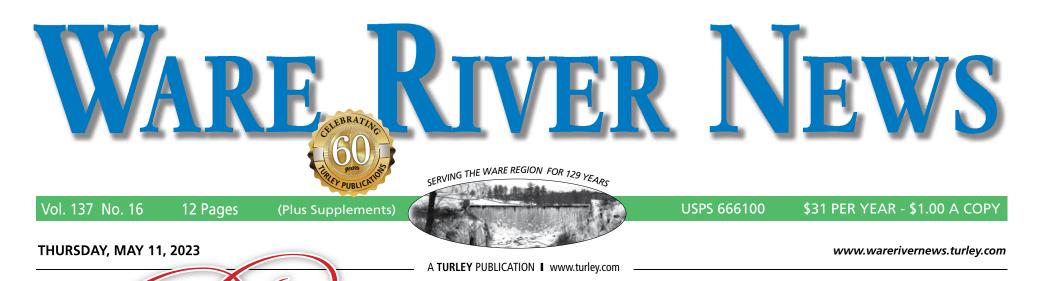
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Holy mass held at St. Mary's Church

By Paula Ouimette Editor pouimette@turley.com

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,

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(Turley Publications Photo by Paula Ouimette)

Motion to rescind previous town meeting vote fails

By Paula Ouimette Editor pouimette@turley.com

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 parttime 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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Rev. Piotr Pawlus blesses a sword with holy water.



Students make their move at chess club

By Dallas Gagnon Staff Writer Dgagon@turley.com



(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

By Paula Ouimette Editor pouimette@turley.com

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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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.

(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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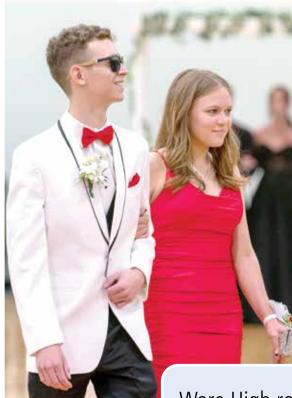




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Time to promenad



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

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.

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





Majka Lagimoniere and Talan Molina wore matching blue.

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





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

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.)

> LUNCHES – 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



Jacob Witt and Tyler Bonilla channel their inner Blues Brothers.

Jacob Reyes and Xavier Lagimoniere walk in style.

9:30 a.m. Line Dancing Beginners of the Day

Lotto calendar winners announced

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

WARE - Patricia Skutnik, president 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.



A Mission of Trinity Episcopal Church Corner of Park and Pleasant Streets, Ware, MA ~ Presents ~

Amherst Area Gospel Choir Sunday, May 21 @ 4pm



A FREE concert to benefit The Springfield Rescue Mission

PALMER PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

School Choice openings for the 2023-2024 school year:					
Grade 14 seats					
Grade 48 Seats					
Grade 65 Seats					
Grade 75 Seats					
Grade 85 Seats					
Grade 95 Seats					
Grade 105 Seats					
Grade 115 Seats					
Grade 125 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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National Nurses Week is recognized from May 6-12

Local nurse reflects on 43-year career

PALMER - Taking care of patients when an emergency occurs in the middle of the night takes a special person.

Cheryl Nute, RN, of Palmer, is one of those special people who uses her unique skills to care for patients that come for care at Baystate Wing Hospital.

With an impressive 43-year career as an employee at Baystate Health, Nute an Emergency Department nurse said, "I believe I was genetically made to be a nurse since most of the women in my family are or were nurses. Some people have a defining moment in their lives when they decide to become a nurse, but I was inspired by my mother and grandmother who were both nurses. I loved hearing their stories, I grew up learning from them and that is why I decided to become a nurse."

This legacy of caring for others continued, when Nute's daughter Erin decided to go to college and become a nurse 20 years ago.

"It made me happy, and I encouraged and supported her, and I still do," said Nute whose family of nurses now includes not only her mother and grandmother but her sister, son-in-law, niece as well as her daughter Erin.



This photo was taken when Palmer nurse Cheryl Nute was in nursing school.

According to a press release, Nute began her career in nursing in 1975 after she received a scholarship from Mary Lane Hospital. After graduating from the University of Massachusetts and working a few months in Virginia, Cheryl returned to Baystate Mary Lane and then Baystate Wing Hospital for a long and wonderful career in nursing.

"My beliefs are that nursing consists of nurturing, understanding, respect, sympathy, and empathy; those are the values that I have practiced as a nurse my entire career as I cared for patients," Nute said. "Although the number of patients that we care for in the



In recognition of National Nurses Week, Baystate Wing Hospital nurse Cheryl Nute looks back on over four decades of nursing. Once a year in May, National Nurses Week is celebrated worldwide. It recognizes these medical professionals and the incredible work they do for others in the healthcare

Emergency Department at Baystate Wing has greatly increased especially over the past few years, I still love providing care in the ED as part of the overnight team."

"Whether I am caring for someone critically ill, someone with a broken bone, or a sick child, I am proud to deliver the best care to our patients. I work with a great team of doctors, nurses, and support staff who are dedicated to caring for our community 24 hours a day. The best part of my job is when patients thank me for taking care of them,' said Nute. "Knowing that I helped them feel better and make their experience a positive one is why I am a nurse."

Town wide tag sale is June 17

WARE - Getting ready for 413-512-9258. spring? Time to clean out the garage and have a tag sale!

You can do it and help raise funds to support the restoration of the Ware Center Meeting House at the same time by calling Marty at

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25, was dismissed.

vote.

To get your address on the map, write a check for \$15, payable to the Ware Center Meeting House and send it by June 14 it to P.O. Box 1401 in Ware, MA 01082. They will make a map with all

the addresses on it, advertise, and tack up critical signs on the day of the event. You will just need to set up and get ready for the customers. The tag sale will be held on Saturday, June 17 from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Board seeks sewer oversight

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American Rescue Plan Act funds

to cover the cost. As it is an annual

fee, Kemp said the expense will

need to be budgeted for next year.

needed that many licenses and

suggested getting clarification as

on voting and gather more infor-

ARPA requests

of ARPA funds in the amount of

\$6,682.84 for fire hydrant repairs

The Board approved Witkos' request to use \$3,910 of ARPA

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Budget

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Kemp questioned if the town

The Board discussed budget-

Liftoff provides licensing for

Ruggles suggested using

By Dallas Gagnon Staff Writer Dgagon@turley.com

HARDWICK - The Board of Selectmen is seeking someone familiar with sewer plants to oversee the town's ongoing sewer plant reconstruction.

