to be able to use the food pantry, just a need for help.

“We never turn anyone down... if you say you need food, you can have it,” Letendre said.

Volunteers to staff the food pantry are also needed and anyone, from church members and community members to even families and organizations, can help out. Children are welcome to help with adult supervision.

Donations of food items are

also welcome and can be placed in collection baskets at both churches.

Monetary donations can be sent to the All Saints & St. Mary’s Rectory, 60 South St., Ware, MA 01082, with “Food Pantry” in the memo.

If you need help, or you want to volunteer, call or text Knight Brian Rheume at 413-222-0534 or email Letendre at michael.letendre@comcast.com.

Food policy council looks at short, long-term needs

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WARE – Members of the Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council met for the second time since its formation, and began brainstorming the Council’s vision and mission statements.

At the April 19 meeting, Project Coordinator for Community Health Emily Coderre had members break down into small discussion groups to come up with ideas for the statements, before coming back together as a whole to share their ideas.

“We will draft a vision and mission and bring it back to everybody for further input,” she said.

Coderre explained that a vision statement is what the Council wants to accomplish in a perfect world, and the mission is more action oriented.

“A mission statement is concise, outcome oriented and inclusive,” she said.

The Council was divided into two groups; in-person attendees and remote attendees.

Coderre asked them to create a vision for where they see the Council in the next year, three years and even five years.

For the first year, members said they would like to identify the nutritional needs and food security issues people in the Quaboag Valley are faced with.

“Wouldn’t it be great if we had a really good picture of food efforts going on?” asked Gail Gramarossa of the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance. “Where are gaps?”

One member of the Council, Jean Smith, said she sees the need in the towns her food pantry services each day.

“Every day I have new families calling me because they are in trouble,” Smith said.

Smith’s food pantry covers three towns that are located miles from the nearest grocery store, limiting the availability of fresh and healthy food.

Not everyone has the means to travel either, she said.

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Michael H. Deslauriers Scholarship applications available

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

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GUEST COLUMN

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

By Melissa Hutchins, Paul Regan and Monica Moran
Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force

The Ware Police recently posted on Facebook about Ware resident Michael Hunt who has been arrested for sexual assault of a minor and who recently violated his conditions of release by approaching two teenage girls in nearby Oakham asking for directions.

The teenage girls are safe, and Hunt is now in custody, but he could be released at any time.

We are grateful to the police for keeping the community informed and for doing all they can to keep the community safe.

The threat of assault by a stranger is real and should not be minimized. We also want to take this opportunity to remind the community that as many as 90% of situations where a child is sexually harmed, the child (and often their family) knows the person who has caused harm.

We have some tips for parents and guardians who want to keep their children safe. The tips below are adapted from Stop It Now!, a national organization that works to stop sexual abuse.

Tips for talking to children about others' behavior towards them:

Model healthy boundaries

Sometimes we unintentionally confuse kids by insisting they hug a relative or friend, or by saying "Do whatever the babysitter tells you to do."

Help your children practice setting respectful boundaries. If they don't want to hug a relative, help them say no politely or help them find another way to greet their relative (i.e. shaking hands, fist bump).

Model saying, "no thanks" or "I'd rather shake hands but I'm happy to see you!"

If needed, step in and help your relatives understand that no disrespect is intended and that you are encouraging boundary setting for safety reasons.

Use concrete examples

For example, talk through with your child what they would do if they were at a friend's house and a friend's older sibling asked them to play a game that made them feel uncomfortable or weird, or involved physical contact. Make it clear that they can tell you or another trusted adult and that they won't get in trouble for telling.

Talk about touch

Tell your children something like, "It is not OK for anyone to touch you in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable – even if it is someone you are close to and care about, and even if you like the person. Your body is yours alone and you always have a right to say no."

Explain about tricks

Explain that sometimes people use tricks or bribes to keep children from telling things. They might tell a child that the abuse is their fault, that no one will believe them, or that if the child tells something bad will happen.

Reassure your children that they can tell you anything, even if it already happened. Remind them that you will always be there to keep them safe, that some secrets should not be kept, and that if someone tricks them it is never their fault.

Involve other adults

Sometimes children find it easier to talk to other adults.

Ask your child, "If you didn't want to tell me something important, what other adult could you talk to?" Help them figure out who that other adult would be.

Reassure them that it would be okay with you if they told this other trusted adult and that your main concern is their safety.

Be approachable

By making it normal to have these kinds of conversations and by answering questions accurately and respectfully, you send the message that your child can talk to you – even if something has already happened.



Garden Lady questions for a rainy Sunday

I received a pruning question from a reader as a follow-up to my recent article on the subject of what to prune when in terms of spring flowering bushes.

The question was directly related to pruning a white magnolia bush. Without knowing the species exactly, I would venture to guess that because it is white the question relates to Magnolia stellata, or the Star Magnolia and not its cousin, the large pinkish-purple flowered Saucer Magnolia.

The Star Magnolia is a shrub or small tree that is highly adaptable to various soils and heat/cold conditions spanning from Maine to Georgia, to Minnesota and even the West Coast.

Fragrant flowers are 3-5-inches wide and typically made up of 12-18 tepals (a term for petals and sepals together) but depending on which cultivar or variety chosen, there may be upwards of 30-50 of these per flower.

What makes this bush extra showy (if double flowers weren't enough!) is that it blooms prior to leaf break, and the flowers show up beautifully against smooth gray bark.

Because it can stay in bloom long - if con-

ditions are right, almost three weeks, sometimes there is an overlap of unfurling leaves alongside flowers.

It's a beauty alright.

Sometimes a heat wave, then a cold wave can turn the flowers to mush overnight, but it is a chance we gardeners take. This year the show is a glorious one, indeed.

Our reader wrote in that his Magnolia has suffered some damage in the late snowstorm we had. Branches were bent and broken and some corrective pruning needed to happen, but when? Typically, regular pruning would take place after flowering so as not to compromise upcoming blooms, but this type of pruning can be accomplished as needed to prevent further injury.

Prune back to limbs that show no sign of injury.

Regular training of the tree should be done within the first five years - magnolias are notoriously slow healers; so bigger cuts could take a long time to heal.

Thank you for your question. I hope this helps.

The following question came from Marvin, who is wondering how to acclimatize overwintered geraniums back into the garden.

"I potted some geraniums from the garden last fall and took them into the house. They have been blooming since late February and bring sunshine and joy to the room!!! I would like to put them back into the garden this spring. What steps do I need to take to make this transition successful? Cut them back? etc."

Yay! I am so happy that you had success with your geraniums.

Like you, I have been doing this same process for a few years now and agree with you

that they do indeed add "sunshine and joy" to our indoor spaces at a time when we need it.

You are smart to think about the transition back into the garden. If you were to simply move them outside on the first nice day, no doubt you'd be met with disappointment.

First off, I would gradually start reducing the amount of fertilizer you are giving them, if any. We don't want a lot of tender new growth that could be susceptible to damage from the elements. Next, give the plants a good grooming. Lift up foliage to reveal any brown leaves or spent flowers and pinch these away.

Now comes shaping.

If the plants have grown lopsided prune them back to a good overall shape by cutting stems to right above a node (the place where the stems of the leaves attach). If you are happy, stop here and begin to harden them off.

I would try this beginning around Mother's Day Weekend barring there is no frost in the forecast. Find a sheltered spot (from wind and sun) and set them outside for a few hours then bring them in for the night.

Gradually expose the plants to more and more sun until they are outside all day and night. The process should take a week to 10 days.

By following these steps, you will hopefully avoid sun scald and other issues. Best of luck to you!

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



Why can't I get Social Security Disability on my own or my husband's record?

Dear Rusty: I am considered disabled by State of Washington doctors, but Social Security has turned me down three times when I applied for disability saying I don't have enough work points. I am the wife of a retired, disabled veteran who served over 20 years in the U.S. Navy. I raised three children, one of which is disabled. How do I get Social Security to accept my disability?

