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Blessing of the Swords

Holy mass held at St. Mary's Church

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WARE – This past Sunday, history was made for Massachusetts Knights of Columbus members during a noon mass at St. Mary's Church.

For the first time ever, a Procession of Masters of the Fourth Degree and "Blessing of the Swords" were held together, followed by a luncheon with Honor Guard Certifications.

The Fourth Degree is the highest degree a member of the Knights of Columbus can reach, and its focus is on patriotism and love of country. The Fourth Degree was approved in 1900 and as of 2012, there were 327,415 Fourth Degree Knights.

Representing 10 Knights of Columbus assemblies, 54 members of the Honor Guard lined the center aisle of the sanctuary to have District Friar Rev. Piotr Pawlus,



(Turley Publications Photo by Paula Ouimette)

Please see **SWORDS**, page 6 Rev. Piotr Pawlus blesses a sword with holy water.

Motion to rescind previous town meeting vote fails

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WARE – Annual town meeting this year saw several articles on the warrant brought forward by petitions.

On Monday night, the majority of 150 voters approved Article 23, which would allow the Police Department to hire current part-time Officer Eric Robert Esteves to the Department full-time.

Esteves has surpassed the 32-year age limit required by the Civil Service. With the passage of this article, the Selectboard can petition for a Special Act of Legislation from the state which would allow Esteves to be exempt from the age requirement.

Fire Commissioners

Article 26 was brought forward by members of the Fire Department, asking voters to rescind a town meeting vote from June 22, 2022, which authorized the Selectboard to petition for a Special Act of Legislation allowing the Board to serve as Fire Commissioners.

As Fire Commissioners, the

Selectboard would have sole authority to hire and promote all firefighters in town, while the Fire Chief would retain all other powers, duties and responsibilities.

The Fire Commissioners would still hear recommendations from the Fire Chief on hiring and promotions.

One resident asked the Selectboard what experience the members had as Fire Commissioners, to which Vice-Chair Josh Kusnierz replied, "none."

Town Manager Stuart Beckley said the process for what the Fire Department does won't change if the Selectboard acts as Fire Commissioners.

Some residents agreed that voters should respect the decision made at town meeting in 2020 and that it's not unusual for the Selectboard to supervise and have oversight over departments.

Town Counsel Nicole Costanzo of KP Law said her opinion is that even if voters rescinded the vote taken in 2020, it wouldn't undo the legislation.

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(Turley Publications Photo by Paula Ouimette)

Hardwick Elementary School fifth grader Maggie Ward shows her award-winning poster with art teacher Tammra Cook. Ward placed third in the commonwealth for the 2023 Massachusetts Arbor Day poster contest.

Maggie Ward earns third place in Arbor Day poster contest

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HARDWICK – Hardwick Elementary School fifth grader Maggie Ward was recently recognized for her artistic ability when she was named the third-place winner of the 2023 Massachusetts Arbor Day Poster Contest.

Ward will soon be honored alongside other winners at a ceremony at the first-place winner's school in Mattapoisett.

When asked how she felt about

being named the third-place winner out of all schools from across the commonwealth, Ward said she wasn't expecting it.

"I'm kind of surprised," Ward said. "I hadn't felt very confident about myself."

But Ward knows exactly why contest judges chose her work.

"It's because I worked so hard," she said. "To make a tree, I got a shape and I added on to it...I added a bright sun. I took up my free time to work on it every day."

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Students make their move at chess club

By Dallas Gagnon
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WARE – At Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School, the library is more than just a place to study and read, but also a place of learning, engagement and even playing chess.

In February, paraprofessional Mary Durr launched SMK's first ever chess club.

Durr said the club has seen a "really good turn out," with about 16 participants and about 80% present every week.

After retiring from Boston College and coming on board at the elementary school, Durr said she wanted to support a chess club and was surprised the school hadn't already had one.

After speaking with Principal Pamela Iwasinski, Durr said she was given the "OK" to establish the club and within a month of coming on board she had started the program.



Third grader Jamie Zolendziewski and second grader Lucas Boulrice face off in a game of chess.

(Turley Publications Photo by Dallas Gagnon)

"What we really want them [students] to learn is - you don't lose a game. You learn a game, or you win a game," said Durr.

While many children said they enjoyed learning chess because "it's fun," second grader Lucas Boulrice said his favorite part is capturing his

opponents' pieces.
Third grader Jamie

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Warren welcomes two more Jr. Firefighters

By Haileigh Swistak
Student Intern

WARREN – Last Thursday evening, the two newest Junior Firefighters were sworn in at the Shepard Municipal Building by Town Clerk Laura Stockley.

Bryce Douglas and Grayson Patchkofsky are both juniors at Quaboag Regional High School and are taking the Intro to Fire and EMS class. They were accompanied by their families and Assistant Principal David Shepherd.

When asked why they chose this line of work to pursue, Patchkofsky said that it had "always been a dream" of his since he was a kid and Douglas shared that he heard about the program from his brother.

Fire Chief Adam Lavoie, who was accompanied by Firefighter/EMT Shawn Boulette, Firefighter/Paramedic Matthew Bonneau, and Lieutenant/EMT P.J. Russell, shared how grateful he is to be able to participate in this Junior Firefighter program.

State Rep. Todd Smola,

who has given \$10,000 to the Department to invest in equipment, also came to watch Douglas and Patchkofsky be sworn in.

These young men will become official Firefighters when they are 18 years old and will then go to the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy.

(Turley Publications Photo by Paula Ouimette)

Bryce Douglas, left, and Grayson Patchkofsky were sworn in as Junior Firefighters on May 4.



