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Board discusses ongoing school budget negotiations

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WARREN – After meeting with Quaboag Regional School District’s legal team, interim Superintendent Maureen Binienda presented the

Board of Selectmen with a letter and open invitation to the School Committee’s June 5 meeting.

The public invitation comes two weeks after the town’s proposed budget for the Quaboag School District was not supported in an article presented at the annual town

meeting.

The town of Warren presented a \$110,000 above minimum contribution budget for the fiscal year 2024 district budget, while the Quaboag School District requested a \$1.2 million above minimum contribution from the town.

“We do want to willingly work with you,” said Binienda.

Binienda suggested a small group meet to discuss the school budget collaboratively between the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

Board Chair David Dufresne

said he is “not comfortable” with a private meeting and would prefer the discussion to be transparent and open to the public.

He added the Board of Selectmen meetings are broadcasted and live-streamed on multiple platforms for the public’s access.

Board Vice-Chair Richard Eichacker suggested hosting three separate meetings to discuss the budget with one being held in West Brookfield, one in Warren and one

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Stop and smell the flowers

Tri-Parish Community Church hosts plant and bake sale

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HARDWICK – Community members gathered on the common this past weekend to enjoy baked goods, loaded baked potatoes and even live music while plant shopping in an effort to support the Tri-Parish Community Church.

While the plant sale has “been going on for years and years,” the event is made possible by the contributions of local vendors, donations and volunteers.

Church member Jennifer Pollard said some plants were donated entirely while others were either bought by the church at wholesale price and sold retail, or vendors donate half of the sales profits.

Some plant vendors included local farms such as Inishowen Farms of North Brookfield, Howes Farm and Garden LLC of Paxton and Stillman’s Farm of New Braintree.

GINNY Rich hosted the “home made lovelies” table, offering an entire selection of plants donated by community members, grown from their own yards and homes.

“Because they are grown locally, they will stay healthy and thrive,” said Rich.

She said she has been helping with the plant sale for many years, adding she used to help set up for the event in her younger days.

Rich said a gardening friend of hers donated quite a few plants, ranging from flowers to shrubs, while she also donated a few seedlings.

Money raised from the event goes towards the church’s general funds.

Pollard credited Thomas Clough as “the man behind the scenes,” who “does it all,” including organizing the event and community outreach.

Clough thanked the vendors and said they are “all wonderful.”

Clough said this is his second year in charge of setting up

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Ware firefighters, from left, Dolan MacNamee, Kaity Faucher and TJ Berninger, are shown with Lieutenant Jeff Zacharie.

Area fire departments train in empty hospital

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WARE – Thirty firefighters from Ware, Hardwick, Belchertown and West Brookfield attended a training at the former Baystate Mary Lane Hospital building Sunday morning and afternoon.

Using the third and fourth

floors of the hospital, firefighters worked in crews to sweep rooms in search of potential victims. The fourth floor was obscured by thick smoke, supplied by smoke machines.

Ware Fire Chief Jim Martinez said this training happened thanks to the efforts of Lieutenant Jason McNeaney and the town of Ware. The town gave the fire departments permission to use the hos-

pital, along with Baystate Health.

Air Support from Westover Fire Department brought its air compressor trailer to fill the firefighter’s air bottles.

Using a rope as their guide, crews assembled up the stairwell to the third floor, following the commands of Martinez, who man-

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Let’s play, SMK!



Shown is the new preschool playground at Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School.

New playground equipment installed at elementary school

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WARE – After nearly four years of restricted play, the students of Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School are now able to enjoy a fully functioning playground.

While the kindergarten through third grade playground has been updated and expanded, an entirely new playground has been installed for the preschoolers.

“A lot has been replaced and

updated,” said Principal Pamela Iwasinski.

For the kindergarten-third grade playground, new additions include an additional swing set, monkey bars, three new slides, a saucer swing and new obstacle course.

Teacher Allison Biron said the playground updates have been “a long time coming.”

“It has been a topic of discussion for the last six-seven years to get this playground... For about three years, one third of the playground has been closed off due to safety concerns,” said Biron.

Iwasinski said the construction began later than expected as the

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Quaboag student artists host end-of-year art exhibition

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WARREN – Last week, art students at Quaboag Regional Middle High School displayed works they had created throughout the school year during an art

exhibition.

On May 17, about 300 students added self-portraits, ceramic sculptures, digital photography, fantasy creatures, glass mosaics and more to the exhibition, which spans the hallways of the school.

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(Turley Publications Photos by Paula Ouimette)

Ari Masterjohn stands with some of her artwork centered around safe spaces. Each of her works alludes to another one of her works.

Troop 281 celebrates trio of Eagle Scouts

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WARE – Ware Scouts BSA Troop 281 honored its three newest Eagle Scouts at a Court of Honor held this past Sunday afternoon.

Nicholas Bousquet, Jacob Witt and Tyler Bonilla were each recognized for earning the highest rank Scouts BSA has to offer, something that only 4% of Scouts will ever achieve.

This brings the total number of Eagle Scouts that Troop 281 has produced up to 19 since the Troop was restarted back in 2011.

All juniors at Ware High School, where the Court of Honor was held, these Scouts have built their friendship on the foundation of the Scout Oath and Law. They have faced every challenge and adventure at each other’s sides, and it was fitting that they be honored on stage together.

“You have been counted worthy of this high rank,” Eagle Scout John Pajak said as he read the Eagle Charge. Pajak earned his



Ware Scouts BSA Troop 281’s newest Eagle Scouts, Jacob Witt, Nicholas Bousquet and Tyler Bonilla salute Master of the Fourth Degree of the Massachusetts Knights of Columbus, Stanley Ciukaj.

Eagle rank in 1977 with Troop 167.

Pajak told the new Eagle Scouts to live a life dedicated to the common good, and to leave behind a legacy that every Scout can take pride in.

Committee Chair Michael Domey presented each Scout with their Eagle Scout rank patch.