Signed: Frustrated and Disabled

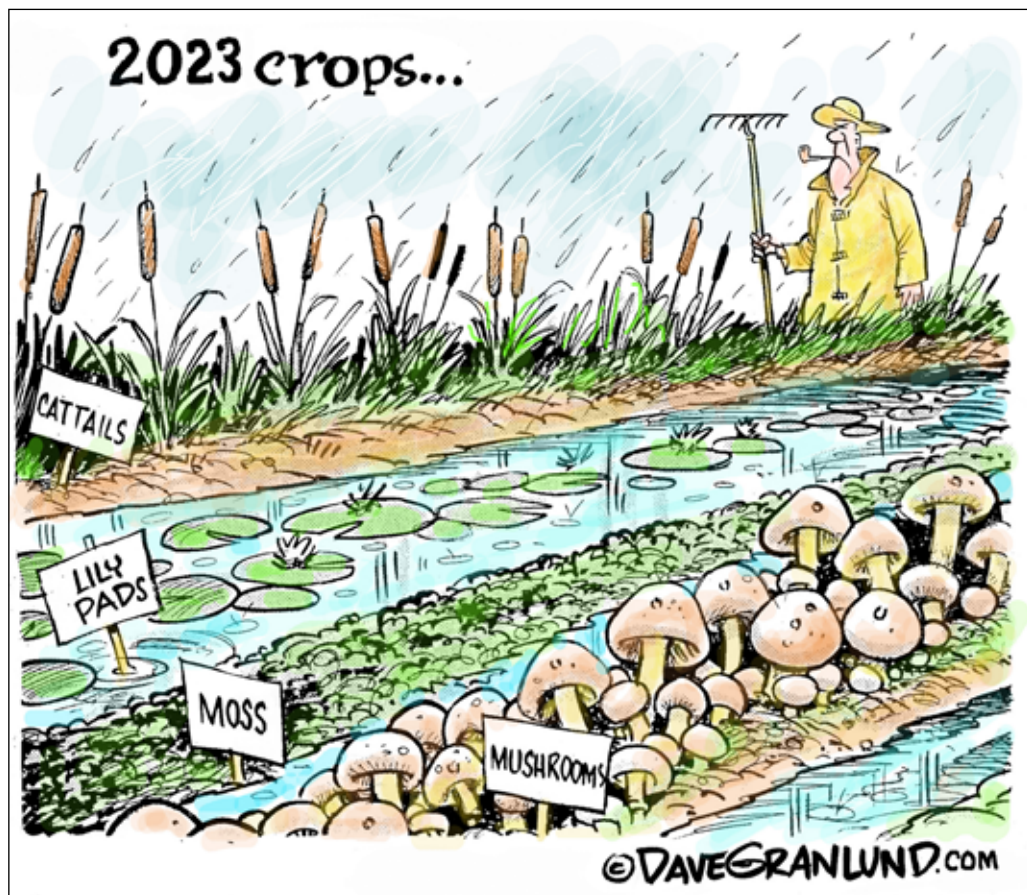
Dear Frustrated and Disabled: Social Security's criteria for disability eligibility are separate and distinctly different from any other authority such as the State of Washington.

To be eligible for Social Security Disability Insurance benefits, you must have earned a minimum number of credits on your own from working and contributing to Social Security and that work must have occurred recently (you must have worked at least five of the last ten years). If you did not personally earn the required credits through recent work, you cannot get SSDI benefits.

I presume that is what Social Security has determined to be the case for you. To clarify, you must be totally disabled (rendering you unable to work for at least one year) and that must be confirmed by your medical service providers, who will be contacted by Social Security's representatives.

For information, SSDI is an individually earned entitlement, thus your husband's lifetime earnings history applies only to him, and his earnings record does not extend to you for SSDI purposes (in other words, he might be eligible for early SSDI benefits on his own, but his eligibility for those benefits does not make you eligible too).

Nevertheless, if your husband is collecting SSDI benefits and you are caring for your child who became disabled before age 22, or if your husband is collecting SS and any of your



children are under age 16, you may be eligible for "child-in-care" spousal benefits.

Child-in-care spouse benefits are available at any age, but your husband would need to be collecting either SSDI or his regular SS retirement benefit for you to be eligible for those benefits. If your husband is collecting SS of any kind, his disabled child (or any minor children under 18) may also be eligible for dependent child benefits from him, subject to the Family Maximum.

So, to answer your specific question about how to get Social Security to "accept your disability," unless you meet the recent work test and have earned the needed credits on your own as described above, and are totally disabled, you cannot.

You may wish to confirm this by discussing your situation with an attorney who specializes in SSDI matters.

You can find such an attorney online by searching for "SSDI attorney near me" - just be sure to fully vet any firm you are considering. SSDI attorneys should not charge for

an initial consultation and they will only take your case if they believe you can win (they take their fees from any back SSDI benefits they can secure for you). SSDI attorney fees are also limited by federal law, and seeking such counsel should not result in any out-of-pocket expense for you.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

Peonies and tiger lilies put on a show

By Fred DeBros

I'll close my remarks with a great many thanks to all whom I saw filling black trash bags along Hardwick roads, it makes everybody feel better when there are "less broken windows."

It keeps Hardwick pristine.

Peonies are about the hardiest plants and as easy to grow as potatoes. once they bloom, they are spectacular forever.

Now that they have started sticking out, they do not need any care.

The cheapie giant red, white and pink I do not recommend. if they get pure compost, they need stalking! It's too much work.

Dead head the floppy flowers and you get a second smaller crop immediately that lasts longer inside.

Once they have bloomed you can dig them up.

Leave the roots and slice the bushel with a saw, leaving some stalks on each piece. Then

dig a big hole, stick in the cut-off and fill it with the best compost you have.

Done. If you want to, cover with some inches of mulch, no fertilizer.

Mow them down in fall and no bug juice. Enjoy!

The big tiger lilies are a show if left to their own devices. If the soil is really rich, they grow over six feet tall.

In Hardwick they have a bug that stunts them, so when they are about one foot tall, and the top star flower forms, squirt them with a permethrin spray once or twice.

As the flowers form, there are hundreds of bulbets along the stem. let them get dark, then take a pair and gently tap the stems and collect the bulbets. Rake the soil where you want them to grow, spread them and you have your plantation!

As soon as tiger lilies are done flowering, cut the stalks and burn them as they contain the larvae of the bugs!

As I look at the daffodils along the upper



Peonies are hardy plants.

road and around the cannon, I marvel at the sight and how easy it was to do; the current flowers were planted three years ago, all dug up from existing plants.

I wonder why people don't spread their many bushels along their property. It's so easy to do and the reward is gratifying.

I hope and wish someone else will pick up Ralph Brouillette's idea of spreading spring bulbs along town roads on town easements; continue his tradition.

Maybe set up a GoFundMe account to buy crocus?

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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.

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Jane and I are 160 years old now and we don’t think we can do all that has to be done.

But be reassured: along Upper Church Street there are enough daffodils and snowdrops and scillas and peonies for everybody, free for picking.

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.



Tiger lilies put on a stunning show.



Bishop William D. Byrne presided over the Catholic Confirmation Class of 2023 on Wednesday April 12.

(Courtesy Photo by Rebecca Desjardin)

Ware Confirmation Class meets Bishop

By Colette Lefebvre Davis
Correspondent

WARE – The 2023 Confirmation class of St. Mary’s and All Saints churches made their confirmation on April 12.

Attending the Confirmation mass was Bishop William D. Byrne, Father Piotr Calik, Father Paul Norman and Father Piotr

Paulus.

The Catholic Sacrament of Confirmation occurs typically at age 14 or in ninth grade and up. For many local Catholics it is a time to renew their baptismal promises, and reflect on their new adult life in the Catholic church.

Many of the Confirmation students attended classes each Sunday starting back in last September.

Besides learning about their faith through classes, they were also required to choose a Saint that they affiliated with, and write a report about that saint. Then the Confirmation candidates take the name of the saint.

Students were also required to participate and volunteer a certain number of hours for the community.

Many students were eager to receive a blessing and complete their year-long journey.

“The other pastors came because they love you,” said Paulus to the congregated group during the Confirmation mass. He was right beside the Bishop, and the other priests in attendance were former pastors of Ware’s Catholic churches.

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applicant contributions and a \$5,681,000 loan.

From the letter of conditions, section C loan and grant terms states half of the loan amount must be carried on the tax base. This determines the overall betterment costs.