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Phlebotomy class gets hands-on training

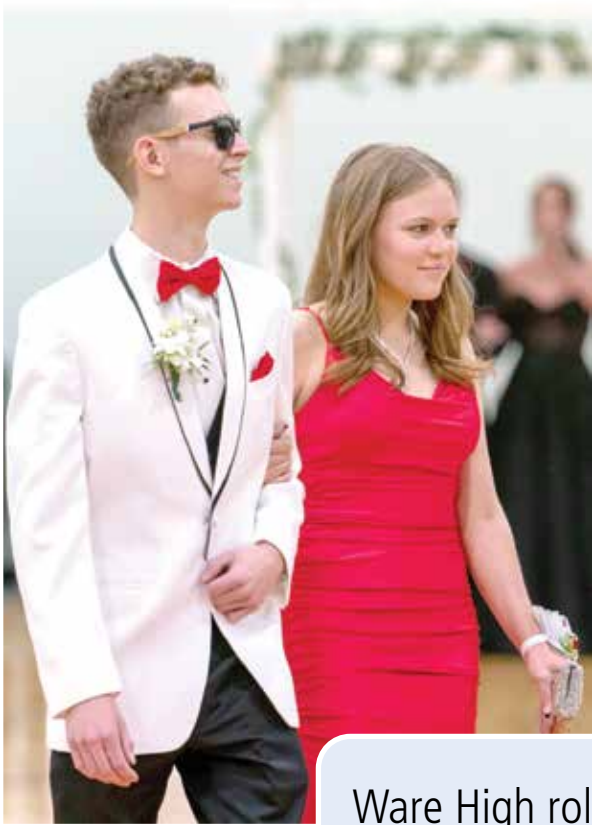
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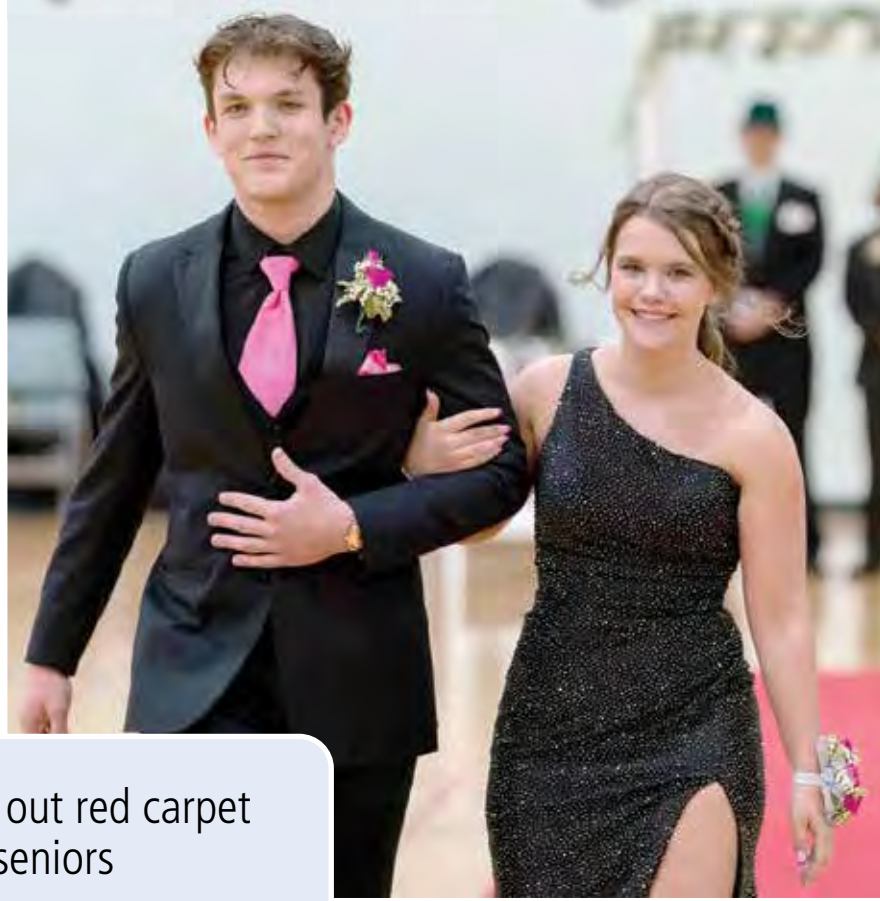


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Time to promenade



Ethan Flamand and Carlee Rich walk the red carpet at Ware Jr./Sr. High School's promenade last Thursday.



(Courtesy Photos by Michael Brown) Noah Fales and Rachel Desjardins walk together during the promenade.

Ware High rolls out red carpet for juniors and seniors

WARE – Ware High School juniors and seniors continued the time-honored tradition of having a promenade in the gym before heading off to their prom, this year held at Hardwick Crossing.

Each pair, and sometimes trio, paused under the arbor before heading down the red carpet to show off their formal wear to family and friends.



Majka Lagimoniere and Talan Molina wore matching blue.

LEFT: Savannah Brown and Chenille Brown pump up the crowd.



Jacob Witt and Tyler Bonilla channel their inner Blues Brothers.



Jacob Reyes and Xavier Lagimoniere walk in style.

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.

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

(File Photo) Last week's photo from 1992 showed Laura Williams and Eric Styles getting ready to launch their balloons at the St. Mary's School May Fair.



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 15

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

Tuesday, May 16

9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing
9-10 a.m. Council on Aging meeting
9:30 a.m. Quilting Club
10 a.m. Scat
11:30 a.m. Lunch
1-2 p.m. Mobile Food Pantry at Grenville Park
5:30 p.m. Scrapbook Class
6 p.m. Pitch (doors open at 5 p.m.)

Wednesday, May 17

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

Thursday, May 18

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
1 p.m. Knit-Crochet-Laugh
2:30 p.m. Art Class

Friday, May 19

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.)

LUNCHESS – DINE IN

All Meals \$3.50 unless Otherwise Noted

Monday, May 15

Stuffed Shells, Chef Salad, Dessert of the Day

Tuesday, May 16

Birthday Party
Chicken Marsala with Mushroom Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Veggie of the Day, Dessert and Entertainment *Courtesy of the Friends of the Ware Seniors Inc.

Wednesday, May 17

Pizza Burger with Toppings, Onion Rings, Dessert of the Day

Thursday, May 18

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

Friday, May 19

Cold Plate
Egg, Chicken, Tuna Salad, Dessert of the Day

Lotto calendar winners announced

WARE – Patricia Skutnik, president of Friends of Ware Town Hall, recently announced the winners of the group's second annual Lotto Calendar fundraiser in a press release.

"We are so thankful to all who purchased or sold calendars for us. Their support has been tremendous," she said.

Skutnik went on to say that these calendars are a fun fundraiser for the group. "People were happy to buy one or more, it's really a win-win. Winner's names go right back into the drawing, and, in fact, we actually had three duplicate winners this year."