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Are You Old News?



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



(File Photo)
Last week's photo from 1992 showed the winners of the annual Hardwick Rod & Gun Club Fishing Derby from left, John Dupell, largest fish (17 3/4 inch brook trout); Ellen Moriarty, first fish age 0-6; Nicki Majka, first two fish age 0-6; Josh Davis, first fish age 7-9; Elizabeth Ciejka, first two fish age 7-9; Zeb Glidden, first fish age 10-12; and Jessica Tanner, first two fish age 10-12.

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



Several students created collages inspired by artist Kerri Ambrosino.

Shown is a folk-art, still-life collage inspired by artist Kerri Ambrosino, constructed by an art student from Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School.

(Courtesy Photos by Stanley M. Koziol Faculty)
Shown is a collage crafted by a student of Erin Boughamer's art class.

SMK students honor mothers, caregivers through art

WARE – The students of Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School created a series of arts and crafts in honor of Mother's day earlier this month.

Kindergarten teacher Maura Balicki said students in her class planted spider plants to "represent their journey in kindergarten and show they are ready for first grade."

"The baby spider plants grew off of Mrs. [Yvonne] Smith's mama spider plant that they help water and care for in the class... We talked about how the students are like these little baby plants," said Balicki.

She explained "when you talk, care and teach someone, they grow, just like them."

Balicki said the students were "excited to hear that story and how it connected to them."

Students in Erin Boughamer's art class created flower bouquets inspired by artist Kerri Ambrosino.

Children from kindergarten through third grade participated in creating the paper collages for their caregivers and mothers alike.



Third graders Sadie Corriveau, Adilyn Castro and Jayceon Powell are shown painting flower shaped picture frames for a Mother's Day/caregiver gift.



Shown are preschoolers Nathaniel Barrows, Mackenzie Lamb, Colton Howe and James Gratton smiling as they show off their painted flower pots, planted flowers and hand-crafted cards.

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Food policy council wants to hear all voices

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WARE – Members of the Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council discussed ways they could make sure that each voice is heard when it comes to decision making. “This Council is extremely new,” Council Coordinator Caitlin Geaghan said, and members are still organizing and planning. She said the hope is that once they have finished the planning process and determined the needs of the region, the Council can expand beyond the 12 towns it currently covers. Geaghan said there are a few options available to the Council when it comes to making decisions, including single person decides, group decides by consensus and group decides by voting. Single person decides would allow for one member of the group to have decision-making responsibilities, either with or without input from the rest of the mem-

bers. With group decides by consensus, decisions would either be hard, where all would agree; or soft, where most would agree, but those that don’t wouldn’t be upset by the decision. Group decides by voting would have members use either a ballot, hand or voice vote. Members could decide on a minimum vote, a simple majority or a two-thirds vote or plurality. Council members agreed that most decisions should be made by the group, possibly leaving minor, day-to-day decisions up to Geaghan and Project Coordinator for Community Health, Emily Coderre. Linda Fuchs, an organic farmer from Brimfield, said having a single person decides method would negate people’s time spent being in a group. “The advantage of this group is the diversity of organizations present,” she said. Gail Gramarossa of the Quaboag Hills Substance Use

Alliance suggested using consensus when they can, even if informally. “In a lot of ways, I see a food policy council driven by collective thinking and very participatory,” she said. Kirsten Krieger, public health nurse of the Quabbin Health District said she thinks it would be beneficial if there was a core membership determining options for decisions and then taking them to a vote. She said different people have different perspectives and this could pose a challenge with voting. “You may get so many ideas that it’s difficult to get them to a vote. A core group could bring the options to a general body,” Krieger said. Michelle Holmgren, Public and Community Relations at Baystate Wing Hospital, said day to day decisions handled by the leadership team would be good, and the team could bring these decisions back to the members.

Krieger said Council members should also think about intentionally growing the group to represent more diversity. The first hybrid training opportunity of the QVFC will be held on Wednesday, May 31 from 4:51:15 p.m. at E2E, 79 Main St., with Zoom access available. **About QVFC** The Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council is funded through a grant received by the Town of Ware in partnership with Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation, covering the towns of Ware, Belchertown, Palmer, Monson, Wales, Holland, Brimfield, Warren, Brookfield, West Brookfield, North Brookfield and East Brookfield. The Council is open to all, and everyone is welcome to join in the discussion. For more information, people may email Geaghan at cgeaghan@townofware.com or Coderre at ecoderre@townofware.com.

Planning Board discusses Master Plan committee

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WARE – The Planning Board discussed the possibility of establishing a Master Plan Implementation Committee. Town Manager Stuart Beckley said at the Board’s May 18 meeting, that the current Master plan is almost seven years old. “Some towns create a separate Master Plan Implementation Committee,” Beckley said, adding that the committee would belong to the Planning Board. Board Chair Richard Starodaj said he would be “all for having a committee.” “I think it’s a way of keeping track of the goals and recommendations that are at the end of the Master Plan,” said Beckley. The Master Plan Implementation Committee would be responsible for reassessing the current Master Plan and adding or revising it to align with the town’s current goals. The matter will be further discussed at the Board’s next meeting.

back from Baystate Health or West Mass Development regarding the hospital buildings on South Street in nearly a month. “I know they will be moving forward...there is demolition preparedness,” said Beckley. The businesses on Main Street and Pulaski Street that will be impacted by the facade grant will see implementation in July. Regarding the search for a new town planner, Beckley said the town is “not having much luck at all,” despite posting on several sites and job search platforms.

Right of first refusal The Board motioned to waive the right of first refusal to a property on Webster Road. Beckley informed the Board that the Selectboard and the Conservation Commission recommended against the town purchasing the property. The property in question is not connected to sewer or water with a majority of the land located on wetland.

Reorganization The Board motioned to postpone the reconstitution of the Board until all members are present.