The tax base is responsible for \$2,840,500.

Betterment rates based on these calculations would cost \$1,914.08 for a one-bedroom house, \$3,828.17 for a two-bedroom, \$5,742.25 for a three-bedroom and \$7,656.33 for a four-bedroom and up.

Betterments for commercial and industrial businesses are calculated as a per bedroom rate.

Only loan amounts can be levied as betterments.

The terms of betterment amounts and interest can be paid over the course of 10-20 years.

One resident raised concern that the calculations would not be accurate as she lives in a two-bedroom house alone and would be charged

betterment rates based on rooms that are not occupied.

Board Chair H. Robert Ruggles agreed this calculation may not be the best method for determining betterment rates as there are a lot of large houses that do not necessarily have occupants generating “flow.”

Vice-Chair Kelly Kemp said a public hearing will need to be held in the future presenting other betterment calculation methods and adjusted rates.

Ruggles said his concern is the town has a difficult time collecting taxes from some residents, and presenting increased sewer betterment rates may make that issue worse.

Stevens said the reason this model was chosen is because Title V is already a state law, and is sewer related.

Ruggles said if, “you give me this option... I’m going to say no - go back to what we already have.”

Town Administrator Nicole Parker said, after testing a few other methods, “this seemed to be the most equitable.”

Kemp said, “it’s going to go

up...it passed through...and here we are.”

The Board will meet with RCAP Solutions again on May 3 at 6:30 p.m. to revisit betterment rates and options.

“Everyone is welcome to come,” said Kemp.

ARPA request

The Board reviewed the Sewer Department’s request to use American Rescue Plan Act funding for the purchase of a mower and trailer.

Ruggles said he doesn’t believe the mower presented is a good machine for the town, as it is a 23-mph mower “and only puts out 15 mph.”

Superintendent Scott Potter said the only reason he picked a smaller one is because they have to mow small areas.

Clerk Eric Vollheim asked if the Department has tried getting a quote from an individual who mows for other parts of the town.

The Board tabled the discussion. Superintendent’s report

Potter said the usual relay alarms have been sounding though they made it through the weekend without an alarm.

A new pump was delivered this past Friday, costing over \$13,000.

“The price of everything has gone through the roof,” said Potter. “Last time we got one it was \$7,000.”

FY 24 budget

The Finance Committee presented the final recommendations for the fiscal year 2024 budget.

Finance Committee Chair Kenan Young said, “right now with all the ins and outs, we’ve got a cushion of \$97,000 in the positive.”

The Committee recommended using ARPA funding to pay for the estimated \$160,000-\$175,000 snow and ice removal budget from FY 23.

The Committee also recommended using ARPA funding to pay off \$63,587 of outstanding leases for the town, as well as consider using \$112,000 to purchase a new truck for the Highway

Department.

“That’ll leave approximately a \$63,000 balance in ARPA funds... that will clean up a number of items for us,” said Young.

The Committee “strongly suggested” level funding across the budget with the exception of contractual changes.

Young said, “we need to try and reset ourselves a little bit and get back on some sound footing... putting raises in this year is going to increase the budget next year which means we won’t be able to fund stabilization.”

Ruggles said many towns and cities are losing employees because “they say no more money...but a 1.5-2% raise is often enough to get people to stay.”

Kemp and Ruggles suggested looking the budget over again and meeting with the Finance Committee again before considering that recommendation.

The Committee said they are looking to fund the reserve account for \$35,000. Last year’s amount was \$15,000.

“We need a little bit more cushion in that account,” said Young.

He added the stabilization account is roughly 2.6% and Committee members believe it should be at 10%.

“We need to put something in there to get that to 5%,” said Young.

The Committee suggested using free cash to fund the stabilization account at \$100,000 and capital planning at \$72,000.

“That puts stabilization just over 4%,” said Young.

It was also recommended that operating leases do not go in the operating budget.

“All you’re doing is driving that operating budget up and getting out of capital...Capital should be a five-year plan,” said Young.

Reorganization

This was the first meeting of the Board of Selectmen following the April 10 election, and Ruggles was appointed chair, Kemp was appointed vice-chair and Vollheim was appointed clerk.

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Earth Day CELEBRATED



A colorful mural painted by professional artists of Workshop 13 to honor pets.

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These trees will help," said Morin. Henshaw credited the town for supplying manure "which will help the trees find the necessary nutrients as they get established over the coming years." She also recognized the Parks and Recreation Department for using their excavator to dig holes for the trees to be planted, as the soil was rocky. Henshaw said she was contacted this winter about planting trees at the dog park, but there was a restriction on planting at the time which has since been lifted. While the "initial impact of having trees in the dog park will provide critical shade in the heat of summer," Henshaw said, "there's a whole host of reasons for the community to want to increase the number of trees." Some of the benefits of planting trees is their ability to filter air pollution, slow down storm water, and cool the surrounding area. "Trees are wildlife habitat, and people have improved mental and social interactions... It's [also] been shown that traffic flow slows along tree lined streets," said Henshaw. She added EQLT "believes that everyone should be close to the natural world and there's nothing better than having a big gorgeous tree close to home to bring the birds, insects and other wildlife to you." She credited Friend of the Ware Dog Park, Jimmy Demers for helping advertise the event and volunteers



(Turley Publications Photos by Dallas Gagnon) Cynthia Henshaw and East Quabbin Land Trust arborist Elizabeth Stefanik are shown covering tree roots.

from EQLT who came out to support the initiative. Henshaw recognized the U.S Forest Service for the grant funding that pays for seasonal tree planting staff and organization of the program. She also thanked the Department of Conservation and Recreation, who contributed the trees as part of the Commonwealth's commitment to greening urban spaces.

Any Ware residents who would like to have a free tree planted, please call EQLT at 413-477-8229 or register directly at <https://eqlt.org/request-your-free-tree/>.

CLEANUP from page 1

Last fall, a kiosk was installed next to the gazebo featuring a map of the Blue Trail network.

While most of the trash has been removed from the park in previous cleanups, volunteers still gathered a large pile of metal and other debris this past Saturday.

A bench sits at the top of the Lower Road section, constructed from old railroad ties. Soon there will also be picnic tables, giving trail users and paddlers a place where they can sit and enjoy a picnic.

Ware River Park is also going to have the newest section of the rail trail, which will be completed by June 1.

Bottomley said people are already embracing Ware River Park, with some travelling from as far as Westborough to enjoy a treat from the bakery and the view of the Ware River.

A view that was once obstructed by the overgrowth of invasive plants, until the Conservation Commission made it their priority to develop the park during the pandemic.



Becky Bottomley shows what the roots of the bittersweet vine look like. The Conservation Commission and volunteers have been working to remove the invasive plant from Ware River Park.



Abbie White, left, and Becky Bottomley add brush to the fire.



(Turley Publications Photos by Paula Quimette) Bob Bottomley burns brush at Ware River Park.

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Indians fall to Holyoke

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

HOLYOKE—Even though the non-league volleyball match between Ware and Holyoke lasted only three sets, it was a hard-fought battle from start to finish.

The Purple Knights, who haven't lost to the Indians in more than 10 years, celebrated a 3-0 (25-18, 25-21, 26-24) victory at John 'Jinx' O'Connor Gymnasium, last Tuesday afternoon.

"This has always been a very good rivalry match for us," said longtime Holyoke head coach Paula Conway. "Ware played very well, but we just played a little bit better in today's match. We managed to pull it out in three sets."

The volleyball court at Holyoke High School is named in honor of Coach Conway.

The Purple Knights (4-2), who advanced to the Round of 16 in last year's Division

2 state tournament, were led by junior Jeduar Colon and senior captain Willie Lopez in the only meeting of the regular season against the Indians (1-6).

"We did have a very good season last year, but we lost a couple of seniors, who were a crucial part of our team," Lopez said. "It has been a little bit difficult for us so far this season and it feels great to win a home match. We've never lost to Ware in the three years that I've been playing volleyball for the varsity team."

Lopez, who's planning to play volleyball at the college level, led the way with 16 kills, and 18 assists.

"I worked very hard during the offseason to improve my skills," Lopez added. "The reason why I like playing volleyball so much is because there is always something happening on the court. It's a fun sport to play."