Vice-Chair Kelly Kemp said at the May 8 meeting, she believed they "would find somebody [who would] act as a liaison during the project, to learn about [it]."

While the sewer project is mostly funded by a large U.S. Department of Agricultural grant, the Board does not believe the project dynamic is going to change.

However, Kemp said they are "looking for someone to come in and represent the town."

"As a Board we represent the people who are going to pay for it," said Kemp.

She added, "it's checks and balances. Anyone in that position should understand that."

Chair H. Robert Ruggles suggested bringing in three different companies "that do this and discuss with them what we want and have a written proposal within the procurement laws.'

Clerk Eric Vollheim offered to contact an individual he knows who is well informed on sewer related projects as a start.

"Maybe he could at least help us figure out what we are asking for," said Kemp.

The Board agreed to seek additional resources and draft a letter or notes for the next meeting.

Approvals

Town Clerk Ryan J. Witkos proposed the town be reimbursed for mailing out election ballots.

The Board motioned to send the state auditor a letter regarding

early voting requirements by mail for reimbursement. The Board motioned in favor of writing a letter of support to the

> returned to taxpayers instead of the OPEB fund.

McCarthy said free cash is returned to the taxpayers by funding the town's needs.

FY 24 budget

Voters approved the fiscal year 2024 budget in the amount of \$35,595,766.60. Of this amount, \$17,870,397 went to fund Ware Public Schools and transportation,

rate increase for the Police and Highway Department Clerk Lori Hoffman, from \$6,000 to \$24,000.

Kemp said the Police had also come before the Personnel Committee for her rate to be increased because of her longevity and improved her rate.

The Finance Committee also agreed to a rate increase of \$11,049.

Kemp said between the two departments, Hoffman works full time.

The Board questioned if the rate increase included an increase in work hours as well.

One Finance Committee member said "this year we really need to hold the line on- especially, payroll... Everyone got raises this year.. But every time we increase labor it compounds for next year's budget."

He added "if the police want to increase a salary, we expect them to come back with a decrease somewhere else."

Another budget item increase is the area youth director, whose hours increased from five a week to 10, doubling her current rate.

A Finance Committee member said, "without recommendation, we can get a balanced budget between stabilization, and we can fund capital."

He added the budget is "currently balanced," not over or under

The Board agreed they will wait to get clarification on the Police Clerk's situation before discussing the matter any more in-depth.

Election information

Witkos proposed moving the municipal election to a Saturday, to avoid opening the polls during school hours.

Witkos said he will draft an article to present at town meeting regarding a potential bylaw change to move the election.

Battery energy storage system

Jodi Chartier said if Article 20 passed, it would create a battery energy storage system bylaw that would prohibit standalone battery storage facilities only, and did not apply to residential systems or solar arrays.

The bylaw passed with an amendment to the motion.

Other articles

taxpayers. The Redevelopment Authority

The motion to rescind the 2020 could prepare and implement vote failed to pass by majority Urban Renewal Plans, carry out planning studies, establish reha-Another article brought forward bilitation and design standards, by the Fire Department related to acquire real estate (including the Fire Commissioners, Article through eminent domain), demolish and rehabilitate structures, site Also appearing on the warrant preparation and environmental was Article 24, which asked voters remediation, assemble and dispose to accept the special legislation to of land for private development,

she didn't have enough information.

Article 21 failed to pass by majority vote.

Article to ban nips

Article 22 asked voters to prohibit the sale of miniature alcohol bottles, known as "nips" from town stores.

This petition article said that ips negatively impact the town won't help the problem; it will actually make it worse. Flamand said it will force peo-

ple to go out of town to make their

purchases, increasing the like-

lihood of impaired driving, and

expanding the amount of roadway

Cascio said he was in favor of ban-

ning the sale of nips because he

being littered on.

authorize the Selectboard as Fire Commissioners. This article failed to pass due to concerns with the language on the warrant not matching closely enough with the motion that was needed to enact the legislative act.

This article will reappear on the next special town meeting warrant.

Redevelopment Authority

Articles 21 petitioner SK Robinson, who is a real estate attorney, said it has become increasingly difficult to find housing, work and medical care in town.

Robinson talked about the vacant buildings in town, and how the Redevelopment Authority's ability to take these through eminent domain would relieve the burden they place on the town and its relocate displaced businesses and residents, issue bonds and borrow money and receive grants and loans.

Robinson said the Redevelopment Authority would have five members, of which four would be appointed by the Selectboard the first year. All subsequent years would follow an election process.

The Redevelopment Authority would not be under the jurisdiction of the town government, Robinson said.

Selectboard Chair Caitlin McCarthy said that as much as it sounded like something worth exploring, she voiced concern about the Authority holding "a lot of power."

McCarthy said she voted against

by contributing to public drinking, increasing littering and jeopardizing alcohol licenses as patrons are bringing the nips into business establishments.

McCarthy said she voted against recommending this article because nips make up 25% of liquor store sales.

"Small businesses have already taken a hit," she said.

Business owner and resident Dan Bruso said he recorded an 8-minute video from a store on West Street, up to Main Street, and said there was "trash all over the place."

Bruso pointed out that while there were nips bottles, the majority of the trash came from franchise restaurants

Resident Ethan Flamand said

wants to clean up the town. Article 22 failed to pass by majority vote.

Selectboard member Jack

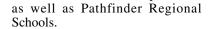
OPEB contribution

Article 3 asked voters to approve the transfer of \$600,000 from free cash to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund.

Beckley said putting aside 15% toward the OPEB fund is part of the town's financial policy.

He said the OPEB fund is used to pay for health insurance for town employees when they retire.

Resident Gregory Giles asked why this amount couldn't be

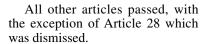


Town Moderator Kathleen Coulombe and a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals both moved to donate their salaries to the Parks Department. Coulombe said she has not collected her salary for many years.

Right to Farm bylaw

Voters passed a Right to Farm bylaw that will encourage the pursuit of agriculture, promote agriculture-based economic opportunities and protect farmlands in town.

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viewpoints



Survivor benefits and spousal benefits are not the same

Dear Rusty: I will be 70 in August and will file my application for benefits in May. I know I'll get my maximum possible amount at age 70, but I need you to clarify things I have read. Per an award-winning TV host, author,] and host of a money podcast "if the higher-earning spouse delays until age 70 to claim Social Security, that guarantees the survivor the biggest possible benefit." But then I read in a different article that if a person delays beyond their full retirement age to obtain a higher personal benefit like I have, my spouse's benefit would still be based on my FRA benefit amount. I am confused about which statement is the correct version.