Planning and community development Beckley said he has not heard

Ware Senior Center news

WARE – The Ware Senior Center, located at 1 Robbins Road, is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. The thrift store is open each of those days from 9 a.m.-noon. Donations to the store are only accepted by Sue LaBarge, who can be reached by calling 413-544-1574.

9:30 a.m. Line Dancing Beginners
10 a.m. Line Dancing
10 a.m. Scat
11:30 a.m. Lunch
2:30 p.m. Art Class

ACTIVITIES
Monday, May 29
Closed for Memorial Day

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

Friday, June 2
9 a.m. Tai Chi
10 a.m. Scat Program
11:30 a.m. Lunch
1 p.m. Chair Yoga
1:30-3:30 p.m. Chair Massage (available by appointment only, call 413-967-9645; \$5 for 10 minutes)
6 p.m. Pitch (doors open at 5 p.m.)

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Monday, May 29
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Tuesday, May 30
Brunch
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Wednesday, May 31
Lazy Golumbki, Dessert of the Day

Wednesday, May 31
9 a.m. Tai-Chi
10 a.m. Scat
11:30 a.m. Lunch

Thursday, June 1
9 a.m. New Senior Spring Walk
Meet at the Senior Center and wear comfortable footwear. Bring water, sunscreen, bug spray and a snack for energy.
9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing

Thursday, June 1
Chicken Jambalaya with Sausage, Rice, Caesar Salad, Dessert of the Day

Friday, June 2
Tuna Melt Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Potato Chips, Dessert of the Day

SCOUTS from page 1

Scoutmaster Emeritus Dan Flynn gave the Eagle Scout medalion to each Scout’s mother while Scoutmaster Frank Bateman gave Eagle Scout neckerchief slides to the fathers.

Joined on stage by their families, the Eagle Scouts were decorated for their rank by their parents.

Flynn reminded the trio that once they’re an Eagle Scout, they will always be an Eagle Scout.

He spoke about each of them and their journey through Scouting, starting with Bousquet.

Bousquet was the first to complete his Eagle Project, which included creating a 180-foot walking path leading to a 16 by 16-foot outdoor programming area at the Paige Memorial Library in Hardwick, where his great-grand aunt Grace Barnes Hanson was librarian for close to 60 years.

“I’m really grateful for him,” Flynn said. “Nick is a leader that will always care about the community.”

Flynn said that Bousquet has joined multiple town committees, including chairing the Superintendent Search Committee for his school, and being a member of both the Open Space Committee and Agricultural Commission.

Witt was the second to complete his Eagle Project, which focused on beautifying Ware Grange #164’s hall on Route 9. His project was completed in time for the Grange to celebrate its 150th anniversary.

Working with his Troop and crew of volunteers, Witt cleaned up the parking lot, as well as around the building, making it easier for people to access. The final touches on the project included planting flowers and bushes and spreading fresh mulch.

“You’ve grown so much,” Flynn told Witt. “Continue to challenge yourself...keep trying. Keep going.”

Despite being faced with numerous hurdles to complete his



Eagle Scouts Jacob Witt, Nicholas Bousquet and Tyler Bonilla stand with stat Rep. Todd Smola, left, and state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume, right.

Eagle Project, Bonilla was always working to improve himself and do better, Flynn said.

His determination to follow through resulted in a new fence being installed along the Grange property, perfectly complementing Witt’s project. First, Bonilla had to remove an existing fence, then install a new white picket fence in a new location with a gate.

“Tyler, you’re going to go a lot of places,” Flynn said.

The three Eagle Scouts shared memories of their Scouting adventures together, from the first campouts at Treasure Valley Scout Reservation, to bringing back an entire downed tree for campfire wood, to helping each other complete their Eagle Projects.

Bousquet, Witt and Bonilla also received recognition from

AMVETS Post 2577, the Troop’s charter organization.

State Rep. Todd Smola and state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume presented them with the flag of the commonwealth and citations from the State House and commented on the strength of Ware’s Scouting program.

Smola credited this to the involvement of the Troop’s adult leadership, including Flynn, who served as Scoutmaster for 12 years before handing the reins over to Bateman.

He said it’s also due to the support from the community, including the town’s various veterans organizations.

Berthiaume congratulated the Scouts for joining an elite rank in Scouts BSA.

“You’ve joined that very small

group that went the extra mile,” he said.

Bousquet’s father Paul was also recognized at the Court of Honor for completing his Wood Badge ticket.

Ken Simpson, the District Commissioner of Soaring Eagle District, Heart of New England Council, presented Paul with his wooden beads to symbolize his completion of the training.

“It gives me great honor to give these beads,” Simpson said.

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GUEST COLUMN

Planning for safe celebrations for your teen

By Abaigeal Duda

It's prom and graduation celebration season, which for teens can be both exciting and worrisome.

For parents, this may also be true, but for different reasons.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration suggests that car crashes are a leading cause of death for teens and that one out of three crashes involve alcohol or other substances. In rural areas like ours, when these tragedies occur, they are felt by the entire community. How can we support our young people so that they create positive memories of these milestones?

There are some practical steps that you can take as a parent, or caregiver:

The most important and effective is also typically the most overlooked: Have an honest conversation. How do you feel about underage drinking and other substance use?

If you aren't aware of the negative effects on the development of young brains, it's worth understanding that there can be long-term consequences.

One Choice (saying no to all substances) has a good overview at tinyurl.com/5jzsyhtd. Studies show that encouraging young people to make choices that support their health, wellbeing and long-term success rather than trying to scare them with horror stories to avoid – is the most effective approach.

People tend to overestimate how many other people use substances like alcohol and other drugs. In the Quaboag Hills region, the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance conducts surveys in our school districts, and it is true of all schools and grade levels that most students are making choices not to use substances.

If you aren't sure how to start a conversation with a child or teen, get examples from "Talk. They Hear You" at samhsa.gov. Another way to have a conversation about driving expectations is to Take "The Pledge," an agreement between caregivers and teens available at the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance website at qhsua.org.