Winners names are as follows: Kathy Delanski, Jamie Fitzgibbon, Barbara Seymour, Rick Verhaegen, Drew LaValley, Polli McCrystal, Todd Lavallee, Francis Skutnik, Nina

McManaman, Florence Bolduc, Allison Pierce, Carol Gancorz, Tim Midura, Haley Hewitt, Rachel Mace, Kim Mulligan, Cindy Gravel, Jolene St. Onge, Lorraine Shannon, Andrew Norton, Michael Balicki, Theresa Mongeau, Jamie Fitzgibbon, Francis Skutnik, Don Desjardins, Eileen Chevrette, Don Holcomb, Michael Balicki, Shauna Collette and Jessica Rohan.

"It was fun to call the winners," Skutnik said, "We plan on doing this again next year."

Skutnik said, "Our goal is to restore the beautiful wood floor in the great hall, and we hope to be able to do that in the near future. The walls have been painted, the bells have been repaired, the bricks have been repointed, and we feel this is the next step."

Anyone wishing to donate to the group can mail a donation to Friends of Ware Town Hall, P.O. Box 692, Ware, MA 01082.

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Grade 9.....5 Seats
Grade 10.....5 Seats
Grade 11.....5 Seats
Grade 12.....5 Seats

Applications for School Choice may be obtained online at www.palmerschools.org or by contacting the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, 4107 Main Street, Palmer, Massachusetts 01069, (413) 283-2650.

The fully completed application must then be returned to the Superintendent's Office. Deadline to submit applications is August 1, 2023.

Students will be selected on a random basis by a lottery process pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 76, Section 12B, Paragraph J. A sibling of a child currently attending Palmer Public Schools under the School Choice Program will receive preference in the admissions lottery. Parents will be notified in writing of the lottery results.

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CHECK MATE!



Third grader Charlotte Hough and second grader Dayvon Thibodeau smile as they prepare to solve a chess puzzle and play against one another.



Resources for children to better understand the game are posted around the library.

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Zolendziewski said she likes “that you can learn new things.”

Zolendziewski said she practices at home with her sister and mom, though she is still teaching mom.

“It’s a game of real strategy,” said Durr.

Durr said the children are tasked with solving different problems each week and rotate opponents.

Zolendziewski said changing partners every week is challenging because “you don’t know what moves they are going to do” and she does “a lot of the same moves” in each game.

Third grader Charlotte Hough said she “really” enjoys chess because she’s “learned something new.”

Third grader Savannah Lee said playing chess is fun “because it’s challenging.”

Lee said she also practices with her mom and has improved so much that she beat a relative she believes is a “chess expert.”

Durr credited Tracy and Paul Opalinski for their generous donation to help make the club possible.

Durr said she had spoken to Tracy at an event and mentioned potentially establishing the chess club “and almost immediately” Tracy said it was a cause she was interested in supporting.

The donation supplied the chess boards and pieces for all 8 groups.

Durr also credited volunteers Paige Cahalan, Kevin O’Regan and Chris Murphy for taking the time to help the children learn a new skill and supervise the games.

Since the children are still learning and chess is a complex game, Durr said it is easy to do “illegal moves” without realizing certain moves aren’t correct.

“We could use more volunteers...It couldn’t happen without the volunteers,” said Durr.

If you would like to volunteer to help kids learn to play chess or supervise games, contact Mary Durr at mdurr@ware.k12.ma.us.



(Turley Publications Photos by Dallas Gagnon)

Shown is second grade Lillian Kaczuwka and third grader Nola Duquette



Students prepare for a chess match.



Third graders Emma Bonnayer and Ysabella Piche face off this week.



Third graders Zoey Crutchfield and Savannah Lee are shown by their board.



Second graders Isabella Budny and Charlotte Johnson getting ready to solve this week’s chess problem.



Knights prepare for the mass.

(Turley Publications Photos by Paula Ouimette)

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the Church’s pastor, bless their swords with holy water.

“This is the first time in Massachusetts’ history doing this,” Stanley Ciukaj, Master of the Fourth Degree, Massachusetts Knights of Columbus said.

Pawlus gave a sermon about being a “living stone” as referenced in the Bible in the book of Peter.

“Jesus was the rock that was rejected by the world, but became the cornerstone of the new world,” Pawlus said. “We are the living stones, we have dignity. We are to build his church.”

Holding this special Mass and Blessing of the Swords is something Ciukaj has always dreamed of doing.

“I always wished and as I stated in my resume in 2014 that if I were appointed Master, I would plan a Holy Mass featuring ‘Blessing of the Swords’ and honor all men that gave of their time and treasure for the Patriotic Fourth Degree of the Order of the Knights of Columbus. Here my promise will be fulfilled,” he said.

Ciukaj introduced the various dignitaries, including State Deputy Thomas Butler, who praised the Honor Guard for being staunch, loyal, Catholic men, and worthy members of the Knights.

Deputy Supreme Knight Paul O’Sullivan explained the significance of the sword, and how it’s not a weapon of hate, pain or shedding blood, but rather of love.

“Our swords are weapons...not of pain, but of healing,” he said. “Like a surgeon’s scalpel, it cuts away sins.”

The sword also means protecting those who cannot protect themselves, O’Sullivan said.

O’Sullivan said he is often asked why he became a Knight, and he said his answer is this: “I stand for God, his church and his people...this is why I’m a Knight.”

Vice Supreme Master Richard McDermott had the Honor Guard stand and raise their right hands to give an oath to serve both God and country, in full truth and loyalty.

Ciukaj joined Pawlus as he blessed each sword with holy water.

Following the mass, all in attendance went downstairs to enjoy a dinner prepared by members of Ware Knights of Columbus Council 183 with help from Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Council 11080.

Ciukaj thanked his fellow Knights for their help with this event, as well



District Friar Rev. Piotr Pawlus prepares to bless the swords with holy water with the help of Master of the Fourth Degree of the Massachusetts Knights of Columbus, Stanley Ciukaj, during a special mass at St. Mary’s Church last Sunday.



There were 54 Knights representing 10 assemblies from all over the commonwealth in attendance at the mass.

as his wife, Jean, who arranged the flowers in the sanctuary and hall.

“She’s my rock,” he said.