Signed: Confused About My Spouse's Benefit

Dear Confused: I'm not surprised that vou are confused about these seemingly contradictory statements. It is, indeed, quite logical and common for a widow or widower to think they must apply for a "spousal benefit" from their deceased spouse.

While that's technically true, those of us who live in this often confusing world of Social Security jargon would say the widow or widower is applying for a survivor benefit, not a spousal benefit. What's the difference? Well, when you're speaking with a Social Security representative or an advisor, the term "spousal benefit" means something entirely different than the term "survivor benefit.

The two articles you mention are, I believe, referring to two different types of Social Security benefit. The term "survivor benefit" is typically used to describe benefits available to a surviving spouse when the higher earner dies, but the term "spousal benefit" is typically used to denote benefits available to a lower earning spouse when both partners are still living. I agree this is confusing and that distinction was apparently not clear in the articles you read. Therefore, to clear your confusion:

If the higher earning spouse dies and has delayed claiming until age 70, that does, indeed, "guarantee the surviving spouse the biggest possible benefit." The survivor's benefit is based on the full amount the deceased was receiving at death.

If both spouses are living and the higher-earning spouse delayed until age 70 to claim, their living spouse's benefit, when the higher-earning spouse claims, will be



entirely, foliage intact.

Usually, it is pretty easy to tease the bulbs apart by hand, separating them by size. The biggest ones I replant at the same depth they were planted prior, with ground level at the point where the foliage turns pale.

The general rule of thumb for distance from one another is twice the width of the bulb apart. This can vary depending on the variety.

A sprinkling of balanced fertilizer mixed in with the soil in the planting hole and thorough watering will get them off to a great start, hopefully with flowers for many years to come!

A question about sowing annual flowers came in from Melinda, who is introducing her young daughters to flower gardening. "I have never had much luck planting flower seeds directly in the ground. Either the rain washes them away or they come up too close. Is it too late to start a few easy flowers indoors?"

I love that you are sharing your love of gardening with your children! My mom did that with me and it shaped my career path, for sure.

I would so eagerly anticipate planting our garden every year! (Happy Mother's Day, mom!) Certainly it isn't isn't too late to get a head start. I would recommend sowing easy to handle annuals, plants like zinnia, marigold,

calendula and bachelor's button.

They don't take long to germinate and would be a handleable size by the end of the month, ready to be moved into the garden after the danger of frost has passed.

Generally, I fill up six-packs with moist potting soil and press two seeds per pack into the soil and cover slightly.

I like to keep them warm to start, but once the seeds sprout, I try to have them outside for most of the time, so that they don't get too leggy in the house. If both seeds sprout, I'll separate them at planting time.

One variety that does not need to be started indoors is the sunflower, if you try, usually the plants will end up spindly and tall and difficult to transplant. Simply sow these in place, thinning to at least a foot apart.

My friend would always allow the seeds to mature on the plant and let them fall where they may, creating a colorful and eye-catching vegetable patch!

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.



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tion in Palmer, wrote in with this ques-

tion for the Garden Lady: "I planted

a Rugosa rose bush that has encroached on

a planting of 'Barrett Browning' Daffodils.

For the first year in over a decade, I had no

blossoms at all! I want to move them out of

the way of the rose bush but I don't know if it

is the right time or not. Can I lift and divide

Thank you for your question! It is the per-

One thing to keep in mind, however, is that

the bulbs will likely be in the ground deeper

than you think. I actually use a spade when I

have to dig mine up, so that is it a straight, up

around the clump and then carefully lift it out

I start four or five inches all the way

them now or should I wait?"

and down slice.

fect time to move your daffodils!

One of Congress's most important jobs has gotten much harder

n the pantheon of writings about Congress, California Rep. Katie Porter's new book will almost certainly draw attention for her unvarnished takes on the institution and her colleagues. In "I Swear: Politics is Messier Than My Minivan," Porter finds plenty of targets, including her fellow House members, staffers, lobbyists - and how a seat in Congress is increasingly out of reach for ordinary Americans.

"Congress is full of multimillionaires for the same reason that the NBA is full of tall people," Porter - a single working mother writes.

"It's easier to get recruited and win with such advantages."

That's all good fodder for commentary, but



debt held by the federal government itself (Social Security is a big player) and the 20% by the Federal Reserve system.

My point here is not to bombard you with facts, but to say that they matter when policy is being formulated. That's especially true in Congress, where the starting point for reaching some sort of compromise on any given issue is being able to agree on a common set of facts. To build consensus, you have to clear misperceptions out of the way - in such a politically diverse body it's hard enough to hammer out an agreement when everyone agrees on the basics, but it's impossible when the players can't even find common ground on the facts. This holds equally true when members of Congress and political candidates try to explain their positions or build support for them with the public. Voters are inundated with "information" - some of it reliable, much of it not. Our system asks them to sort through it and arrive at conclusions about what's best for their communities and the country as a whole. Legislators have access to a broad array of trustworthy information and analysis, and in an ideal world would play a key part in helping ordinary Americans work through and understand the issues in front of them.

Lots of powerful groups - some legitimate, some malign - seek to manipulate public opinion and they're very good at it. Even worse, some members of Congress and of state legislatures in recent years have shown themselves less interested in purveying facts than politically convenient misinformation.

a maximum of 50% of the higher-earning spouse's Full Retirement Age amount. A living spouse's benefit is based on their partner's FRA amount, regardless of when their partner actually claimed.

So, in your case, your wife's spousal benefit from you while you are both living will be based on your FRA entitlement, even though you waited longer to claim. But if you die first, your wife's survivor benefit as your widow will be based on 100% of the amount you were receiving at your death.

In effect, both statements you referred to in your question are true considering that they refer to two different benefit types. It is a terminology distinction which frequently causes misunderstanding.

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www.warerivernews.turley.com warerivernews@turley.com • 413.967.3505 the line that really drew my attention is one that probably won't get much notice. "As I see it," she writes, "the real work of Congress is civic education."

I agree.

Nowhere in the Constitution does it say that the job of members of Congress is to educate their constituents, colleagues or Americans as a whole, but the plain truth is that they can't be effective as representatives or as politicians on Capitol Hill unless they do. Serving as trustworthy sources of facts and analysis ought to be a key part of every legislator's responsibilities, both in their chambers and at home.