Know who is driving your teen. The night of prom or graduation, will another teen be driving?

A parent? An older sibling? A hired vehicle and driver? In our area, we do not have the same transportation options that are available in more urban areas.

If a teen suddenly realizes that his/her/their ride has been drinking, calling for a cab or rideshare is very unlikely to be a viable option.

No matter who is supposed to drive, make sure that your child knows that you are available to take a call if there is any question about transportation safety or any other questionable situation that may arise. You might agree upon a text or emoji to send to you to let you know that you are needed so that he/she/they don't have to have an awkward conversation that might be overheard about unsafe behavior.

If you are hosting a graduation party at your home for your teen, make it a "dry" party.

Be sure to familiarize yourself with the Massachusetts' underage drinking laws known as the Social Host Law. If underage drinking does happen on your property, you could face criminal or civil liability charges.

Make a list of fun activities with your teen and his/her/their friends that they would enjoy doing together to create positive memories that will last a long, healthy lifetime.

Healthy celebrations are celebrations worth remembering.

Abaigeal Duda is STOP Act Grant project director at the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance. For more information, or if you or a loved one needs help for substance abuse, call the statewide helpline at 1-800-327-5050 (TTY: 1-800-439-2370); the phone line is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can also go to hub.helpline.org/findhelp.



Dazed for dahlias

Do you ever get sidetracked?

Well, last night I went into my mudroom to assess my dahlia collection in preparation for planting. Besides housing baskets and buckets of dahlia tubers, the mudroom contains a wood box, lots of coats and shoes, and when the temperatures dip into the negative realm, it may house a chicken or two.

Our big, upright freezer is also in the mudroom. Why were the floorboards in front of the door wet?

Upon inspection, the freezer wasn't at temperature and the contents had partially thawed. Just what I needed on a Saturday night.

After the mess was cleaned up and what could be salvaged was, I rewarded myself with some alone-time with my dahlias.

I chuckle when I think that the last time I wrote about dahlias I had four varieties. I'm at 10 in two short years - oops, make that 11 after the tuber I purchased at the plant sale yesterday.

It's hard not to become a collector when they come in so very many flower types and sizes, from a mere couple of inches to the size of a dinner plate.

Read on for a refresher course on dahlia

growing, and if you become inspired to purchase a tuber or two, rest easy with the cost; you'll be giving the offspring away before you know it!

Plant dahlias in full sun, in fertile soil amended sparingly with compost and organic fertilizers. Most tubers are planted about 3 inches deep and 1-3 feet away from one another, depending on plant size. Providing enough air circulation between plants will help keep diseases at bay.

Most gardeners install a stake at planting time and attach the dahlia to it as it grows, beginning when it is a foot tall. Subsequent ties are made every 18 inches or so depending on variety. Without the use of stakes, large flowers will likely topple in the wind and rain, sometimes taking a good portion of the plant with it.

Pinching dahlias is another good practice. When the plant has three sets of leaves gently remove its growth tip.

This will encourage more branching and inevitably more flowers. Once blooming starts it is important to cut away spent blooms on a regular basis; tubers will grow stronger because of it.

Dahlias thrive on sufficient moisture, especially since they are shallow rooted. Furnish them with one inch per week during active growth.

As the growing season draws to a close, hold back on water and any supplemental fertilization you have been providing. This will give the tubers a chance to harden off before they are removed from the ground.

Dig up dahlia tubers either just prior to or soon after frost hits. Leave a small portion of stem attached to the tubers - it is a great place to adhere a label.

Take it from me - it is easy to forget a name

over the winter months!

Soil should be eased off the tubers with a spray of water before placing in storage. Choose a location to overwinter your tubers that maintain 40-50 degrees temps and 90% humidity.

These conditions will keep them dormant and healthy until it is time to replant. Many people have good luck using a cold basement or root cellar; small quantities of tubers can be stored in the crisper drawer of the refrigerator.

Placing tubers in damp peat moss, saw dust, shredded leaves, or even ventilated plastic bags will help to prevent shriveling. Be sure to check on your tubers every couple of weeks throughout the offseason.

Should you see shriveling, mist them with clean water and re-dampen the medium in which they were placed. If you see mold, bring down the temperature and humidity level.

Some dahlias like to get a jump-start on the season by prestarting dahlias indoors.

We have done this occasionally at Old Sturbridge Village and I am always amazed at just how fast the plants grow, and how quickly they outgrow their pots and become leggy. If you attempt it, four weeks prior to the last spring frost would be soon enough.

It's my hope that you will venture into the land of dahlia growing and love it as much as I do!

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.

GUEST COLUMN

Why are college costs so high?

By Eric Goodhart

The cost of private four-year colleges and universities have steadily increased to a level far beyond the means of all but a small percentage of American households.

There are two major reasons for that.

Breaking the Bretton Woods Agreement of 1944, President Nixon took the dollar off the gold standard in 1971. The Federal Reserve was printing dollars like there was no tomorrow during what is known as the "Guns and Butter" decade of the sixties.

Nixon's move was the catalyst bringing about inflation as the dollar lost value.

A year later, Title IX of the Civil Rights Act was signed into law by Nixon. Many of the most expensive private colleges were beginning to admit women.

Title IX prohibits gender-based discrimination in any college or any other education program that receives funding from the federal government.

The full cost of attendance for a four-year private college before 1972 averaged \$3,500 to \$4,500 per year. In 2023 those same colleges cost \$67,000 to \$82,300 per year.

State universities are \$39,000 per year.

Financial aid has not made the colleges affordable, in fact, in the majority of cases it has made them more expensive and put more students and their parents into more debt. The formulas used to determine "need" penalize families that save for college.

The Asset Protection Allowance in 1990 has been steadily reduced to zero now Congress does not even believe a family of four with the oldest parent aged 48 does not need even an emergency fund of \$50,000 anymore.