Grand Knight Wally Connor of Council 11080 gave a presentation about S.O.N.G.’s (Supporting Orphans Nationally and Globally) efforts to help orphaned children in Ukraine.

Connor and his wife Michele formed S.O.N.G. in 1998 to help children living in orphanages in Siberia. As the nonprofit organization grew, the Connors began helping orphans around the world, as well as children in the foster care system in the commonwealth.

“My heart was really bothered,” he said, when he learned about the conflict between Russia and Ukraine.

“Some of the children we helped years ago were probably fighting in the Russian army.”

By teaming up with Aerial Recovery Group from Tennessee, the Connors and S.O.N.G. volunteers have helped close to 5,000 orphaned children in Ukraine, along with 89 animals.

Connor said the Knights have also been key in bringing aid to those in need during this conflict.

Following the presentation, Ciukaj presented certificates to the Honor Guard, followed by a benediction and the singing of “God Bless America”.

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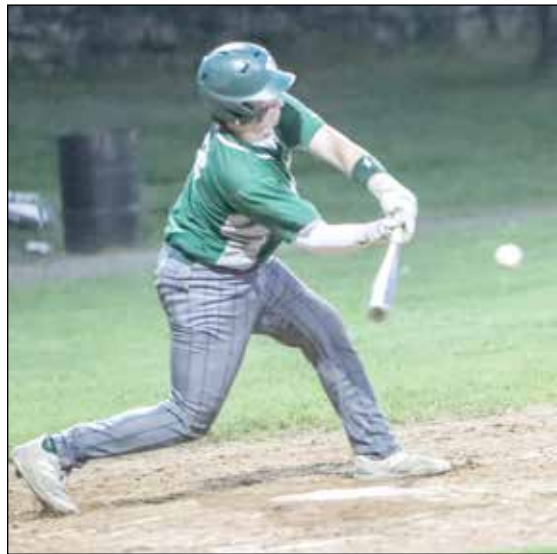
Indians offense comes through to beat Quabbin



ABOVE: John Mumper connects in the early innings.

Photos by Jack Cascio NEAPsmugmug.com

RIGHT: Dylan Sutkaitis pounds this shot to deep center.



By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARE—For only the fourth time this spring, the members of the Ware varsity baseball team didn't have to get on a bus to play a game.

Playing a home game for the first time in two weeks, the Indians celebrated a 14-3 victory over the Quabbin Panthers before a good size crowd at Memorial Field, last Saturday night.

"We just love playing games, especially at night, on our home field," said longtime Ware varsity baseball coach Scott Slattery. "The atmosphere here makes it a very difficult place for our opponents to play. Our style of play also puts a lot of pressure on the opposing teams."

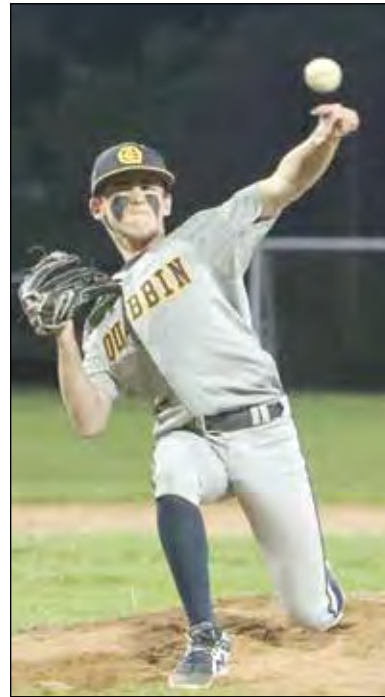
The non-league contest ended after 4 1/3 innings due to the ten run mercy rule.

Ware, who had an 8-4 overall record following the home win, also defeated Quabbin, 10-0, a year ago at Memorial Field, which is in very poor condition.

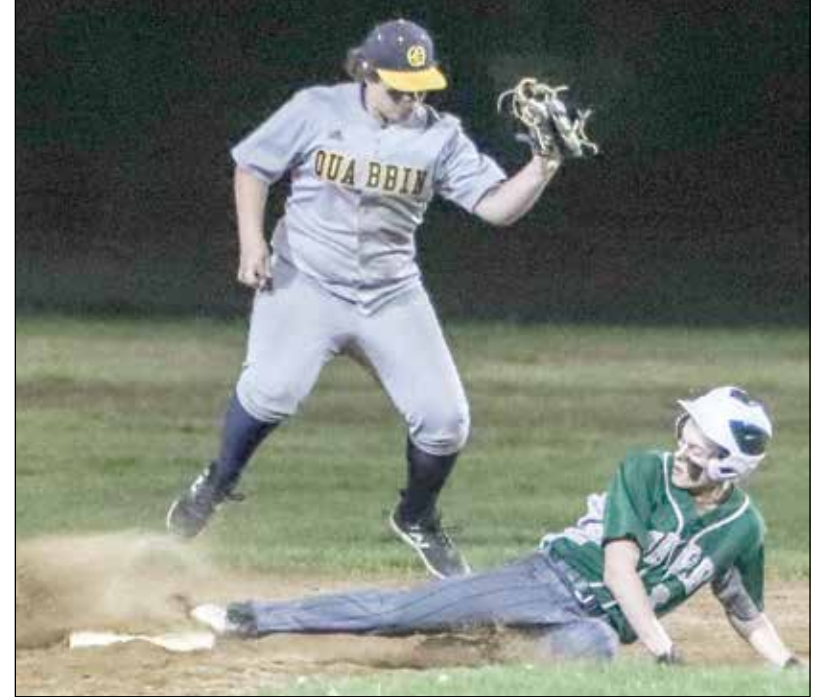
After losing their first two home games of the 2023 campaign, the Indians defeated crosstown rival Pathfinder Tech, 13-2, in their first Saturday night home game on April 22.

While the Indians, who are scheduled to play their final seven regular season games at home, are preparing for the upcoming Western Mass. Class D and Division 5 state tournaments, the young Panthers (0-11) are hoping to win a game or two before their season comes to an end.

The visitors from Barre haven't won a regular season game since



Jordan Guilderson fires one in for a strike.



Jack McKeever slides into second to beat the throw.

squeaking out a 9-8 home win versus Worcester South last May. They did take an early 1-0 lead against Ware freshman righthander Brady Guimond, who earned his first career varsity win.