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Riley Dulak fires over to first.



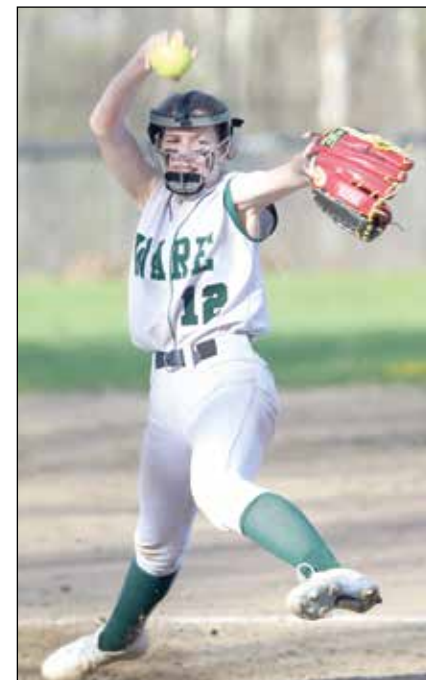
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Ware falls against Ludlow

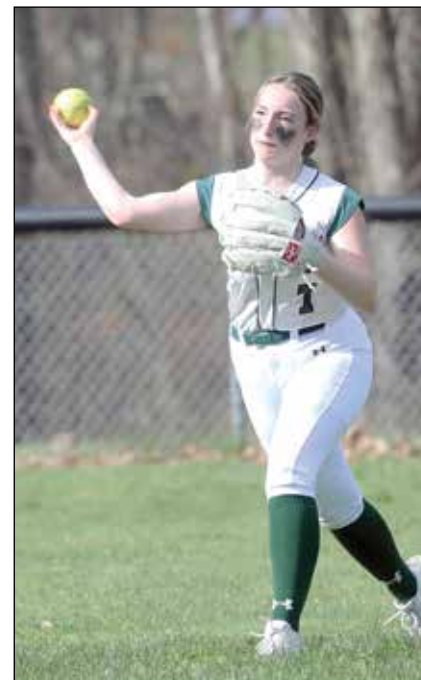
Emily Danitis makes the catch in right.

LUDLOW – The Ware High School softball team has had a rough time on the road, opening the season with five consecutive contests away from their home field. That stretch ended with a 17-3 loss against Ludlow in five innings. Ware was unsuccessful in all

five road games, including a 10-6 loss against Southwick, one of their closest games so far this season. The Indians hope their home field will give them an edge with four of their next five games at home. The Indians will host Drury on April 27 at 4 p.m.



Abigale McQuaid pitches for the Indians.



Madisyn Slattery sends the ball back to the infield.

Four-run fourth lifts Pioneers

PALMER – Last Tuesday morning, Pathfinder scored eight runs in the first four innings en route to an 8-5 win over visiting Putnam Vocational. Jesse Cygan had a 2-for-3 game with two doubles. Brayden Mega had a hit and two RBI in the game. The Pioneers are up to 5-2 this season.



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Tim Russell fires in a pitch during early action.



Trevor Millet readies to grab this pop up.



Catcher Jarett Skowyra runs down a Putnam player for the tag.



Tage Valliere gets ready to catch the out at second.



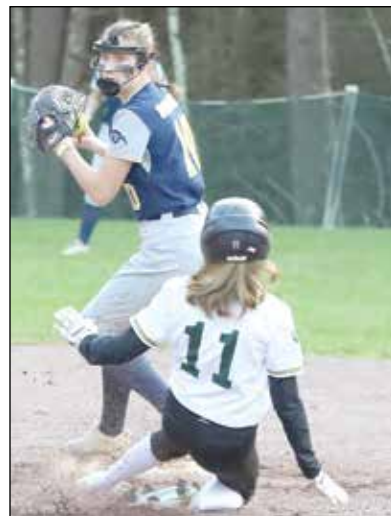
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Sean Bernier lunges for a low hit.

Panthers return to action

BARRE – After a vacation week with no game, Quabbin softball was back in action on Monday, April 24, facing Notre Dame Academy of Worcester. Notre Dame had a six-run fourth inning they used to ride to an 11-4 win at Quabbin. Abby Rogowski went the first four innings before giving way to Sydney Giorgi. Giorgi also went 3-for-3 with an RBI and two runs scored for the Panthers, who have yet to win this season. Quabbin scored three runs in the bottom of the first to take an early lead, but could not hold it.



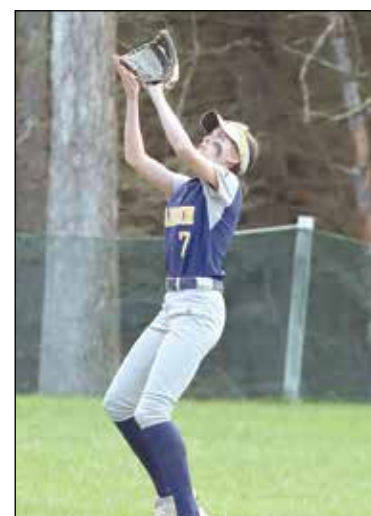
Anna Hautala makes the out at second.



Jordan Blanchard slides headfirst into home.



Brynn Adam stretches for a catcher to save a home run.



Abby Rogowski gets an easy out at first base.

Photos by Ray Duffy



Brayden Pratt eyes the field as he looks to pass.



Matt Murphy makes a great defensive move at goal.



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Brady St Martin looks to pass.

Monson Mustangs struggles continue

MONSON – Last Thursday afternoon, Monson High School boys lacrosse, which co-ops with Pathfinder Regional, fell against St. Mary's 10-5. The Mustangs have had a rough go so far this season, and have yet to win their first game. Monson hopes to rebound on Friday, April 28 against Smith Vocational.



Seth Mitchell is in control as he takes possession.

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Williams wins Icebreaker event

THOMPSON, CT — With the weather conditions cooperating one week later than expected, the 49th Icebreaker Weekend April 8 and 9 at Thompson Speedway successfully opened the 2023 New England racing season with plenty of heart-pounding thrills to set up the summer to come at the Big-T. The Thompson Outlaw Open Modified Icebreaker 125 came down to a stunning green-white-checker in one of the most spectacular open wheeled races in recent memory while winners in the Pro All Stars Series (PASS) Super Late Models and the Thompson local divisions proved themselves as the class of the field.

The 49th Icebreaker 125 included some of the Northeast's best Modified pilots ready to tackle the high-banks for the \$10,000 winner's share of the \$46,000 guaranteed purse. Keith Rocco and Matt Swanson brought the twenty-two-car field to green with Swanson getting the jump in the Gary Casella-owned #25.

Swanson would hang tough before a hard charging Ronnie Williams overtook the lead on lap 25 followed by Woody Pitkat and Chris Pasteryak as Swanson slid to fourth. Carl Medeiros Jr. brought out the first major caution on lap 55 with several mid-pack teams taking advantage and heading pit-side for adjustments.

Realigned side-by-side to return the field to green, Ronnie Williams got the jump on a slip-sliding Pitkat with Rocco coming around to steal second. While Williams, Pitkat and Rocco battled hard in the top-three, 2022 NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour champion Jon McKenney joined the top-five. McKenney would make it to third with Anthony Nocella also joining the top-five before Anthony Bello's spin on lap 72 would bring the first crucial caution. While all the top runners jumped pit side for fresh Hoosier Race Tires, Williams and McKenney elected to stay on the field to lead the impending restart. RJ Marcotte stole away the

lead from McKenney and Williams as the tire strategy helped Swanson and Nocella battle for second. Nocella would take the lead on lap 78 with Pitkat following and stretching out their lead before the caution flag flew on lap 107 as the engine expired on Teddy Hodgdon's machine. Nocella kept the lead while a four-way battle for second saw Pitkat, McKenney, Williams and Mike Christopher, Jr. toss and turn for position. Pitkat brought out the final caution on lap 123 after backing into the turn one wall to set up a green-white-checker between Nocella, Williams, McKenney, Christopher Jr. and Chris Pasteryak. Nocella gave it all he could, but Ronnie Williams rounded the long-standing leader to claim the \$10,000 49th Icebreaker 125 over Jon McKenney and Anthony Nocella. Mike Christopher Jr. brought the Baldwin Racing 7NY home in fourth and Todd Owen powered up to round out the top-five.