Plus, Congress continues to bend under the pressure of the paid college lobbyists to not even increase the financial need when a family has more than one student in college at the same time. In other words, if the Expected Family Contribution was \$40,000 with one in college, it would be the same if two were in college, not \$20,000 per student.

The Department of Education's Federal Student Aid Office, changes will affect seniors, rising 11th graders and younger. Therefore, for planning purpose families of divorce, families with more than one student in college at the same time small business owners and family farm owners.

Here is a summary of current, or soon-to-be-implemented changes:

EFC, which has always been a shock to parents as the amount the government expects a family to pay. The DOE now cleverly calls it Student Aid Index.



They say the difference in nomenclature is substantially that alone. Experience warns us that is probably not accurate in effect.

With the replacement of the Data Retrieval Tool with the Direct Data Transfer tax returns become more determinative of basic, financial qualification.

Families of divorce will be asked which parent provides the most financial support for the student rather than, with whom is the student living one-half of a year plus one day, or longer. As of the date of this article, no time parameters are determined.

What does that mean? Having observed the decisions of colleges for decades, it means college financial aid offices are going to dig deeper into the financial arrangements of families of divorce.

Child Support will no longer be counted as "untaxed income," but rather as a parent asset.

The current asset exclusion of family-owned businesses and family-owned farms is gone. The asset value of each shall be included in the SAI calculation.

Simplified Needs Test (which removes assets from an SAI calculation) is based on AGI under \$60,000. But if the parent operates a small business, buyer beware. The financial aid officers are trained to watch out for business owners because they are told that the AGI on the tax return can be reduced at will.

The number of family members in college at the same time, as a consideration, will be phased out; although professional judgement may allow for that to be considered. Therefore, it should be noted in "Other Information" provided to the colleges.

Two other considerations represent the proverbial double-edged sword. One is that the end of PELL Grant eligibility after 12 semesters is removed.

The other side is that Direct Student Loan time limit of 150% of satisfactory academic progress is also removed.

Students will be able to drag out their college education beyond six years. Over the last 30 years, the statistics show that only 38% of students graduate in four years.

The 50 or so, most competitive colleges have over 90% graduation rate in four years. That is because they have many applicants each year to fill seats. Getting through college in those colleges is much easier than getting in.

Presently, this reporter is researching each of the community colleges that largely served the western part of Massachusetts beginning with Mount Wachusett and Greenfield Community Colleges.

So far, some nice surprises, but some are facing challenges. Each week there will be a profile of the colleges.

With college costs being so high, does it make financial sense to go to a community college for two years and then transfer to as a junior to a four-year college?

As is the case to many scenarios... it depends. Those will be explored and explained.

If the reader has personal experience with a community college, as a student or parent in Massachusetts or elsewhere, they may email Eric Goodhart at barrenews@turley.com.

cial advisor and have done okay watching our investments grow (except for the last three years). Neither my husband nor I have taken Social Security; we were both waiting until age 70 to get full benefits.

Do you think this is still wise? I'm concerned there will not be any funds in five years when we both turn 70.

Signed: Concerned Senior

Dear Concerned Senior: Your question relates to Social Security solvency, no doubt inspired by the recent spate of media discussion on this topic.

Most articles I've read promote a "doomsday" scenario and, in fairness, Social

Security's financial issues are serious.

The latest report from the Trustees of Social Security warned Congress that the reserves now held in Social Security's Trust Fund, which enable full benefits to be paid, will be depleted as early as 2033. What you may not know is that this is not new news – the Trustees have sounded the same warning for decades to multiple Congresses, which have neglected to enact corrective measures. Unfortunately, they are likely to continue to drag their feet for a while because the reform needed is not politically palatable and the impact is still a few years away.

Nevertheless, although Social Security's looming financial issues are serious, they are

not fatal. Congress already knows how to fix Social Security's financial issues – they just currently lack the bipartisan spirit and political will needed to do so.

The clock, however, is ticking and Congress will be forced to act soon, which we are confident will happen before the Trust Funds run dry. What motivates most politicians is getting reelected and allowing an across the board cut to all Social Security recipients, which would happen if the Trust Fund reserves were depleted, would be political suicide.

Therefore, I'm confident that reform will occur in time, and I don't suggest changing

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Senior concerned about Social Security solvency

Dear Rusty: I retired at age 58. My husband and I worked 40 years of employment each. I had a 401K only...no other benefits.

We saved, we invested through our finan-



Vendors Martha Bryenton and Tom Meade of Bucket List Maple Syrup based in West Brookfield, are shown selling maple syrup and other treats.

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the event, and he is "glad to help." He added the efforts made are "an important part of the community."

Farmer Matt of New Braintree donated all the ingredients for the loaded baked potato sales, including farm fresh bacon for bits.

The Old Furnace General Store of Hardwick was also recognized for donating boxes which allowed plant buyers to carry away more plants than their arms could hold.

Church member Mary Pollard said she spent nearly three weeks baking treats for the bake sale before she finally finished.

"Anyone here from the church made something," said Pollard.

Jennifer Pollard said her mother, Mary, stocked an entire church freezer full of treats.

Mary Pollard said her personal favorite was the chocolate cake, and within three hours of the event, it had sold out.

Her apple pies were also a big hit, also selling out within the first few hours.

Jennifer Pollard said the turn out is always "wonderful."



Shown are volunteers Bonnie St.Cyr and Tammi Chisholm selling loaded baked potatoes.

"There is a lot of support... People come from all over," said Pollard.

"It's a great place to come visit and for people to catch up."



Here are just a few of the bright, blooming flowers available at the Tri-Parish Community Church plant sale.



Shown are blooming orange flowers.



Farmer Matt of New Braintree donated all the baked potato ingredients for the event, including farm fresh bacon for bacon bits.

Plant sale benefits Pathfinder students

By Marcelo Gusmao
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PALMER – Pathfinder Tech's annual plant sale drew huge crowds recently, as the school's Horticulture Department raised funds for an upcoming field trip.