There are any number of reasons for this. The issues Congress deals with are often complicated and full of nuance, but even on some of the most basic facts, there's widespread misunderstanding. No, foreign aid is not a significant part of the U.S. budget; it's less than 1%.

No, undocumented immigrants aren't disproportionately responsible for crimes, compared to native-born Americans. No, China doesn't own more than half of U.S. debt; in fact, the largest foreign holder of the debt, at least as of late last year, was Japan, but even it pales in comparison to the almost 22% of that

But, of course, we don't live in an ideal world.

For politicians who are dedicated to communicating the facts and what they mean for policy, the sheer cacophony of misleading information and trolling by their colleagues makes things much more difficult.

This does not mean, however, that they should just throw up their hands. In the end, representative democracy is a dialogue between citizens seeking to make good judgments and elected officials determined to help them do so.

Politicians who are devoted to understanding the facts that underlie complex issues and then to explaining them to the public perform a vital service in our democracy. Those are ones who deserve our respect and support.

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International Prize-winning pianist performs at the Stone Church

GILBERTVILLE – Ivan Gusev will perform solo piano sonatas by W. A. Mozart and Franz Schubert in his return appearance at the by popular demand, on Saturday, May 20 at 4 p.m.

A reception with the artist will follow the concert. Tickets are \$25 at the door or online by visiting https://www.tickettailor.com/ events/friendsofthestonechurch/742984

Those under 18 are admitted free. Holders of current EBT, WIC and ConnectorCare insurance cards may request two free tickets at the box office on the day of the event, under the Mass Cultural Council's Card to Culture program.

Allan Evans, Arbiter of Cultural Traditions calls Gusev "a profound, genuine musician who makes each note live, and who transports you to another existence." Gilbertville audiences who heard Mr. Gusev play at the Stone Church, most recently in October, 2022, agree that his performances are mesmerizing and transformative.

Originally from Kazakhstan, Gusev earned Bachelor's, Master's and Doctor of Musical 12 in F major by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart,

Arts degrees with highest honors from the Moscow State Conservatory, then completed a Master's of Music program at Mannes School Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St., of Music in New York. He performed at Carnegie Hall, and has won the 3rd Gershwin International Music Competition (2017), was a prize winner at the Chopin International Piano Competition (2018) and has earned other awards including the Steinway award for outstanding Mannes graduates. Still a young man, he lives and teaches in the Boston area and performs frequently, especially requested by those who have heard him play.

The program of three solo piano sonatas by two great and prolific Viennese musician/composers, each at the height of his career, will reveal Gusev's artistic maturity. Moving from the Classical period in the first half of the program to the Romantic period in the second half, Gusev's complex repertoire illustrates melodic techniques informed equally by the composers' knowledge of the violin as well as the piano keyboard, and their inspiration by passion as well as reason.

Gusev will begin with Piano Sonatas No.

followed by Piano Sonata No. 13 in B-flat major. Both works were published in 1784 when the composer was 28. A child prodigy, Mozart produced his first compositions at age seven. He was prolific in many genres including opera, piano concertos, piano sonatas, symphonies, string quartets, and other chamber music. He composed masses and other religious music, as well as lighter works such as divertimentos, serenades and dances. Although he was well paid and extremely popular during his life, Mozart struggled with life's excesses and experienced financial difficulties. At the time of his death from an illness in December, 1791, at age 35, he was regarded the greatest composer of all time.

In the second half of the program, the audience will hear Franz Schubert's Piano Sonata No. 21 in B Flat, D960, the composer's last major work for solo piano, unpublished until about ten years after his death. "I have looked forward to performing this complete Schubert Sonata since I was in high school," Gusev confesses. It is widely described as one of



Selectmen welcome two part-time police officers

By Dallas Gagnon Staff Writer Dgagon@turley.com

WARREN - The Board of Selectmen appointed Brad Merkel and Andrew Nepal to the Police Department as part-time officers for a one-year term.

Merkel recently resigned from his position as a full-time officer for the town but is "willing to come back part-time and help us out," said Police Chief Gerald Millette.

Nepal has 22 years of experience in law enforcement and started his career in 2001 at Hampshire College.

Nepal accepted a position at Springfield Technical Community College in 2004 and has served there ever since.

He holds a bachelor's degree from Westfield State and attended the Massachusetts Special State Police Academy.

Chairman David Dufresne welcomed both officers and thanked them for "taking on the opportunity of being a part-time police officer in the community.'

Town Administrator James Ferrera congratulated Merkel for his accomplishments and welcomed Nepal to the community.

"There is definitely going to be some time when we run short on staffing and these part-time officers are going to be very vital to the department and to the residents," said Ferrera.

School Street project

The Board motioned to support the fiscal year 2021 Community Development Block Grant School Street improvement construction project for a total of \$22,067, using \$11,033.53 from American Rescue Plan Act funds as needed.

Ferrera said there is "a possibility of us being short about \$22,000." "As the project continues to play

out it is our goal and hope that we would be able to have some cost savings on some of the work that is being provided," said Ferrera.

However, he said it is important to have "these funds allocated and reserved," in case additional funding is needed to complete the project.

The Board also motioned to approve the CDBG School Street improvement project for a total of \$22,067.53 using \$11,033.50 from ing town buildings. CDBG recaptured funds as needed

duct a feasibility study for the purpose of constructing a new public safety municipal complex in town as discussed.

Ferrera proposed incorporating some programming, requiring the company to provide services to identify three potential sites for the complex, and providing site selection and evaluation with a phase one environmental impact.

"All of these will be put together in the feasibility study and will ultimately result in a cost so you'll then have an understanding of how much the cost would be to build some type of structure like this," said Ferrera.

He suggested asking contractors to provide "some type of conceptual design so residents in town can see what something like this would look like."

He also asked the Board to consider "slowing down on ARPA funds in case it is needed for the study."

The grant awarded for the feasibility study is \$40,000, though with rising costs, Ferrera believes it could cost \$50-80,000.

Dufresne said another thing to consider is an archeological study, to avoid indigenous or historical lands.

Performance evaluations

The Board unanimously approved a scaled employee performance evaluation chart, and its use will be implemented starting next month.

The scaled evaluation model will be used for annual or biannual employee evaluations. The scale is based on general areas of job-related experiences, cooperation, leadership and teamwork.

"This allows people to set goals for themselves which is important," said Ferrera.

"If you are not a supervisor, you could gain up to 185 points," said Ferrera

A 185 is a perfect score. A perfect score for a supervisor is 215 points.