Run for Rice's 5K Road Race set for June 3

WILBRAHAM — The 11th annual "Run for Rice's 5K Road Race" will be held on Saturday, June 3 at 9 a.m. This popular, family-friendly 5K road race begins at Christ the King — Epiphany Church, 758 Main Street, Wilbraham, and winds through a flat, fast course in surrounding neighborhoods, ending at Rice Fruit Farm across the street from the start. Pre-registration fee for runners and walkers is \$20, while day-of-race registration is \$25. Ages 18 and under registration is \$15 including day-of registration. The first 150 registered runners by May 20 will receive our famous race t-shirt featuring the "Running Apple" logo, and all registered runners will receive a free Rice Fruit Farm ice cream with their bib number on day of race only. Cash prizes will be awarded in several categories, and all proceeds benefit the Rice Nature Preserve maintenance fund of the Minnechaug Land Trust. Race day registration will be open from 7:30 a.m. until 8:45 a.m. On-line registration now available at RunSignUp.com, and paper registration forms can be downloaded at the Minnechaug Land Trust website www.minnechauglandtrust.org.

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Athlete of the Month

KYLE GORDON
Ware High School

In a tough matchup on the road at Holyoke, Kyle Gordon would chip in four kills for Ware boys volleyball.

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Thunderbirds lose first game of playoff series

SPRINGFIELD — The Springfield Thunderbirds were unable to quell a ferocious Hartford Wolf Pack attack, as the visitors skated off with a 6-1 win on Wednesday night in Game 1 of the Atlantic Division First Round of the Calder Cup Playoffs inside the MassMutual Center.



Despite holding the home ice, the T-Birds did not get off to a flying start, and the Wolf Pack made Springfield pay for it just 3:37 into the contest. Tanner Fritz picked up a puck near the left-wing wall and slipped a pass through the slot to a waiting Lauri Pajuniemi on the right-wing side. Pajuniemi took care of the rest, lifting a wrist shot over Joel Hofer to give the visitors the opening goal of the series and a 1-0 lead.

Hartford continued to have the better of the offensive play all period, and Hofer was tasked with multiple stellar saves. Some of his best included a blocker-side denial on Pajuniemi in the slot, as well as a left-to-right pad save on a breaking Bobby Trivigno at the edge of the paint. Pajuniemi nearly extended the lead with a long flip shot that glanced off the crossbar with precious seconds remaining on the clock.

The second period was marred by Springfield mishaps, beginning with a

lapse in coverage following an unsuccessful power play. After serving a two-minute minor, Wolf Pack All-Star defenseman Zac Jones stepped out of the box and went back-hand-to-forehand to beat Hofer on a breakaway at 6:02 to make it 2-0.

Another Springfield power play generated more offense, but after Dylan Garand the Wolf Pack PK got the job done, Pajuniemi sneaked out of the box and got a breakaway of his own, beating Hofer on the stick side to make it 3-0. After nearly scoring at the end of the first, Hartford did get on the board at the tail end of the second, as defenseman Blake Hillman crashed the far post to tap home a feed behind Hofer to make it 4-0 with less than six seconds on the clock.

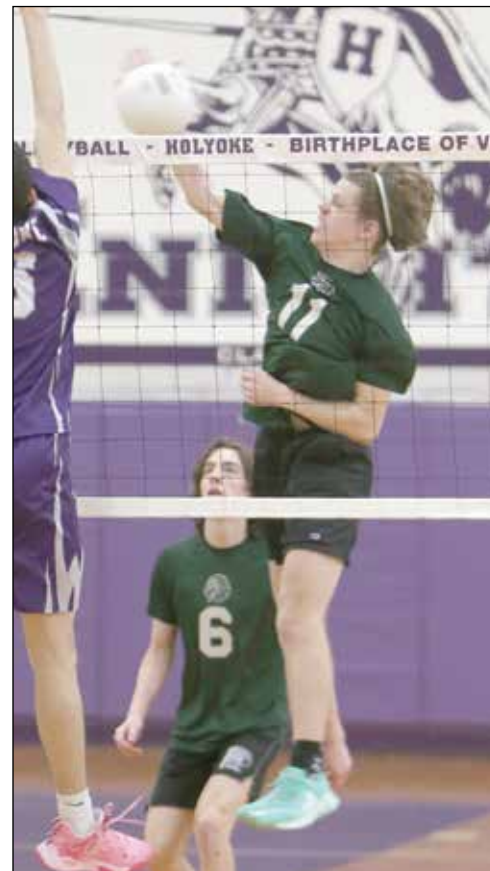
Things continued to come up roses for the Wolf Pack when Ryan Carpenter connected on a one-timer at point-blank range at the 3:42 marker of the third. Springfield finally broke up Garand's shutout bid when Adam Gaudette rifled a one-time power play slap shot to the upper corner at 11:44, but that's all the T-Birds would get on this night, as Ty Emberson added his third point and first goal of the night with an empty-netter in the final two minutes.



Joshua Mulligan squares up a bump.



Nathan Harmon extends to keep the ball in play.



Christopher Vadnais goes for a spike.

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Colon contributed with a match-high 22 digs. He also had 12 kills. The duo of Lopez and Colon combined for 28 of the Purple Knights 36 kills.

Lopez, along with senior Nelson Figueroa, junior Adrian Centeno-Feliciano, and Colon, played on the same club volleyball team during the offseason.

"Playing together on the same club team really helped us a lot," Lopez said. "Chemistry is a very important thing in volleyball. We're still getting used to playing with the newcomers."

The Indians are a young squad this spring. "We can play with just about any team on our schedule, but we're an inexperienced team" said Ware head coach Steve Jarvis. "We'll be playing well in a set, but then we'll make a mistake, and we stop playing well. We just need to learn to play hard throughout the entire match."

Junior Josh Mulligan had a team-high five kills for the Indians. Junior's Kyle Gordon and Remy Cahalan chipped in with four kills apiece. Freshman Sean Bernier, who's the Indians libero, had eight digs.

Cahalan is the only Ware player, who plays volleyball during the offseason.

"Holyoke has four or five players, who plays volleyball all year long, which makes a huge difference" said Jarvis, who also coaches at the club level. "Remy is the only player on my team that plays the sport year round."

The Purple Knights held a 9-4 lead in the opening set before the Indians battled back.

The run began with a kill by Cahalan. Then with senior Chris Vadnais handling the serving duties, the visiting team reeled off the next five points. A kill by sophomore Nathan Harmon tied the score at 9-9 before the Indians took the lead for the first and only time during the opening set following another thundering kill by Mulligan.

The score was tied several more times before Holyoke took a 16-13 lead following a Lopez kill.

The Purple Knights closed out the first set

with an 8-2 run.

Back-to-back aces by Centeno at the beginning of the second set capped off a 5-0 Holyoke run giving them a 5-1 advantage.

The Indians, who led 1-0, retook the lead at 8-7 following three consecutive aces by Cahalan.

Once again, Holyoke battled back and took the lead.

The Indians held the lead for the final time during the second set at 18-16.

Then a Lopez kill began a 5-0 spurt, which gave the Purple Knights a slim 21-18 advantage.

The score was tied for the final time at



Rydar Cahalan gets the tip over the net.



Kyle Gordon tries to slip the ball over for a point.