As Pathfinder was going through its accreditation process, as it does every 10 years, the horticulture department was unable to hold the sale Wednesday through Friday as they usually do – which meant that Saturday was "crazy," according to Horticulture Instructor Lynn Dupuis.

"The parking lot was full, people were waiting in line," Dupuis said. "I'm thrilled everybody came out."

The horticulture department is currently planning to take 14 students on an overnight trip to Pennsylvania, which Dupuis said was partially funded by this weekend's sale.

"We're going to try and do that every year," said Dupuis. "They're going to be seeing gardens they might never see if they don't leave Massachusetts."

Growing for the plant sale began back as far December, so the plants can start flowering in time for the sale. The students then had to take care of the plants, pruning the buds throughout the year to build up to the sale.

"I think the kids did a great job, they worked really hard," Dupuis said. "It was mostly freshmen and juniors that did most of the work this year, and they did a fantastic job. The kids have to water and fertilize the plants, they have to go in and take care of them and keep the greenhouse clean."

Dupuis described introducing bugs into the greenhouses to eat pests that might harm the plants. "The students do all that, they put up the little hangers for them."

Dupuis is one of two teachers in Pathfinder's horticulture department, with each teaching two grades. Dupuis said that the school is currently in the process of hiring a new teacher in the fall, replacing a previous teacher who had retired.

"When we get ready for the sale, the kids do a lot of the advertising," Dupuis said. "They get the signs made up and ready to go, so when people get here they're ready to help them. The younger kids aren't as knowledgeable about the



Residents came out to support the school on Saturday.



Horticulture students (from left) Jack Mahan, Bryant Bressette, Nicholas Pfister, Anthony Clark, and Jacob Longo, pictured in the greenhouse.

plants as the older ones, so they work together, which is nice."

The school often coordinates with local garden clubs so students can help them do flower arrangements.

"They're learning to talk to people and to use their trade, and teaching people who come in that don't know plants. Some people come in and absolutely have no idea, but the kids do, so they explain it to them and tell them how they should be taking care of the plants."

Pathfinder students will often do horticulture projects around town as well, said Dupuis.

"We pick jobs according to what they're being taught, so we'll do jobs for community members as they put them through. We can't do a whole bunch of lawn clean-ups, but we'll do different types of pruning," said Dupuis.

"I'm just really proud of them, they did an excellent job this year," said Dupuis. "They worked really hard."

"Next year we'll do things a little differently," Dupuis said, saying that the school plans to have two registers inside to speed up traffic.



Paraprofessional Jessica Clough (left) and MacKenzie Fulton work the register for the event.

Matthew Wiktor named to SNHU's Dean's List

MANCHESTER, NH – Matthew Wiktor of Hardwick was named to the Southern New Hampshire University Dean's List for his academic achievements

during the winter 2023 term. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are

named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired eight-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring and summer.



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From asparagus to zucchini

Grange presents season's first gardening workshop

By Dallas Gagnon
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WARE – Guest presenter Roberta McQuaid shared tips and techniques for successful vegetable growing and harvesting at the Ware Grange's first gardening workshop of the season.

The Ware Grange is a non-profit fraternal organization that supports agriculture, education and the local community, and is "always looking for new members," said Secretary Randy Vaill Jr.

Last Friday's presentation afforded attendees an opportunity to learn about caring for produce anywhere from asparagus and broccoli to garlic and tomatoes, just in time for warm weather.

McQuaid, a Stockbridge School of Agriculture UMass Amherst Alumni, said she chose some of her favorite produce to share with the audience.

Of the 14 plants discussed, McQuaid said tomatoes, peppers and winter squashes are some of the most beginner friendly growing options.

For tomatoes, McQuaid suggested anyone wanting to start their plants early show them indoors the third week of March.

After moving them outside, McQuaid suggested planting them deep, supporting them and keeping plants 18 inches to two feet away from one another.

For those considering growing eggplants or peppers, McQuaid recommended using a black plastic bag over the soil to warm things up as these plants "like it hot" and reminded the audience to water well.



(Turley Publications Photos by Dallas Gagnon)

Shown are a few of Roberta McQuaid's personal seedlings.

While McQuaid highly recommended butternut squash because of their "resilience," another reason she fancied the butternut was because her mother planted them frequently while she was growing up.

"My mother always cultivated a love of gardening for us...I remember being, like, 4-years-old with my plastic watering can in the garden," said McQuaid.

She added when she was young, she remembered visiting a friend's house whose mother had an abundance of hanging plants and herbs, which she enjoyed.

For the past five to six years, McQuaid said she has been presenting the gardening workshops at the Grange.

"The Ware Grange has always had a special place in my heart... We always entered our flowers in the Grange fair," said McQuaid.

With nearly 30 attendees at the presentation, Vaill said McQuaid "always seems to draw quite a crowd."



Roberta McQuaid brought several of her own vegetables to show attendees how her produce turns out.

While everyone left with an information packet listing growing techniques and preservation tips, the information may be especially useful for beginner gardeners who took home door prizes.

Some door prizes attendees left with include cabbage, pepper and tomato seedlings. Others won seeds for produce such as corn.

According to Vaill, workshops hosted by the Grange are made possible by grants awarded by the Massachusetts State Grange.

A series of upcoming events include a "herbal tid-bits" workshop on June 9, a pollinator garden workshop on June 30 and the annual Grange Fair, Aug. 25 and 26.

Workshops and regular business meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the Grange hall, located on 297 Belchertown Road.

For those interested in joining, regular business meetings for the organization are held the third Monday of every month and are open to the public.



(Courtesy Photo by Pam Iwasinski)

Students are shown playing on the kindergarten to third grade playscape.

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equipment was on backorder for a few weeks.

Construction began shortly after April vacation, with the kindergarten through third grade playground completed May 8, and the preschool playground completed May 18.