Temporary cleaning service

The Board unanimously voted to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into a temporary cleaning service agreement with Buffone Cleaning Services of Charlton with the purpose of clean-

The Board approved the use of a line-item transfer or ARPA funds to acquire these cleaning services. Stephen Buffone will be tasked with cleaning the fire department, police department, DRPW and Shepard building twice a week for \$400.

Inaugural EKG, phlebotomy class nears completion

Students draw knowledge from experience and practice

By Dallas Gagnon Staff Writer Dgagon@turley.com

WARREN - Students and teachers line up every Tuesday and Thursday during the first period waiting to either have their blood drawn or to draw someone else's.

As teachers volunteer for blood draws, students are tasked with tying elastics, cleaning the volunteers puncture site, and performing live draws.

In January 2023, Quaboag Regional High School established a phlebotomy and EKG course as a complement to the school's certified nursing assistant program which was established in 2020.

While the CNA program allows students to graduate with a CNA certification, the newly founded phlebotomy and EKG course offer students an opportunity to graduate as certified EKG technicians and phlebotomists.

Students who enroll in the EKG and phlebotomy course alongside the nursing program graduate with all three certifications.

For the EKG and phlebotomy certifications, students must complete 30 blood draws and 10 finger sticks by the end of the course in addition to a written exam.

Principal Stephen Duff said the program is a "great opportunity for our students" as it serves as a "good pipeline for the kids" after high school.

For students who may not plan on going to college after graduation, Duff said the medical programs "provide them [students] with skills" to pursue a career with a "viable income without college."

For students who do plan on attending college, students enrolled in the Public Health course, or CNA program, graduate with three college credits from Holyoke Community College that are eligible for transfer at any state school.

The credits may be applied towards any elective or course with similar requirements.

Assistant Superintendent of Development Madeline Smola spearheaded the addition of the program and secured a \$75,000



(Turley Publications Photos by Dallas Gagnon) Quaboag's first ever group of phlebotomy and EKG course students.

ing for grants the school would qualify for, she found one for the EKG and phlebotomy course which "seemed natural to offer students."

The grant funded medical grade equipment students use to learn the course material including faux blood, prosthetic arms with faux veins, mannequins, hospital beds, EKG machines and more.

Course instructor Donnette Martin said she would like to 'compliment Quaboag for doing this," as she is from Connecticut and doesn't know of any high schools that offer this kind of opportunity for students.

"For a group of high schoolers - juniors and seniors...they are so receptive to just get it done," said Martin.

She added the students have gone from "questioning, to com-

fortable and confident.' Martin said she believes, in the medical field the "biggest success is competence" as "confidence will come, and they will have their own skills."

According to Martin, students 'are at the point where they are wrapping up" the phlebotomy section of the course and moving on to the EKG section.

One student said she enrolled in the program because her mother is a phlebotomist of 20 years and wanted to explore the field herself.

Senior Serenity Kauppila said she "wants to go into the medical field and be exposed to different types of field work."

Martin said, "I think I've done what I came in to do...I'm happy



Senior Gage Lane is shown performing a blood draw on math teacher and volunteer Matthew Cole.



Ferrera said if the funds are not used in their entirety, they will go

back to the ARPA funds. After the approval, there is approximately \$80,871.22 still unallocated in ARPA funds.

Approximately half of the miscellaneous funds remain following the Board's approval to use \$11,033.50 for the School street improvement project.

Feasibility study

The Board authorized Ferrera to issue a request for proposal to con-

Correspondence

Warren Cultural Council will be hosting a hummingbird porch pot activity at the Senior Center, June 10 at 7 p.m. Materials and instruction will be provided by Bemis Nursery of Spencer.

Massachusetts Skills Capital grant to fund the course. Smola said while she was lookto be a part of this process to bring a group of new phlebotomists to the table."

Senior Serenity Kauppila is shown performing a finger stick on teacher John O'Neill.

NEWSBRIEFS

Parade participants wanted for Memorial Day

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

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

The parade will line-up at 12:30 p.m. at the American Legion hall, 45 Maple St., and step-off at 1 p.m. The parade will proceed to Veterans' Park on Main Street for a ceremony.

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

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

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

5K for Play fundraiser is May 13

WARE - St. Aloysius Catholic School PTO is hosting a 5K for Play and Food Truck Festival at Grenville Park, 73 Church St. on Saturday, May 13 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

This is a community event to help fund the playground equipment for St. Aloysius Catholic School in Gilbertville.

All are welcome to walk or run the 5K at Grenville Park. The cost is \$5 for ages 4-8 and \$10 for ages 9-100.

Children ages 2 and under are free.

Registration deadline is May 12, and people may register at runsignup.com/ race/ma/ware/5kforplay.

There will also be games, prizes, raffle baskets, food trucks and music by DJ Brian.

Business sponsors for the event include Pioneer Valley Environmental and Environmental Equipment Repair Services.



Deadline to order flags for 'Ware Remembers' is May 22

WARE - The Ware Historical provide a phone number. Please Society will present the 13th Annual Ware Remembers Ceremony on Sunday, May 28 at 6 p.m. at the Ware Center Meeting House.

This lovely and moving ceremony, at the first town hall and the first church in Ware, will be held on Memorial Day weekend to honor loved ones, mili-

tary and civilian, residents from Ware and elsewhere, living and deceased.

Forms are available at the Ware River News, All Saints Church, Ware Post Office Lobby Bulletin Board, the Young Men's Library Association, or call Polli at 413-967-6882 for more information.

Please join the event to honor a loved one with a flag, then join the Society for an in-person ceremony.

One form, one flag, one name and one \$5 donation will guarantee an American flag will be placed on the historic Meeting House green through Flag Day.

Multiple forms and donations are welcome. Anonymous donors must make checks payable to the Ware Historical Society.

Drop off or mail donations to Ware Remembers 2023, 67 West Main St., Ware, MA 01082. All completed forms and donations must be received by Monday, May 22.





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



(Turley Publications Photos by Dallas Gagnon)

Shown is second grade Lillian Kaczuwka and third grader Nola Duquette



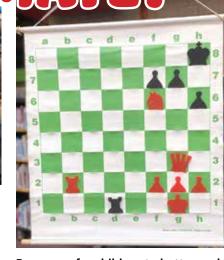
Students prepare for a chess match.



Third graders Emma Bonnayer and Yssabella Piche face off this week



Third graders Zoey Crutchfield and Savannah Lee



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.



Knights prepare for the mass.