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Ware Police Log

During the week of April 18-24, the Ware Police Department responded to 22 miscellaneous calls, 39 administrative calls, seven traffic violations, 27 emergency 911 calls, two animal calls, one safety hazard, four harassments, one breaking and entering, one fraud/deception, one fire, two trespasses, two thefts/larcenies, two motor vehicle accidents and 13 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

Tuesday, April 18

10:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Anderson Road, Citation/Warning Issued
11:17 a.m. Safety Hazard, West Warren Road, Services Rendered
2:45 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Osborne Road, Dispatch Handled
2:59 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Pulaski Street, Dispatch Handled
5:19 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call East Street, Dispatch Handled
5:50 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Services Rendered

Wednesday, April 19

12:08 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, West Street, Advised
4:54 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Advised
8:58 p.m. Assault, Morse Avenue, Advised
11:10 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Highland Village, Advised

Thursday, April 20

2:18 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Monson Turnpike Road, Dispatch

Handled
1:24 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Old Poor Farm Road, Dispatch Handled
2:22 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Old Gilbertville Road, Dispatch Handled
4:22 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Church Street, Dispatch Handled
7:11 p.m. Breaking and Entering/Burglary, Highland Village, Assist Given
7:18 p.m. Structure Fire, Gilbert Court, Investigated

Friday, April 21

2:14 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Report Made
3:01 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, West Street, Advised
7 p.m. Theft/Larceny, West Street, Services Rendered
Summons: Gregory M. Giles, 48, Ware
Larceny Under \$1,200 by Single Scheme
Summons: Christine L. Wheeler, 48, Ware
Larceny Under \$1,200 by Single Scheme
7:57 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Advised
8 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Church Street, Services Rendered
9:44 p.m. DUI/Impaired, North Street, Arrest Made
Arrest: Angela L. Valle, 46, Ware
OUI-Liquor of .08%
9:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Arrest Made
Arrest: Angela L. Valle, 46,

Ware
OUI-Liquor or .08%
Arrest: Mark Martinez, 47, Southbridge
Disorderly Conduct

Saturday, April 22

5:40 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Prospect Street, Dispatch Handled
11:10 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Walker Road, Dispatch Handled
4:25 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Ragged Hill Road, Dispatch Handled
4:52 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Dispatch Handled
7:02 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Maple Avenue, Services Rendered
8:07 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Maple Street, Dispatch Handled

Sunday, April 23

11:08 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Dispatch Handled
2:10 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, High Street, Dispatch Handled
2:36 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Investigated
5:55 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Highland Village, Investigated
8 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Investigated

Monday, April 24

3:42 p.m. DUI/Impaired, Palmer Road, Investigated
5:23 p.m. Fraud/Deception, North Street, Advised
9:06 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Fisherdick Road, Advised

Hardwick Police Log

During the weeks of April 10-24, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 74 building/property checks, 54 directed/area patrols, 12 traffic controls, 33 emergency 911 calls, 19 radar assignments, 10 citizen assists, two assist other agencies, 10 complaints, two investigations, one threat, one brush fire, five animal calls and seven motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, April 10

11:03 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Lower Road, Transported to Hospital
11:50 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, North Road, Dispatch Handled
7:27 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Barre Road, Negative Contact

Tuesday, April 11

12:58 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital
11:33 a.m. Complaint, Main Street, No Action Required
3:20 p.m. 911 Assist Citizen, Shore Road, Services Rendered
4:15 p.m. Threat, Mill Street, Spoken To
4:23 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled
8:05 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Spoken To

Wednesday, April 12

5:29 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Maple Street, Transported to Hospital
8:41 a.m. Assist Citizen, Lower Road, Officer Handled
9:04 a.m. 911 Misdial, Upper Church Street, Officer Handled
11:09 a.m. 911 Animal Call, Main Street, Report Taken
11:47 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital
12:07 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Wheelwright Bank, Gone on Arrival
6:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

Thursday, April 13

10:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning
4:25 p.m. 911 Fire/Brush, Breen Road, Extinguished
5:17 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
6:31 p.m. 911 Complaint, Main Street, Officer Handled

Friday, April 14

5:24 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Out of Town, Negative Contact
8:50 p.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Services Rendered
9:36 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Services Rendered
11:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Bridge Street, Investigated

Saturday, April 15

4:59 p.m. Assist Citizen, Bridge Street, Spoken To
9:33 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Services Rendered

Sunday, April 16

10:23 a.m. Assist Citizen, Bridge Court, Negative Contact
2:29 p.m. Fire Alarm, Barre Road, Investigated
3:18 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled

Monday, April 17

12:21 p.m. Complaint, Lower Road, Officer Handled

Tuesday, April 18

6:40 a.m. Safety Hazard, Lower Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
7:03 p.m. 911 Misdial, North Street, Officer Handled

Wednesday, April 19

11:20 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital
11:48 a.m. 911 Assault, Lower Road, Report Taken
3:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Summons Issued

Thursday, April 20

10:14 a.m. 911 Suspicious Activity, Church Lane, Spoken To
11:53 a.m. 911 Misdial, Old Petersham Road, Spoken To
3:36 p.m. Medical Emergency, Charity Hill Road, Services Rendered
6:58 p.m. Assist Citizen, Creamery Road, Services Rendered
8:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Barre Road, Investigated

Friday, April 21

3:11 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital
8 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Railroad Lane, Transported to Hospital
8:50 a.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Services Rendered
4:12 p.m. Safety Hazard, Czesky Road, Officer Handled
5:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Barre Road, Investigated
5:38 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Petersham Road, Spoken To
6:59 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Barre Road, Negative Contact
8:09 p.m. Complaint, Main Street, Officer Handled

Saturday, April 22

11:09 a.m. 911 Misdial, High Street, Investigated
4:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Vehicle Towed
6:24 p.m. Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered
10:02 p.m. Complaint, Petersham Road, Officer Handled
11:13 p.m. Complaint, Thresher Road, Spoken To

Sunday, April 23

11:15 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Shunpike Road, Checked/Secured
12:40 p.m. Fire Alarm, Prospect Street, Investigated
7:29 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Prospect Street, Spoken To

Warren Police Log

During the week of April 2-9, the Warren Police Department responded to 55 building/property checks, 115 community policing, 26 traffic enforcements, 15 radar assignments, 10 emergency 911 calls, one structure fire, one identity theft, two threats, one fire/illegal burn, one theft/larceny, two animal calls and 68 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

Sunday, April 2

12:25 p.m. Structure Fire, Washington Street, Fire Extinguished
4:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
7:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
8:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning
8:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning
9:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Street, Written Warning
10:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old West Warren Road, Written Warning

Monday, April 3

12:20 a.m. Falls, Mechanic Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
4:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
5:24 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Mechanic Street, Transported to Hospital
7:20 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old West Brookfield Road, Written Warning
7:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old West Brookfield Road, Written Warning
8:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning
8:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Crouch Road, Report Filed
Summons: Corey A. Szczebak, 44, Wales
License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With
12:15 p.m. Larceny/Theft, Winthrop Terrace, Report Filed
4:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brimfield Road, Written Warning
4:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brimfield Road, Written Warning
5:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brimfield Road, Written Warning
5:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pulaski Street, Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: James W. Hasselman Jr., 35, Warren
Unsafe Operation of Motor Vehicle; License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With;

Fugitive from Justice on Court Warrant
8:47 p.m. Tachycardia and Dizziness, Bemis Road, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, April 4

7:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road Extension, Written Warning
8:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road Extension, Written Warning
11:36 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, North Street, Citation Issued
11:41 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, North Street, Citation Issued
11:46 a.m. Identity Theft, Crouch Road, Message Delivered
12:25 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, Washington Street, Citation Issued
12:28 p.m. Confiscated/Seized Property, Milton O. Fountain Way, Services Rendered
Summons: David B. Young, 52, Warren
Firearm Without FID Card, Posses (Ruger 22); Firearm Without FID Card, Posses (Ruger 45); Firearm, Store Improper (Ruger 22); Firearm, Store Improper (Ruger 45); Ammunition Without FID Card, Posses
6:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
8:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
9:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
9:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Wednesday, April 5

2:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Thursday, April 6

6:20 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation Issued
7:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
7:48 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
7:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
2:28 p.m. Animal/ACO Call, Reed Street, Report Filed
3:52 p.m. Falls, Old West Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital

Friday, April 7

11:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning
12:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle

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count, to determine if the water is safe for recreational activities.

“Sampling for bacteria is a simple way to do that,” he said. “This helps river users know water is safe.”

If bacteria counts are high, this speaks to the health of the river, and possible areas of concern.

“If you want to enjoy the rivers, you want to know it’s healthy,” Davies said.

Three out of four Americans participate in outdoor recreation each year, Davies said, and paddle sports are among the fastest growing segments of the industry.

“More people go fishing each year than go to Disney World,” Davies said.