With one-out in the top of the first inning, Quabbin senior designated hitter Nick Warburton (2-for-3) smacked a double into left field. Senior Matt Sands (2-for-3) followed with a ground ball to third, which was slowed down by the thick grass, for an infield hit. Warburton came home on the play following a throwing error by the Indians third baseman.

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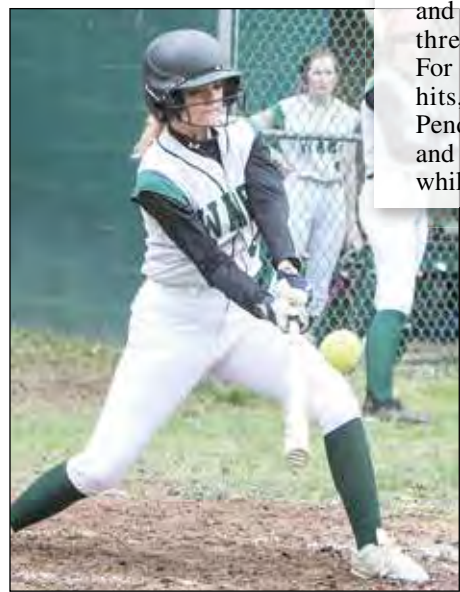
Owen Welsh slides into home for the score.



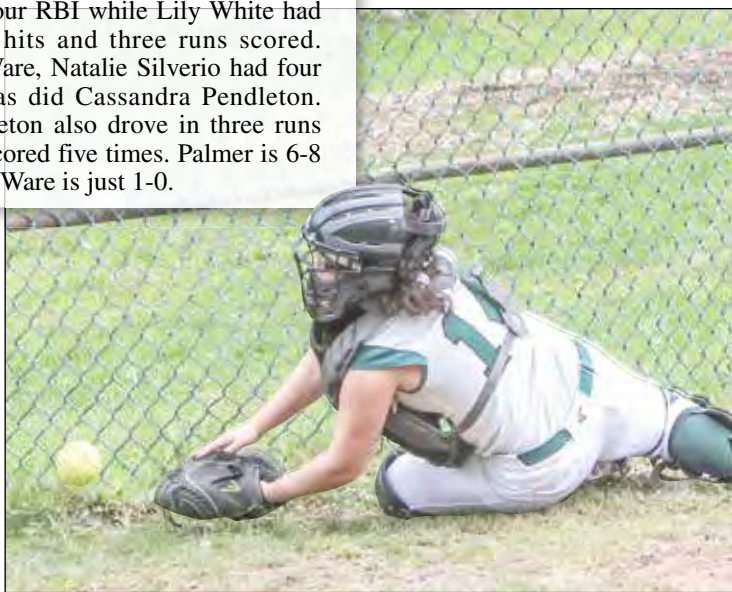
Ware falls short in slugfest

Kensie Toelken flips the ball to first for the out.

WARE – Last Wednesday afternoon, there was no shortage of runs as Palmer edged Ware 16-15. Between the two teams there were 27 hits. Hannah Roy had three hits and four RBI while Lily White had three hits and three runs scored. For Ware, Natalie Silverio had four hits, as did Cassandra Pendleton. Pendleton also drove in three runs and scored five times. Palmer is 6-8 while Ware is just 1-0.



Emily Dainitis sends this shot deep to the field.



Natalie Silverio crashes into the backstop after this valiant dive for the foul ball.

Mia DiRienzo stretches for this out at first.



Jen Kinney fields a grounder.

Pathfinder handed loss by Pope Francis

PALMER – Last Thursday afternoon, Pope Francis gave Pathfinder another defeat 16-1. Pope beat Pathfinder earlier this season also. The Pioneers are now 5-3 on the season with a lot of games still remaining on their schedule.



Megan Bly catches an out at first.



Emma Cehvalier pitches for the Pioneers.



Greenly Lagimoniere makes the catch in center.



Olivia Ward squeezes an out in left.

Western United Pioneers U19, U15 take part in tournament

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Two girls soccer teams representing the Western United Pioneers had the opportunity to compete in the third annual USL Academy Cup, which was held at the Tournament Sportsplex in Tampa Bay, Florida, from March 30-April 2.

It was the first time that the Western United Pioneers participated in the event.

"The tournament was run very well, and it was a great experience for our girls," said Joe Ferrara, who's the Director of Soccer Operations for the Western United Pioneers. "I've received a lot of positive feedback from both the parents and the players."

The Western United Pioneers U19 and U15 soccer teams took part in this year's Academy Cup matches because the Western Mass. Pioneers, which is a semi-pro men's team, is a member of the USL (United Soccer League).

"The USL Academy is a youth platform for professional teams within in the USL system," said Ferrara, who's also the Pioneers

General Manager. "Having the Pioneers gives us the rights to have the USL Academy teams."

Federico Molinari coached both the U19 and the U15 teams at the USL Academy Cup. He has been coaching the Pioneers men's soccer team for the past ten years. He's also the club's Director of Coaching.

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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 sur-

rounding 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 includ-

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sports

Mustangs net first win in OT



MONSON – After a 3-3 first half, the teams went to 5-5 in regulation, and an overtime goal sealed the first win of the season for Monson High School boys lacrosse. The Mustangs triumphed 6-5 over Central. Monson, which co-ops with Pathfinder, is now 1-11 this season.

Joshia Lee picks up the loose ball in a lot of traffic.

Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



Dominic Kierkla possesses the ball on a restart.



Brayden Pratt sprints up the field after making a recovery.



Players from both teams vie for the ball

Registration open for 2023 Bay State Games

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

of sports, including baseball, basketball, field hockey, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, and volleyball. Athletes currently in grade 8-11 who live or go to school in Massachusetts are eligible to attend regional tryouts during the month of June. These tryouts will determine teams representing the various regions of the Commonwealth that will compete against each other in July. Check each sport page for specific eligibility requirements. The Summer Games include a wide variety of individual sports including swimming, track & field, figure skating, pickleball, wrestling, weightlifting, archery, judo, badminton, and more. These sports are open to a wide range of ages and skill levels from youth participants to masters-aged athletes. Adaptive sport divisions in archery,

swimming, and track & field are offered, as well. Bay State Games also organizes tournaments for pre-existing teams in girls lacrosse, rugby, and 6v6 field hockey. The 2023 Summer Games will feature Game On in Fitchburg as the host venue for 8 sports. Bay State Games expects 1,500 athletes and their families to attend competitions at Game On during the second week of July. “We are excited to expand the roster of sports being held at Game On this year,” said Kevin Cummings, Executive Director of the Bay State Games. “This state-of-the-art facility allows us to enhance the athlete and spectator experience and provide a true Olympic-style multi-sport atmosphere for our participants.”