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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

(Turley Publications Photos by Paula Ouimette)



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.

are shown by their board.

We are a



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

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

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".



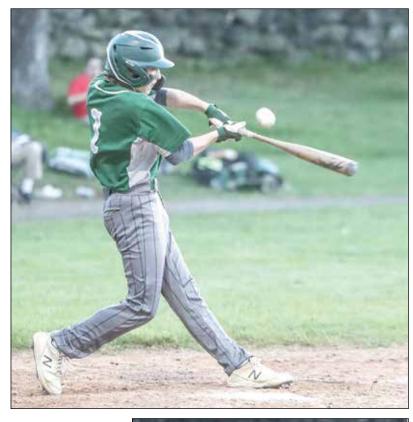
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Indians offense comes through to beat Quabbin



ABOVE: John Mumper connects in the early innings.

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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."

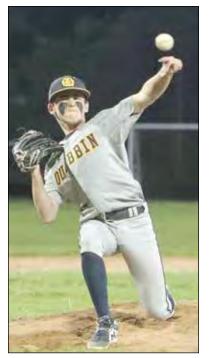
The non-league contest ended after 4 1/3 innings due to the ten run mercy rule.

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

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.

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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Jack McKeever slides into second to beat the throw.



Owen Welsh slides into home for the score.



27 hits. Hannah Roy had three hits



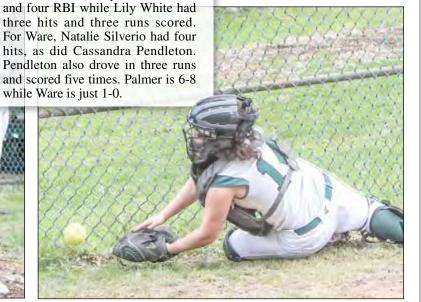
Pathfinder handed loss

Kensie Toelken flips the ball to first for the out.



Emily Dainitis sends this shot deep to the field.

Mia DiRienzo stretches for this out at first.



Photos by Jack Cascio NEAP.smugmug.com Natalie Silverio crashes into the backstop after this valiant dive for the foul ball.

Jen Kinney fields a grounder.



Emma Cehvalier pitches for the Pioneers.

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.



Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Megan Bly catches an out at first.



catch in center.



Greenly Lagimoniere makes the 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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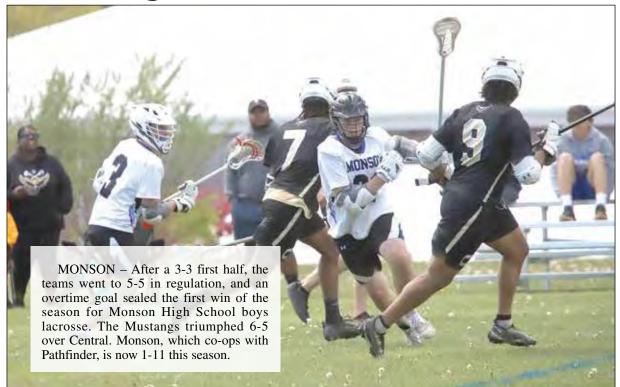
Run for Rice's 5K Road Race set for June 3

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 surrounding neighborhoods, ending at Rice Fruit Farm across the street from the start. Preregistration 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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Mustangs net first win in OT



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

Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli





Dominic Kierkla possesses the ball on a Brayden Pratt sprints up the field after making a recovery. restart.



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 topfour 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

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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 Msy 20, when it begins it 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

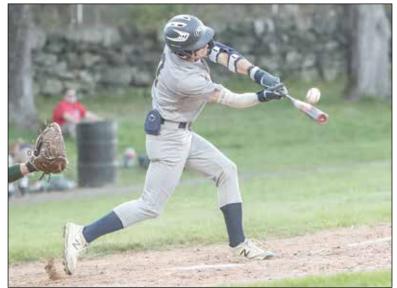
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NHSTRA Outlaws:Cole Littlewood, Steve Bly, Phil Meany, John Meany, Leighton Lutz

NHSTRA Late Models: Tim Wenzel, Kenny Thompson, Hillary Renaud, JD Stockwell, Chris Emerson, Isabella Minchella, Kevin McKnight, Dan Robinson, Chris Castor, Robert Hagar

NHSTRA Modifieds: Brian Robie, Sammy Rameau, Kim Rivet, Tyler Leary, Geoff Rollins, Scott Zilinski, Jeff Battle, Adam Lapoint, Eric Leclair, Aaron Fellows, Nathan Wenzel, Nancy Muni-Ruot, Brian Chapin, Cole Littlewood, Josh Carey, Blair Culhane, Cory Plummer, Joel Belanger





Players from both teams vie for the ball

Registration open for 2023 Bay State Games

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

WOBURN - Registration for 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 multisport 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.minnechauglandtrust.org .

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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 Quaboag 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.

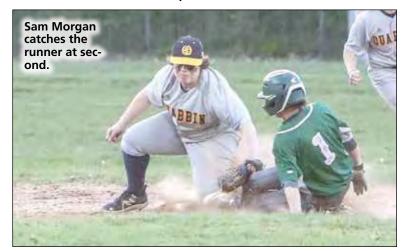
Junior catcher Dylan Sutkaitis and freshman first baseman Kyle Kaczuwka drew walks. Then junior DH Octavio Cotaj, who had an 0-2 count, hit a ground ball single into right field, which brought home the tying run. Kaczuwka scored the go-ahead run on a balk, and Cotaj crossed the plate following a wild 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-toback 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.



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 Autcher 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.

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NECBL announces schedule for 2023 season

2023 New England Collegiate Baseball League (NECBL) first pitch is slated for June 6, as Commissioner Sean McGrath has announced the full schedule for the 29th playing season.

All eyes will be on Dodd Stadium in Norwich, Connecticut on June 6, as the league kicks off its season with the Mystic Schooners hosting the Newport Gulls in the lone matchup of opening day. Ten other teams, including the defending champion Martha's Vineyard Sharks, will get to work on June 7th, with six games on tap, while Sanford is the last team to open their season, part of a seven-game schedule on June 8th that includes the first doubleheader of the year.

In 2022, Martha's Vineyard claimed their first league championship with a 2-0 sweep of the Vermont Mountaineers. That completed a prolific season for the Sharks, who had hosted the 2022 NECBL All Star Game and earned a Wild Card berth in the postseason. On their way to the championship, Martha's Vineyard knocked off both of the top seeds, the Bristol Blues and the Mountaineers, who had each tied an NECBL record with 32 regular season wins.