Samples are collected at the sites twice a month on Thursday mornings, June through September. These sites are paddling access points along the Blue Trails

A Blue Trail is just like a hiking trail, but for paddlers, Davies said.

“We’re used to trails in the woods, in this case, the river is the path,” he said.

Blue Trails

The Blue Trails cover 34 miles and are broken up into four sections, the Upper Ware River, Lower Ware River, Upper Quaboag River and Upper Chicopee River.

Most of the Blue Trails are on calm water, except for a section of the Upper Ware River Blue Trail where there is whitewater. This section starts at the Ware River Park access in Gilbertville and continues for three miles to the Church Street access.

The Ware River Park access was added to the Blue Trail last year after Davies approached the town of Hardwick about putting one upstream from the existing access at New Furnace.

“It reignited their park project,” Davies said.

Now Ware River Park has two access points for paddlers, a kiosk with Blue Trails map, more park-

ing, and a nearly finished segment of rail trail, with more improvements planned.

C4R created another new access point on the Upper Ware River Blue Trail, along the newest section of Mass Central Rail Trail managed by the East Quabbin Land Trust on Church Street in Ware.

“It didn’t exist before, and will now be available to people,” Davies said.

Further down the Ware River, a new kiosk with Blue Trail sign was added at the Banas Farm access off Robbins Road.

Davies described it as a “rustic” launch, which runs to the Bennet Street Bridge Abutments access behind Forest Lake.

Restoration

In addition to bacteria monitoring and expansion of the Blue Trails, C4R also works to remove invasive water chestnut plants.

These aquatic plants need to be pulled from the water by hand regularly a few times a year to limit their growth.

The next water chestnut pulls will be held at Oxford Marsh in Chicopee on Saturday, June 24 at 9 a.m. (rain date June 25 at 1 p.m.); Saturday, July 15 at 9 a.m. (rain date Sunday, July 16 at 1 p.m.); Saturday, Aug. 12 at 9 a.m. (rain date Sunday, Aug. 13 at 1 p.m.); with a final pull in late August.

Water chestnut pulls will also begin at the Red Bridge access sometime in mid-June.

Other restoration work C4R takes part in are general cleanups to remove litter and debris.

Going forward in 2023

“Volunteers are always great to have,” Davies said, adding that C4R needs a core team of people to continue moving forward.

“Sampling and trail work wouldn’t be possible without volunteers,” he said.

C4R is also hosting fun and educational events to bring more attention to the rivers, including a

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Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning
12:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Southbridge Road, Criminal Complaint
Summons: Vicente E. Acevedo, 35, Southbridge
Speeding; License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With, Subsequent Offense
3:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Criminal Complaint
Summons: Donald E. Wheeler, 58, Ware
Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Unregistered Motor Vehicle

Saturday, April 8

9:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Boston Post Road, Written Warning
11:58 a.m. Threats, South Street, Report Filed
3:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
5:17 p.m. Threats, Winthrop Terrace, Report Filed
5:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
6:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
6:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
6:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
7:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, All Town, Citation Issued
7:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
8 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
8:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
11:11 p.m. Fire/Illegal Burn, Yankee Drummer Drive, Report Filed

poetry and photo contest held over the summer.

The theme of the Haiku & Picture Contest is “Our Local Rivers,” with entries accepted beginning June 1. Deadline for submissions is Sept. 18.

People can capture a Haiku moment or an image of a river or tributary in the C4R watershed. There is a limit of three Haiku poems per entry; preferably original, unpublished work.

Photos should be 5 by 7-inch copies or jpeg format.

Poems and photos need to capture a sense of the local rivers or watershed, and a river or tributary in the C4R watershed should be the focus.

Electronic Haiku copies should be sent as a Microsoft Word document, and paper submission should have two copies, one with the author’s name and one without.

Categories include youth under 18 and adults. Please note your age on the submission.

Winners will be announced at C4R’s annual summit in early November.

How to help

People can also help support the work of C4R by becoming a member.

Memberships and donations help C4R with resources for basic operations, including preparing events, creating and maintaining Blue Trails, collecting samples, writing reports and performing community outreach.

C4R has established a nonprofit relationship with the Connecticut River Conservancy, which holds and manages C4R funds for tax exempt purposes for all donors who want this coverage.

To become a member, visit c4rivers.org and click on “Membership – Join/Support C4R.”

For more information or to get involved, visit c4rivers.org, email chicopeewatershed@gmail.com or find Chicopee4Rivers on Facebook.

Baystate offers free men’s health day April 29

SPRINGFIELD – It’s Men’s Health Awareness Day at Baystate Mason Square Neighborhood Health Center, 11 Wilbraham Road, on Saturday, April 29, designed to put men in-the-know about their current health and how they can lead a healthier lifestyle.

Two-thirds of men avoid booking appointments with their primary care provider, and when they finally do see their doctor, they often keep important health information to themselves because they are afraid what their symptoms might reveal.

The free educational and informational event held from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. will feature free blood pressure, diabetes and prostate cancer screenings, tobacco cessation tips, music and more.

“We invite you to join your brothers and peers to learn more about staying healthy for yourself, your family, and your community. We want to make this the first of a series of events, and ask your input on what is important to you and the community,” said Dr. Andrew Balder of Baystate Mason Square Neighborhood

Health Center in a press release.

Men’s Health Awareness Day is presented by Baystate Health and Baystate Mason Square Neighborhood Health Center & Community Advisory Board in partnership with UMass Amherst Center for Community Health Equity Research, Men of Color Health Awareness and Holy Trinity C.O.G.I.C.

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WARREN PARKS & RECREATION DEPT. is accepting applications for seasonal positions of Summer Recreation Supervisor/ Summer Recreation Counselor and Lifeguards. Job description and applications available at www.warren-ma.gov or Town Clerk's Office, Charles E. Shepard Bld., 48 High Street, Warren, MA. Mail applications to Warren Parks & Rec., P.O. Box 609, Warren, MA 01083. Deadline: June 1, 2023. Town of Warren is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Ware Conservation Commission LEGAL NOTICE

The Ware Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 6:30 PM** pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. 131 c40. The hearing will include consideration of a **Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)** by Deborah L. Poppel for felling and removing two large white pine trees, one of which is leaning and rotting, and the other, also leaning with a large leader threatening to fall onto roof of nearby workshop/shed on an otherwise empty lot at 79 Beaver Road, Ware, MA. Said hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082. To view application and related plans, contact the Conservation office at 413-967-9648.

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 4, Section 13, a copy of this legal notice can be found on the

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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

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.

WARREN PLANNING BOARD
Rick Starodj, 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 RMTPT 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.

By its Attorneys, Demerle Hoeger LLP
10 City Square,
4th Floor
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04/20, 04/27, 05/04/2023

Present holder of said mortgage, U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for RMTPT Trust, Series 2021 Cottage-TT-V, Present holder of said mortgage, By its Attorneys, Demerle Hoeger LLP
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To wit:
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APN: WARE-000061-000000-000127

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.

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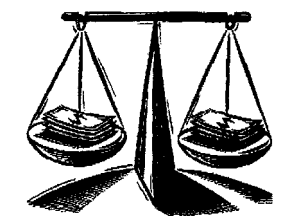
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Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for RMTPT Trust, Series 2021 Cottage-TT-V, Present holder of said mortgage,

By its Attorneys, Demerle Hoeger LLP
10 City Square,
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"There's no public transportation, no public housing, or you're a senior living in a housing authority. There's one bank and two stop lights in three towns. If they want to grocery shop, it's 11 miles one direction or 12 the other," she said. "I'm fighting every day to keep it going."

Government assistance, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, can offer relief for people on fixed or low incomes, but many are unaware if they qualify or not.

The amount of SNAP benefits people receive each month has fluctuated greatly since the start of the pandemic as well, making it difficult to rely on.

One issue, Smith said, was giving too many SNAP benefits during COVID.

"It's a yo-yo," Smith said. "They cut it back so far [after COVID] that it's less than they were getting pre-COVID."

With the cost of groceries and other necessary items going up, along with the cost of utilities and medicine, seniors especially can't afford to meet their basic needs.

"They're living on what I'm giving them," Smith said. "The food pantry is supposed to supplement what they can't afford to buy. Now they rely on me...I've basically become their entire food budget and that's sad."