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ing 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.minnechaug-landtrust.org.

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Robie takes modifieds win

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Modified super star Brian Robie won Sunday’s 80-lap NHSTRA Modified feature at Monadnock Speedway, first setting fast time in time trials, and then leading the final 54 laps of the afternoon’s main event to top the second annual Duel at The Dog biggie.

Other winners on 2023 opening weekend at the storied quarter-mile speedbowl included Tim Wenzel after a post-race inspection was concluded awarding him the win in the NHSTRA Late Models, Cole Littlewood, who wired the Outlaw main, and Gordon Farnum, who rocketed to victory lane in the Mini Stock feature, something he did a dozen times a summer ago. On Saturday’s event, Colton Martin took the Pure Stock victory. Owen Zilinski led all the way to score the Young Guns victory. Steve Miller, last summer’s Six Shooter champion at Claremont, led all the way Sunday to earn his first career Monadnock victory.

Sunapee’s Robie a former track Modified champion here set fast time with a blistering circuit of 12.660 seconds Sunday, the fastest of four sub-13 drivers in the 18-car field. By virtue of a top-four redraw, Sammy Rameau and Aaron Fellows sat on row one as the 80-lap main went green.

Rameau, who like Robie has impressed in past victories here, jumped all over the opening lead and set fast time the first 25 times around. But then Robie, from row two, took control and never looked back.

Fellows, strong in third until the victim of the second – of five – cautions, would return to notch a top ten finish, but with Robie and Rameau setting a blistering pace, it was Kimmy Rivet, methodical all afternoon as she marched forward from row five, earning an impressive third-place finish.

Kenny Thompson led the first 20 go-rounds of the Late Model feature but Ryan Bell, firing from row three, then took charge and outran 2022 Monadnock champ Tim Wenzel and Thompson into victory lane. In a post-race inspection, Wenzel was awarded the win.

Farnum, who sold his championship Mini Stock ride only hours before Sunday’s feature gave it



Submitted photo

Brian Robie took the win in last Sunday’s modified event.

one last dash to victory lane. Cole Littlewood led all the way to win Sunday’s Outlaw main just ahead of Steve Bly. Littlewood’s brother Justin won the same event a year ago.

Monadnock Speedway will return to action on May 20, when it begins its 2023 Saturday night racing series as it hosts Military Appreciation Night, with a seven-division card of racing.

RESULTS:

May 6 event

Pure Stocks: Colton Martin, Zach Zilinski, CJ Johnson, Chris Davis Carlos Grenier, Chris Conroy, Teagan Edson, Mike Douglas, Dominick Stafford, Tim Taft, Trevor Carey, Chris Bingham, Jim Rhodes, Aaliyah Tacy, Matt Croteau, Ricky Melcher

May 7 Event:

Young Guns: Owen Zilinski, Adrian Smith, Emma Blake, Markus O’Neil, Kailyn Hubbard, Hunter Douglas
Six Shooters: Steve Miller, Michael, Yraton, Jacob Scott,

INDIANS from page 7

Warburton and Sands had four of Quabbin’s six base hits in the game.

After Guimond, whose father, Brian, is the varsity baseball coach at Quabog Regional, struck out the next batter, freshman Adam Adams, who was the Panthers starting pitcher, reached first base following another infield hit before stealing second base. Guimond got out of the jam with a strikeout.

Guimond, who also made a home start against Southwick at the beginning of the regular season, finished the contest with six strikeouts and only one walk.

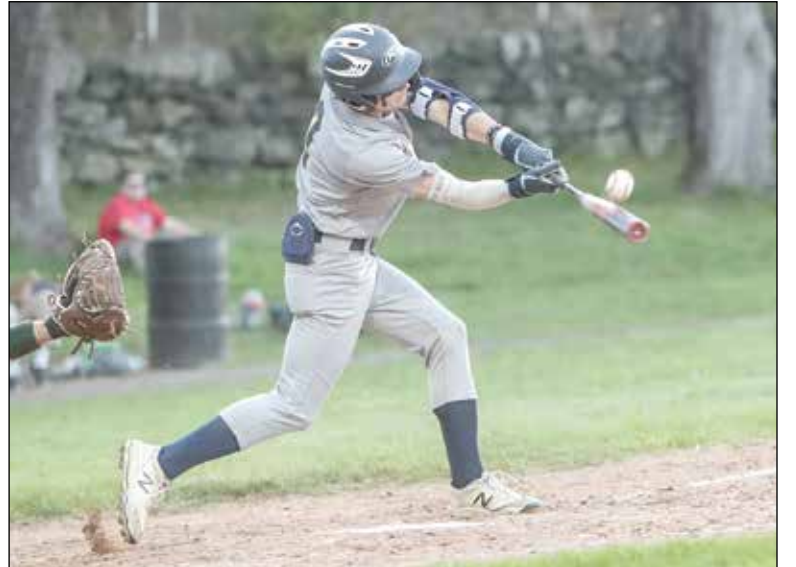
The Indians put together a two out rally in the bottom of the first.

Junior catcher Dylan Sutkaitis and freshman first baseman Kyle Kaczuwka drew walks. Then junior DH Octavio Cotaj, who had an 0-2 count, hit a ground ball single into right field, which brought home the tying run. Kaczuwka scored the go-ahead run on a balk, and Cotaj crossed the plate following a wild pitch to the backstop. The Indians final run of the opening frame scored on a fly ball single into right field by junior second baseman Jack McKeever (2-for-3).

The Indians, who had a total of eight base hits and seven walks, scored five more runs in the second inning.

With runners on first and second base, Sutkaitis drove home the first run of the inning by blasting a double that bounced off the centerfield fence. Then back-to-back bases loaded walks by Cotaj and sophomore right fielder Jason Mumper increased the Indians lead to 7-1. They scored two more runs when McKeever hit a single into left field.