The anticipated rematches of the championship series will take place on June 27 on the Vineyard and July 12 in Montpelier.

Comprising 13 teams for the 2023 season, the league will once again operate with a three-division alignment. The Coastal Division will feature five teams (Martha's Vineyard, Mystic, Ocean State, North Shore & Newport), while the North Division (Keene, Vermont, Sanford, Upper Valley) and West Division (Bristol, Valley, North Adams, Danbury) will each include four teams.

Once again, all teams will play a 44-game slate in which they will play each of their divisional oppo-

SOUTH HADLEY - The nents seven times. Coastal Teams wildcards who have the next will play each non-division opponent twice, once at home and once on the road, while teams in the North Division and West Division will play non-divisional opponents three times apiece.

The league is grateful to the work of Ben Grannan, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Business Analytics at Queens University (NC) for taking on the complex task of creating the 2023 schedule. Grannan had to balance each team's facility availability, the number of intra- and inter-division matchups, travel considerations, double-headers, off-days, and more.

"The combination of computers and subject matter expertise is the current best practice to create sports schedules," explained Grannan. "Specifically, analytical models are used to track the potential home team, away team, and date of each baseball game during the season. The best schedule satisfies as many items as possible from the list of submitted NECBL team requests as well as the league requirements. Most importantly, the league office participates in a feedback loop to review the schedule and identify any nuances missed by the computer.'

Sunday, June 23rd will see the league's best gather at historic Fraser Field in Lynn, Massachusetts for the 2023 NECBL All-Star Game, presented by Metro Credit Union. The

All-Star Game features the NECBL's top talent, with players from all NECBL organizations showcasing their skills in front of scouts from every Major League Baseball (MLB) organization.

In the final week of the season, each of the league's 13 teams will play solely against division rivals in hopes of qualifying for the 2023 NECBL Postseason, which will feature six teams (the three division winners and three

three highest winning percentages league-wide after the division winners).

The division winners with the top-two regular season winning percentages will earn first-round byes, while the third division winner will battle the wildcard team with the lowest win percentage, and the wildcard teams with the best and second-best win percentages will also face off in a single-elimination wildcard round matchup.

The top seed/division winner will then meet the advancing team that is the lowest remaining wildcard team, while the second-highest seed/division winner faces the highest remaining wildcard team in the best-of-three semifinals before the last two teams standing square off in a best-of-three NECBL Championship Series for the right to hoist the Fay Vincent, Sr. Cup.

The final games of the regular season will be held on Saturday, July 29, with the following day (July 30) open for makeup games before the postseason begins with the Wild Card games on Monday, July 31.

The semifinals series will be played from August 1-3, and the final two teams will play for the championship from August 4-6.

All NECBL games will be streamed live on the NECBL Network, powered by BlueFrame Technology. The NECBL Network is available on both your desktop and mobile/tablet devices, as well as Roku, Amazon Fire TV, Android TV and Apple TV 4th Gen

Rosters are filling up, and vou can check out who is coming to play for your favorite team by heading to their team page at www.necbl.com. Make sure to follow these players all spring long as they compete for their colleges and tune up for their summer in the NECBL.

Lacey Anne Jasiekiewicz

BRISTOL, CT - Lacey Ann Jasiekiewicz, formerly of Ware, passed away in the care and love of her family

on Sunday,

May 7, 2023,

in Bristol,

In April

Connecticut.

of 2022,

Lacey Anne

Jasiekiewicz

was present-

ed with the

warrior's task

of battling

a rare and aggressive form of cancer. Though heavy was the weight of her fight, she wore it like a crown of feathers, showing strength in her eyes and determination in her heart.

Now, her enemy is no more, and Lacey is at rest with her father, John K. Jasiekiewicz and her grandfather, Joseph Jasiekiewicz, by her side.

Lacey Anne Jasiekiewicz came into the world on June 3, 1987, with a head full of hair, a mischievous smile, and a heart of gold. Though she was the youngest and quietest of Lisa and John's three girls, Lacey definitely contributed her fair share of childhood antics that her siblings and mother will look back on with love for the rest of their lives.

Whether it was "Walking on Broken Glass" as a toddler, dreaming big and circling everything in the JC Penney catalog for Christmas, or locking herself in her room after accidentally destroying her childhood blanket, Lacey found a way to add to a scrapbook of memories that has helped to make her family smile even on the darkest of days.

Childhood capers aside, Lacey was a highly intelligent and hard-working young woman. After graduating from Ware High School in 2005, Lacey went on to attend Lasell University earning a degree in business management.

When she was not working, Lacey enjoyed all things creative and imaginative. She loved to draw, she loved to read, and more than anything she loved

Jasiekiewicz, Lacey Ann Died May 7, 2023 Graveside Service May 16, 2023 the world of professional wrestling.

Death notice

Lacey's family would like to give a special shout out to Drew Cordeiro from Beyond Wrestling, Donna Letizia and Linda McMahon of McMahon Ventures, and Paul "Triple H" Levesque of the WWE for bringing light into Lacey's life on what otherwise might have been some very dark days. Lacey leaves behind: her mother,

Lisa and stepfather Kenneth Zearfoss, who will forever miss her "little girl"; her sisters, Alicia and Amanda, her brother-in-law, Norbert Dusza, who will now only have each other to pick on; her sweet niece and nephew, Lukasz and Zofia Dusza, who will miss their "Aunty Lacey". Additionally, Lacey leaves behind her stepsister, Jessica Zearfoss, and her stepbrother, Joshua Zearfoss, and several loving and devoted aunts and uncles, Tammy and Scott Cairns, Cheryl Stolar and Dante Artioli, Frank Stolar, Mark Loya, Joyce and Mark Jasik, Mike Jasik, who loved her like one of their own, as well as several cousins, Ryan, Lindsey, Josh, Brandon, Kody, Colby, Jen, and Kim, who were, no doubt, some of the "first friends" that Lacey had. Lacey will also be greatly missed by her surviving grandmothers, Eva Jasiekiewicz and Judy Goodwin.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Lacey's name to the Graceful Swan, LLC, 81 Osborne Road, Ware, MA 01082, which is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing opportunities to children of Ware.

Lacey will be laid to rest with her father, in St. Mary's Cemetery in Ware. A Graveside Service to commem-

orate her life will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 11 a.m. in the Our Lady of Czestochowa Section. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cebula Funeral Home of Ware.

For more information and an online guest book, please visit: www.cebulafuneralhome.com.