Smith shared some ways she has pushed back against this rising need in her towns, by contacting legislators, and also organizing a

growing program with the local school along with a canned soup drive.

High school students grow plants in greenhouses and then give them out to bring home and plant. Whatever that plant produces, the grower gives to the food pantry.

"We get a lot of fruits and vegetables all summer long with that program," Smith said.

Smith has also sent postcards to legislators, advocating for change.

Group members also looked at creating connections between food sources and building a volunteer base in the coming years.

"We should have a good picture of what is available now," Council member and Senior Outreach Program Coordinator with the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation Carol Zins said.

Members also talked about hosting cooking classes that focus on creating healthy and affordable meals, as well as increasing community dinners, similar to the Knights of Columbus's monthly meal delivery program.

The nutritional and food needs will need to be understood, as well as the barriers preventing people from access.

Farmers markets are another way to bring fresh food directly to residents.

For the mission statement, Coderre asked the members why the Council exists, who will it serve and how it will serve them.

Gramarossa said this is the first time this kind of group has been

organized in the Quaboag Valley and she saw it as an opportunity to speak for the needs of the region.

"This is a chance to represent this often-overlooked area," she said. "They [the Council] can be the voice."

The focus of the mission would be to connect people to existing resources, access to healthy food, share best practices among food pantries and improve on what already works.

"We have both the urgent needs, as well as some longer term improvements to work on," Gramarossa said.

The next hybrid meeting of the QVFPC will be held on Wednesday, May 10 from 9-10 a.m. at E2E, 79 Main St., with Zoom access available.

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

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

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

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QUABOAG REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT Warren - West Brookfield, Massachusetts Worcester ss:

To the District Secretary: In the name of the Quaboag Regional School District and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Towns of Warren and West Brookfield, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in their respective precincts. (Warren - Precinct A at Charles E. Shepard Municipal Building on 48 High Street in Warren and Precinct B at the Senior Center on 2252 Main Street, West Warren; West Brookfield - Senior Center on 73 Central Street) in said Warren on the second day of May 2023, at eight o'clock in the forenoon; and in said West Brookfield on the second day of May, 2023, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, and then and there to elect by ballot four members of the Quaboag Regional School District. Polls in Warren will open at eight o'clock a.m.

and will close at eight o'clock p.m. Polls in West Brookfield will open at eight o'clock a.m. and will close at eight o'clock p.m. Members of the Quaboag Regional District School Committee are elected at a district-wide election with residency requirements. The two candidates from Warren and the two candidates from West Brookfield seeking election to three-year terms of office with the greatest number of accumulated votes will be deemed elected to three year terms.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Precincts in the Town of Warren, one copy at the Charles E. Shepard Municipal building, one copy at the Senior Center in West Warren; and in the Town of West Brookfield at the Town Hall building, seven days before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not to make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Office of the Superintendent of Schools of the Quaboag Regional School District. Given under our hands

this 3rd day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three. Signed: A Majority of the Membership of the Quaboag Regional School District Committee 04/27/2023

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

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

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

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The Visitor Center will now be called the Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center, and it will be dedicated in their memory at a ceremony on Sunday, June 4 at 1 p.m.

This honor comes two years after Les' death in 2020 at the age of 95. His wife Terry, died in 2007 at the age of 66.

"We've been working on this for two years," said Paul Godfrey, board member of the Friends of Quabbin, Inc., a nonprofit organization with over 300 members across the country.

Godfrey said the Friends, along with Pioneer Valley Photographic Artists and Quabbin Photo Group (photography clubs started by Les), contacted state representatives and senators to help them create a bill to rename the Visitor Center. Both state Sen. Anne Gobi and state Rep. Susannah Whipps were instrumental in bringing this to reality.

"They both pushed to get this through," Godfrey said.

As the end of the session neared, the groups were uncertain if their bill would become a law in time, especially as the world was dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.

On Dec. 28, 2022, the bill became law when Governor Charlie Baker put his signature on it.

It seems only natural to name the Visitor Center after the Campbells, as they both had a prominent role in making it what it is today.

Les was born in Ware and spent most of his life in Belchertown.

His involvement with the Quabbin Reservoir began when he was still in high school, and started working for the Metropolitan District Water Supply Commission in 1944 as a laborer.

After he graduated from Ware High School, Les became a Junior Civil Engineer.

He later went on to work in the Water Quality Laboratory upstairs in the Quabbin Administration Building where he stayed for 44 years, retiring in 1988.

Les was also an award-winning photographer, becoming nationally and internationally known for his wildlife photography.

"His photography came from his love of birds," said Anne Ely, board member of the Friends and member of both the PVPA and Quabbin Photo Group.

Ely spoke about how Les would welcome photographers to his home and taught classes on how to matte and frame their photographs.

"There's a number of photographers in the Valley that now frame their work because Les taught that class," she said. "He'd help any photographer," Godfrey added.

Les was also a pioneer in photography techniques including the innovative use of flash. He also developed lap dissolve multiprojector slide presentations.

"He had an international road show set to music," said Mark Lindhult. This show included the use of 12 projectors.

Lindhult is also a board member of the Friends group and a member of the photography clubs, and he remembered how warm and welcoming Les was to club members.

"The notion of a 'friendly critique'... it's really pervaded both photography groups," he said.

Ely and Lindhult said that while Les was responsible for many slide and photographic advancements, he never patented his work.

Ely said Les brought photography groups to the Quabbin Reservoir from all over the country, and he was instrumental in bringing the New England Camera Club Council to the University

of Massachusetts in Amherst.

"He was very giving, his house was always open," she said.

Godfrey said Les was involved with the master plan committee at MDC in 1975 and he proposed the creation of the Visitor Center, which didn't immediately come to fruition.

By the 1980s, his proposal had piqued the interest of MDC Commissioner William Geary and state Sen. Robert Wetmore.

"They liked the idea and between the two of them, they made it real," Godfrey said.

Les and Terry then formed the Friends group, comprised of a diverse group of people from around the region.

Terry quickly moved into the volunteer position of keeping the Visitor Center manned by a staff of Friends group volunteers for several years until she was hired as a Program Coordinator in 1988.

Terry started holding Tuesday Teas, a gathering for those displaced by the reservoir to talk about their feelings and get to know each other as they would have if they still lived in their original towns.

Tuesday Teas continue to be held the first Tuesday of each month at the Visitor Center.

Les amassed a large collection of photos taken of the towns lost to the Quabbin Reservoir, and he made stunning triptychs which are displayed in the Visitor Center.

These triptychs show views of the same place over time in a three-photo series, starting with photos taken by engineers before and during the construction of the reservoir, followed by a recent photo taken by Les.

"Everywhere you look, there's a Les or Terry touch," Godfrey said, gesturing around the Visitor Center.

Both Les and Terry were passionate about educating people about the Quabbin Reservoir, Godfrey said.

"There's so much more here than just water," he said.

The dedication ceremony will be held at the Visitor Center, 485 Ware Road, on Sunday, June 4 at 1 p.m. There will be guest speakers and refreshments.

A former student of Les' will be videotaping the ceremony.

Those wishing to attend need to register by May 12.

People can register by visiting https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/8813b059a7d6416dad1cf461453a55c1, calling the Visitor Center at 413-323-7221, emailing godfrey@umass.edu or mailing Paul Godfrey, 47 Harkness Road, Pelham, MA 01002.

When calling, emailing or mailing, please include your name, address, phone number, email, number of guests joining you, as well as any special needs you or your guests may have.

About Friends of Quabbin, Inc.

The Friends of Quabbin, Inc. is a nonprofit volunteer organization dedicated to protecting and enhancing public enjoyment and appreciation of the unique natural and historical resources of the Quabbin Reservation.

Through annual membership dues and donations, the Friends are able to continue this work, as well as preserve key pieces of the landscape, including the Keystone Bridge in New Salem. The stone bridge has suffered damage and needs extensive repairs in order to be enjoyed for generations to come.

Donation forms are available on foquabbin.org and can be mailed along with checks made payable to "Friends of Quabbin, Inc" to Friends of Quabbin, Inc., 485 Ware Road, Belchertown, MA 01007.

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