The Panthers responded in the third inning with an RBI single to right field by Sands and a groundball out to third by freshman catcher Ian Haupt, which scored another run. Haupt’s father, Jim, was the head coach of the Ware football team before the start of the COVID 19 pandemic. Jim Haupt is currently an assistant baseball coach at Quabbin



Conner Breeds sends one deep.



Sam Morgan catches the runner at second.

Regional under head coach Mark Battista.

Adams, who’s a righty, was replaced on the mound by freshman righty Jordyn Guilderson before the start of the bottom of the third inning.

Ware sophomore third baseman Nathan Kaczuwka, who drew a leadoff walk, scored the Indians tenth run during that inning on a wild pitch.

The Indians added four more runs in what turned out to be their final at-bats of the ballgame.

With a runner on third base, senior centerfielder Jack Aucher put down a perfect sacrifice bunt scoring the first run of the bottom of the fourth. Junior shortstop John Mumper and Nathan Kaczuwka also had RBI singles.

The Indians rally continued after the home plate umpire overturned an out call at first base made by the base umpire, which would’ve ended the inning. The Panthers weren’t very happy about the decision. Adams, who had moved to shortstop, was ejected from the game by the base umpire. He’ll also be suspended for the next two Panthers games. A couple of Quabbin fans were also ejected from the field by the base umpire.

The Indians final run of the game scored on a fielding error.

John Mumper, who’s the Indians ace, replaced Guimond on the mound in the top of the fifth inning. After walking the leadoff hitter, the righty retired the next three batters, which ended the ballgame a couple of innings early.

public safety

Ware Police Log

During the week of May 2-9, the Ware Police Department responded to 21 miscellaneous calls, 22 administrative calls, four traffic violations, 26 emergency 911 calls, 16 animal calls, two safety hazards, five harassments, one breaking and entering, two frauds/deceptions, one theft/larceny, five motor vehicle accidents and 18 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

Tuesday, May 2
10:57 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Dispatch Handled
8:14 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Main Street, Patient Refusal

Wednesday, May 3
11:46 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, River Road, Dispatch Handled
5:55 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Belchertown Road, Advised
10:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Arrest Made
Arrest: Kenneth E. Lagimoniere, 26, Ware
OUI-Liquor or .08%; License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Lights Violation, Motor Vehicle; Alcohol in Motor Vehicle, Posses Open Container of

Thursday, May 4
8:07 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, West Street, Advised
10:57 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Pulaski Street, Investigated
12:24 p.m. Traffic Violation/

Hazard, Storrs Street, Citation/Warning Issued
6:06 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Boivin Avenue, Report Made
8:31 p.m. Fraud/Deception, West Street, Services Rendered

Friday, May 5
4:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued
8:29 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Coffey Hill Road, Services Rendered
12:28 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Advised
12:36 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Berkshire Drive, Dispatch Handled
7:49 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Could Not Locate
10:05 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Church Street, Services Rendered
2:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Street, Citation/Warning Issued
Summons: Starr A. Murphy, 20, West Brookfield
Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID; Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Unregistered Motor Vehicle
4:24 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Bacon Road, Services Rendered
5:30 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, South Street, Advised
6:10 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Park Street, Investigated
9:01 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Highland Village, Investigated

Sunday, May 7
4:48 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, East Street, Unfounded
5:59 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Pulaski Street, Services Rendered
10:12 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Investigated

Monday, May 8
10:25 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Anderson Road, Report Made
10:49 a.m. Fraud/Deception, North Street, Advised
12:03 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Dispatch Handled
12:22 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Dispatch Handled
1:05 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Big Tree Drive, Dispatch Handled
3:39 p.m. Traffic Violation/Hazard, Kingsberry Lane, Complaint Taken Care of
4:47 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Belchertown Road, Advised
4:56 p.m. Breaking and Entering/Burglary, Park Street, Investigated
5:15 p.m. Theft/Larceny, West Street, Investigated
6:09 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Aspen Street, Vehicle Towed
7:30 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, East Street, Dispatch Handled

Tuesday, May 9
7:50 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, North Street, Dispatch Handled

Warren Police Log

During the week of April 16-23, the Warren Police Department responded to 69 building/property checks, 123 community policing, 12 traffic enforcements, nine radar assignments, 16 emergency 911 calls, one larceny/theft, one stolen vehicle, two property disputes, one identity theft, two animal calls and 47 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

Sunday, April 16
7:37 a.m. Leg Pain, Mechanic Street, Transported to Hospital
9:48 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
10:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ware Road, Written Warning
12:31 p.m. Septic, Pleasant Street, Transported to Hospital
5:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
6:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
6:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
9:52 p.m. Larceny/Theft, Milton O. Fountain Way, Report Filed
Summons: Gary E. Wheeler Jr., 55, Auburn
Larceny from Building; Credit Card Fraud - Stealing a Card; Breaking and Entering Daytime

Monday, April 17
8:13 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Spring Street, Referred to Other Agency
9:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brimfield Road, Criminal Complaint
Summons: Elizabeth F. Cox, 20, Wales
Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Unregistered Motor Vehicle; No Front Plate
11:41 a.m. Property Dispute,

Southbridge Road, Report Filed
1:34 p.m. Officer Wanted, Reed Street, Report Filed
2:53 p.m. Officer Wanted, Milton O. Fountain Way, Peace Restored
Summons: Erica M. Carney, 46, West Haven, Connecticut
Larceny from Building; Money Laundering, Transaction to Conceal or Disguise
6:03 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Old West Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, April 18
5:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Quaboag Street, Citation Issued
Summons: Thomas M. Darkoma, 65, Worcester
Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit
9:04 a.m. Alcohol Withdrawal, Quaboag Street, Transported to Hospital
2:07 p.m. Property Dispute, Bemis Road, Report Filed
4:08 p.m. Falls, Winthrop Terrace, Ambulance Signed Refusal
11:57 p.m. Rapid Heart Rate with Vomiting, East Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Wednesday, April 19
5:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
8:57 a.m. Dizzy/Nauseous, Boston Post Road, Transported to Hospital
3:20 p.m. Stolen Vehicle, Old West Warren Road, Officer Spoke to Party
8:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Thursday, April 20
6:09 a.m. Medical Alarm/

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Bloody Nose, Winthrop Terrace, Transported to Hospital
4:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
4:32 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned, Bemis Road, Information Taken
7:42 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Elm Street, Report Filed
8:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Friday, April 21
12:20 p.m. Identity Theft, Knox Trail Road, Officer Advised
4:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, River Street, Citation Issued

Saturday, April 22
12:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Vehicle Towed
5:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
11:04 p.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Winthrop Terrace, Report Filed

Grange offers gardening workshop May 19

WARE – Ware Grange's first gardening workshop of the year, "Veggies A - Z: Tips for Growing Everything from Asparagus to Zucchini," will be held on Friday, May 19 at 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall at 297 Belchertown Road.