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An additional feature in 2023 is that in over a dozen sports, athletes who win a gold, silver, or bronze medal at the 2023 Bay State Games will qualify to participate in the 2024 State Games of America in San Diego, California. The State Games of America feature more than 8,000

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

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

Tri-Parish Church to hold plant and bake sale

HARDWICK – The Tri-Parish Community Church announces their 17th Annual Plant and Bake Sale, on the Hardwick Common, Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and

21 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. each day. This popular East Quabbin

through Inishowen Farms of North Brookfield, Stillman's Farm of New Braintree, Chicken Feather Farm of New Braintree, as well as Howe's Farm of New Braintree, Bake Sale. Spaces on the Common Tracie's Greenhouse of Ware,

wonderful variety in plants offered breads will also be sold. The event is held rain or shine

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

turing photos from all 11 of our sports sections, but as always, you can see all the photos that appear by subscribing to your local paper or picking up a copy in your community

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area event will feature traditional, favorite and connoisseur perennials, plus selected annuals, heirtime for spring planting. There is a the Hardwick Farmers Co-op of Hardwick and private gardens.

The popular baked potato buffet loom vegetable plants and herbs in is returning and a delicious assortment of home-baked desserts and

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

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"It was a great experience coaching the two soccer teams. The players worked very hard at the Academy Cup," Molinari said. "It was also the first time that we combined two age groups together. We really didn't know how the other teams down there were going to be, but both of our teams competed very well against them."

The U-19 girls' team, which was made up of players born in 2006 and 2007, finished with a 1-2-1 record.

"Players who were born in 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007 were eligible to play for the U19 team," Ferrara said. "Our U19 team was one of youngest teams down there. We played mostly against 05 players. Our club currently doesn't have a 05 team and the majority of the 04 players are in college and they would be ineligible to play in the tournament."

The U19 team lost their first two matches 1-0 against teams from West Virginia and Tennessee.

"We hit the post three times in our first two games," Molinari said. "The other team had a shot hit off the post, but the ball went into the net."

After playing a 1-1 tie against a team from Miami, Florida, the Western United



Pioneers finished the tournament by posting a 4-3 victory over a team from New Jersey.

"Overall, the U19 team had a very good showing," Ferrara added. "We played against older teams from the south, who have been playing together for a few years. Our two teams only had five or six training sessions."

Twelve of the U19 players attend a high school located in the region.

Those players are Mia Carvalho (Ludlow), Sophia U15 team played in a tourna-Scyocurka (Ludlow), Calleigh Foley (Ludlow), Emma Ellis (Ludlow), Brianna Ribeiro (Belchertown), Fallon Clancy (Belchertown), Brooke matches took place in the Burrows (Belchertown), Christina Ritter (Agawam), Ava Chevalier (Tantasqua a lot of time for sightsee-Regional), Tess Chevalier ing while they were down in (Tantasqua Regional), Claire Poindexter (Minnechaug Regional), and McKenzie Murray (Minnechaug Regional).

The U15 team, which was made up of players born in 2008 and 2009, finished the tournament with a 0-1-3 record. All three of their draws were scoreless.

Twelve members of the U15 squad also live in the Turley Publications coverage area.

They are Audrey Afonso (Ludlow), Aneysha Donais (Ludlow), Kacie Klimek (Ludlow), Valentina Molinari (Ludlow), Payton Dersarkisian (Ludlow), Ava Friese (Ludlow), Zoriah Wray (Minnechaug Regional), Madison Boulanger (Chicopee), Maeve Carter (Chicopee), Makenna Sacco (Hampden), Carson Humphries (Hampden), and Isabel Moreau (Belchertown). "I've coached the 09 play-

ers in the past," Molinari said. "The 09 players had to adapt to playing with the 08 players. It was also the first time that the ment outside of New England. They got to see a different style of soccer." Because the Academy Cup

afternoon, the Western United Pioneers players didn't have Florida.

"Our games were in the middle of the day, which made it difficult to do anything else," Ferrara said. "We did go out to

eat together as a team a couple of nights. It was a fun experience for the players."

Ferrara is also the League Commissioner of United Women's Soccer and is the owner of the New England Mutiny.

Both the Pioneers and the Mutiny play their home matches at historic Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow.

Ferrara is hoping a few of the Western United Pioneers girls' soccer players join the Mutiny in the coming years.

"That's our plan," he said. "I'm always looking for the local soccer players to play for the Mutiny.'

Rich Friese, who's from Ludlow, was also a member of the coaching staff at this year's Academy Cup.

Ferrara is looking forward to having several of the Western United Pioneers teams compete in the 2024 USL Academy Cup.

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Ware Police Log

During the week of May 2-9, Hazard, Storrs Street, Citation/ 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

Kenneth E. Arrest: Lagimoniere, 26, Ware

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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/

workshop May 19

Belchertown Road.

org for more information.

Publications.

Grange offers gardening

WARE - Ware Grange's first gardening work-

shop 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

of the weekly "In the Garden" column for Turley

tables. A door prize drawing will be held.

Music at Trinity hosts

gospel choir May 21

The presenter will be Roberta McQuaid, author

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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 Crash, Anderson Road, Report Issued Made

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

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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.

Sunday, May 7

East Street, Unfounded

North Street, Advised

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Street, Investigated

4:48 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call,

5:59 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call,

10:12 p.m. Abandoned 911

Pulaski Street, Services Rendered

Monday, May 8

10:25 a.m. Traffic Incident/

10:49 a.m. Fraud/Deception,

12:03 p.m. Abandoned 911

12:22 p.m. Abandoned 911

1:05 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call,

3:39 p.m. Traffic Violation/

4:47 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/

4:56 p.m. Breaking and

5:15 p.m. Theft/Larceny, West

6:09 p.m. Traffic Incident/

7:30 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call,

Crash, Aspen Street, Vehicle

Tuesday, May 9

7:50 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call,

East Street, Dispatch Handled

North Street, Dispatch Handled

Call, West Street, Dispatch

Call, South Street, Dispatch

Big Tree Drive, Dispatch Handled

Hazard, Kingsberry Lane,

Threat, Belchertown Road,

Entering/Burglary, Park Street,

Complaint Taken Care of

Call, South Street, Investigated

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

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,

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

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/

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.

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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

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 them was, "It's time for trees!"

"Through art, I am so pleased

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.

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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-

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

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

my fifth-grade students could show our love for trees and help promote the importance of trees statewide," Cook said.

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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.

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