Iwasinski said they initially thought it would only take a week for the playground to be built.

"Shutting down the playground for a month was a pretty big deal around here," said Iwasinski.

Since reopening, Iwasinski said she noticed "the swings were a big hit," especially the saucers. Many students wait in line or do their best to fit everyone on the saucer at once.

Third grade Student Council member Averie Horn said her favorite additions are the saucer swing and the obstacle course, though she likes the monkey bars too.

Unlike the previous playground, "this one you can go on everything," said Horn.

The preschoolers have never had a playground before, and are used to playing on donated play houses and kiddie slides.

Preschool teacher Erin Walsh said the playground has been very beneficial for the students.

"It gets a lot of non-verbal students involved...helps initiate play-based learning," said Walsh.

Even the padded track around the playscape has been a nice addition for students, as Walsh said it is "more organized play" and the kids use it for tag.

Biron also believes the bene-



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Shown is another angle of the preschool playground, displaying several slides, an obstacle course and a bridge for tots to play on.

fits of a nice playground extend beyond play and help assist learning, including assisting children learn their fine and gross motor skills.

"They learn many skills by playing...the main skills include cooperation with others, taking turns and social skills," said Biron.

She added it is especially important for young children who were exposed to COVID regulations as they may not have had that social exposure.

"It's nice for the community too...we used to travel to Belchertown for a playground because there was really nothing here," said Biron.

Biron said she brought her daughter to the park recently after a

soccer game. Iwasinski said the playgrounds were paid for using Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds.

"When we learned there was potentially some COVID funds available to get this project off the ground, we began working on some blueprints with several playground companies," said Iwasinski.

"From there, we presented several playground schemes to the School Committee and asked for their feedback... Price was a major factor," Iwasinski said.

Biron added the school plans to add cameras and lights to have a better safety and security operation.

"It's a great addition to both the school and community," said Biron.

Ware's town wide tag sale is set for June 17

WARE – Getting ready for 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 413-512-9258.

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 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.

Four Ways To Use Cash Wisely

There has been a lot of talk about a "cashless" society, but it's not here yet. In fact, cash can still be a valuable element of your overall financial picture – if you employ it wisely. But how?

Consider these four key uses of cash:

• **Everyday spending** – Of course, you need sufficient cash on hand to pay for your cost of living – mortgage, debt payments, utilities, groceries, etc. You'll likely rely on your savings or checking accounts to pay for these needs.

• **Unexpected expenses and emergencies** – It's never a bad idea to establish a monthly budget. But, as you know, life is unpredictable – and sometimes you may encounter "budget-busting" expenses, such as a major home repair or a large medical bill. If you haven't planned for these costs, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments, such as your IRA and 401(k), which can result in taxes, penalties and less money for your retirement. A better alternative is to prepare in advance by building an emergency fund containing up to six months' worth of living expenses in cash, or at least in a highly liquid account, held separately from your regular checking or savings account so you won't inadvertently spend the money.

• **Short-term savings goal** – When you are investing for a long-term goal – especially retirement – you will likely need to own a reasonable percentage of growth-oriented vehicles, such as stocks and stock-based mutual funds. The value of these investments will fluctuate, so, if it's possible, you'll want to avoid selling them when their price is down – which may make them unsuitable for short-term goals. But if you're aiming for a goal that you want to achieve in a year or so – a wedding, a long vacation, and so on – you'll want to be sure a specific amount of money is there for you when you need it. Consequently, you'll want to put away cash for this type of goal, possibly in a short-term savings or investment vehicle that might pay somewhat higher interest than a regular checking/savings account.

• **Source of investment** – In regard to your longer-term investment strategy, cash can play two important roles. First, it can serve as its own asset class, alongside other classes, such as stocks and fixed-income vehicles. Unlike these other classes – especially stocks and stock-based mutual funds – cash won't fluctuate in value, so it can potentially help lessen the impact of market volatility on your portfolio. And second, having the cash available in your portfolio gives you the opportunity to quickly take advantage of other investment opportunities that may occur. And you may be able to use your existing investments to help replenish the cash in your portfolio. For example, if you choose to take stock dividends in cash, these dividends can be "swept" into your brokerage account and held there until you're ready to invest them. (However, depending on your comprehensive financial strategy, it may be a good move to simply reinvest the dividends into the same stocks or stock funds.) Keep in mind that you won't want your investment accounts to contain too much cash, as its purchasing power can erode due to inflation.

By managing your cash efficiently, and putting it to work in different ways, you can gain some key benefits – and you'll help yourself to keep moving toward your short- and long-term goals.



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your Social Security claiming strategy over worries about Social Security's solvency.

Let me further allay your fears by explaining what would hypothetically happen in the worst case scenario, if Congress doesn't act and Trust Funds are depleted. If that were to occur, when the reserves are depleted in about 2033, everyone would face an across-the-board benefit cut.

Social Security can't go bankrupt because there would still be about 175 million workers contributing to the program but, since Social Security by law can only pay benefits from revenue received, everyone's benefit would be reduced by about 23%, according to the Trustees.

Every beneficiary would still get benefits, but only to the extent available from income received. Which brings me to your specific question – whether it is still wise to wait until age 70 to claim or to claim your benefits now.

Ask yourself this question: which would result in a larger monthly payment, a 23% cut to your age 70 S.S. payment amount or a 23% cut to your current benefit amount? The answer, of course, is that your monthly payment would be more if you stay with your current strategy and wait until age 70 to claim a plan, which I assume you developed considering your current financial needs as well as your life expectancy, both of which are very important to that decision.

Again, I do not believe the worst case scenario will happen. Congress already knows how to restore Social Security to full solvency, and they will almost certainly act in time to avoid an across the board cut to everyone's benefit.

The Association of Mature American Citizens has proposed legislation which would restore the Social Security program to full solvency for generations without raising payroll taxes, a summary of which people can review by visiting www.amac.us/social-security. AMAC has provided this proposal to various members of Congress for consideration.