The presenter will be Roberta McQuaid, author of the weekly "In the Garden" column for Turley Publications.

Come learn tips for growing a wide variety of vegetables. A door prize drawing will be held.

Visit Ware Grange on Facebook or at waregrange.org for more information.

Music at Trinity hosts gospel choir May 21

WARE – Music at Trinity, a mission of Trinity Episcopal Church, corner of Park and Pleasant streets, presents Amherst Area Gospel Choir on Sunday, May 21 at 4 p.m.

This concert is free, and a freewill offering will be taken to support the Springfield Rescue Mission. All are welcome to attend.

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Schubert's greatest works. Like Mozart, Schubert also died very young, in 1828 at only 29, and also from a disease. The beauty and complexity of Schubert's output leaves many to mourn and speculate what he could have produced had he lived a longer time.

Concert videos made during the pandemic in 2021 and 2022 with Gusev and soprano Maria Ferrante can be viewed through the FOSC website www.FriendsoftheStoneChurch.org/music

This concert and the webcasts of Gusev's previous appearances at the Stone Church were funded in part by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. FOSC is proud to have received partial funding for the 2022-23 season from Local Cultural Councils of Hardwick-New Braintree, North Brookfield, Oakham and Petersham, local agencies supported by the Mass Cultural Council.

Friends of the Stone Church, Inc. is a public charitable corporation and community group organized in 2015 and open to all. Our mission is to preserve and protect the 1874 Stone Church Cultural Center and to make it available as a place of cultural and community enrichment. They welcome donations toward our ongoing historic preservation project online at www.FriendsoftheStoneChurch.org or by mail to FOSC, PO Box 347, Gilbertville, MA 01031.

WARD from page 1

Ward said art is definitely one of her favorite subjects in school and described herself as a creative person.

Ward used mixed media to create her award-winning poster, which is displayed in the entryway of the school. This included watercolor for the sky, tempera paint along with permanent marker.

She created her design by first sketching it out with pencil.

Ward said she is excited to visit the first-place winner's school where the students will plant a tree in the schoolyard.

The poster contest helped Ward show how important trees are to people, animals and the planet.

"If we didn't have trees, we'd die," she said. "They're also beau-

tiful and calm in a way that makes you feel welcome."

Her favorite tree is the willow. "They're not loud, not static... you sit under them and feel like you're in a story," she said.

Entering her poster in the contest gave Ward a boost to her confidence and she encourages other students to enter next year.

"You can do this. You just have to try," she said.

Hardwick Elementary School art teacher Tammra Cook said this is her first-year teaching in the Quabbin Regional School District, where she divides her time between Hardwick and Ruggles Lane in Barre.

Cook said she is so proud of Ward for entering the contest.

"I wanted students to participate in the Arbor Day poster con-

test because I think it's important for our school to look beyond the school walls and participate in the community. This state sponsored poster contest was something big that they could see would help support Arbor Day," she said.

Arbor Day has been celebrated in the U.S. since 1872 and the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Urban and Community Forest Program hosts a poster contest each year with a different theme. This year's theme was, "It's time for trees!"

"Through art, I am so pleased my fifth-grade students could show our love for trees and help promote the importance of trees statewide," Cook said.

public notices

Town of Warren Board of Selectmen Notice of Public Hearing

Pursuant to Chapter 140, Section 157 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Warren Board of Selectmen has received Dangerous / Nuisance Dog Complaints regarding Bella, a dog owned by Michael Rucci of 250 Reed St., Warren, MA. A Public Hearing in front of the Board of Selectmen will be held regarding this matter on **May 25, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.** at the Shepard Municipal Building, First Floor, Selectmen's Meeting Room, 48 High Street, Warren, MA 01083. Written comments from the public will be accepted before and during this hearing. Zoom information is provided at Warren-Ma.gov. 05/11, 05/18/2023

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

The contents of Caryn Bourget, Kaylee Moran, Jeremy Wheeler and Maria Pantoja will be auctioned off at Secure Storage 167 West St Ware, Mass at **9:00am 5/27/2023.**

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THENCE Easterly on line of land formerly of John B. Gould sixty-seven and one half (67 1/2) feet to the line of said Southbridge Street;
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Together with the rights of ways contained in Deed recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 4711, Page 112.
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by Richard Gerulaitis for a Special Permit for a kennel for personal use at 634 Prouty Road. All interested parties are asked to attend.
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Jenna Garvey, Chair Hardwick Planning Board 05/04, 05/11/2023

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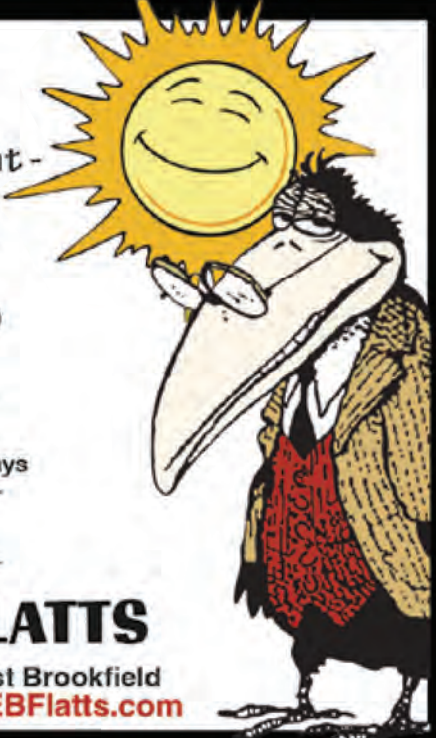
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