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Memorial Day Tribute



COMRADES AND FRIENDS

By Hank Houghton,
Vietnam veteran

The sky is gray; the wind does howl; and the rain falls like My tears,
Thoughts from my head; tears from my heart; and aching so deep inside,
Oh! How this day brings back the memories of a friend that I once knew,
I can see his face in the swirling clouds; and hear his voice in the wind,
"Airborne" he screams; and "All the Way" "No Slack" I respond,
For this was the motto of comrades in Vietnam,
So young were we when sent to fight in a far away jungle hell,
A time for fear; a place of death, twelve months and more we must Survive,
But home we did come, not many of us; to hunt and fish and laugh,
Our friendships grew and the sun did shine and the years they did Pass,
Years of friendship, a bondage of love, brothers we were indeed,
And then one day the skies turned gray; and our friendship did come To an end,
The rain is falling harder now; the lightning cracks in my head;
The aching deep inside of me; the tears of brothers dead,
I hear the volleys from the rifles; and watch them fold the flag,
A folded flag; a friendship gone; Oh, how I'll miss you so; but I'll Always cherish the memories that made our friendship grow,
So; until that day when they fold my flag and we chance to meet again;
This is Hank signing off; I love you Comrades and Friends!

Judith Kalaora presents story of first woman soldier

By Eric Goodhart
Correspondent

RUTLAND – Last month, the Rutland Historical Society and the Rutland Cultural Counsel sponsored a very special performance at the Rutland Public Library written and performed by Judith Kalaora the Founder and Artistic Director of "History at Play" a theatrical organization with a highly respected national reputation and a growing international one.

Her vision in 2010 was to bring to life the lives of influential but sometimes forgotten figures in history, particularly women.

Following an introduction by Rutland's Historical Society President, Shelia Jenkins, to an audience of history lovers, Miss Deborah Sampson, played by Kalaora, came into view. Instantly, the audience realized they were about to witness history in the making. Deborah was dressed in the kind of garments worn by women of modest means replete with undergarments under a wool gown. She wore a tight corset molding her feminine form with the obligatory bustle in the back to add fullness and support the layers of drapery underneath. Her lace petticoat was visible in the front.

For over an hour Miss Sampson spoke without a break or word out of place. She would change her clothes three times effortlessly while still engaging the audience with her personal story. A story that was quite remarkable as everyone would soon learn.

Deborah Sampson was born in 1760 in Plympton. One of seven children to parents, who were descendants of preeminent Puritan leaders. Her father was related to Myles Standish and her mother was the granddaughter of Governor William Bradford.

That lineage was no advantage in this new world, however. The Sampson family struggled finan-



Drawings of Deborah Sampson as a woman and as a soldier.

cially. When her father failed to return from a sea voyage, her mother, with little source of income, could not take care of the family. She was forced to place her children in different households. At age 10, Deborah found herself farmed out as an indentured servant to Deacon Thomas, a farmer in Middleborough with a large family. Deborah was their servant until age 18 at which time her obligation was fulfilled.

Though not content with her status, she made the best of it. She told how she would learn as much as she could from the boys, who were being taught in the local school house. She learned to read and write quite well, in fact. She worked on the farm, but also became an accomplished seamstress by the time she was 13. Having done a good job to educate herself she even taught school at age 20 during summer sessions in 1779 and 1780 and doing her weaving at night.

In 1782, the Revolutionary War, which began in 1775, raged on. Besides being intelligent, independent and ambitious, Deborah was seeking adventure. This was her country and she learned through her own experience the value of being

independent and self-reliant. Like many soldiers in the Continental Army, she was inspired by the written words of Thomas Paine.

Since it was a criminal offense in those days to pretend to be a man in uniform regardless of the reason, Deborah disguised herself as a man named Robert Shurtleff. She joined the Fourth Massachusetts Regiment and fought in several battles including the siege of Yorktown. Wounded multiple times, she was always fearful of being discovered. She once went in the woods and used her skills to sew her wound after removing the musket ball that caused it.

She often volunteered to be a scout in front of the infantry to remain separate from the main army as much as possible. As Robert Shurtleff, she received commendations and rank. However, after Yorktown she came down with a fever and put under medical care at West Point. The doctor taking care of her soon realized that, Sergeant Robert Shurtleff was a woman, not a man. Fortunately, he did not tell anyone. But he was able to help get her honorably discharged, as a man.

Deborah went on to marry and had three children with her hus-



Photos by Eric Goodhart
Judith Kalaora, founder and artistic director of "History at Play," portrays the first woman soldier Deborah Sampson.

band. She did not receive a military pension until two years after the war when she met Paul Revere. Revere was an accomplished silversmith in Boston who attempted to ride to Concord April 19, 1775 to warn the citizens the British were coming. Unfortunately, the British arrested him in Arlington within an hour.

Posthumously, Revere lives on in history because a poet named Longfellow in 1860 took poetic license and wrote "listen my children and you shall hear, the midnight ride of Paul Revere." It rhymed. Deborah Sampson and others of her day did not know how famous Revere would become. But she appreciated the connections he had.

Revere was her hero because he shared Deborah's true heroic contributions during the war with Massachusetts governor, John Hancock and was able to get her a

state pension for her rank and service of \$4 a month. In 2023 dollars, that would be \$48 a month.

In 1785 Deborah became a very popular speaker in the East often dressed in uniform. She was the first woman to be a regimental soldier in the army and a lecturer in the United States. Though it would be more than a century before women got the right to vote in 1920, no one can dispute that Deborah Sampson's drive and patriotic commitment to make a difference set off one of the sparks that eventually became a fire leading to independence for all women.

This and other important performances are being performed in towns throughout Massachusetts and the nation year around. Schools, of course, are a terrific venue for them. To check out where and when, people may visit the "Events" page at their website <http://www.historyatplay.com>.

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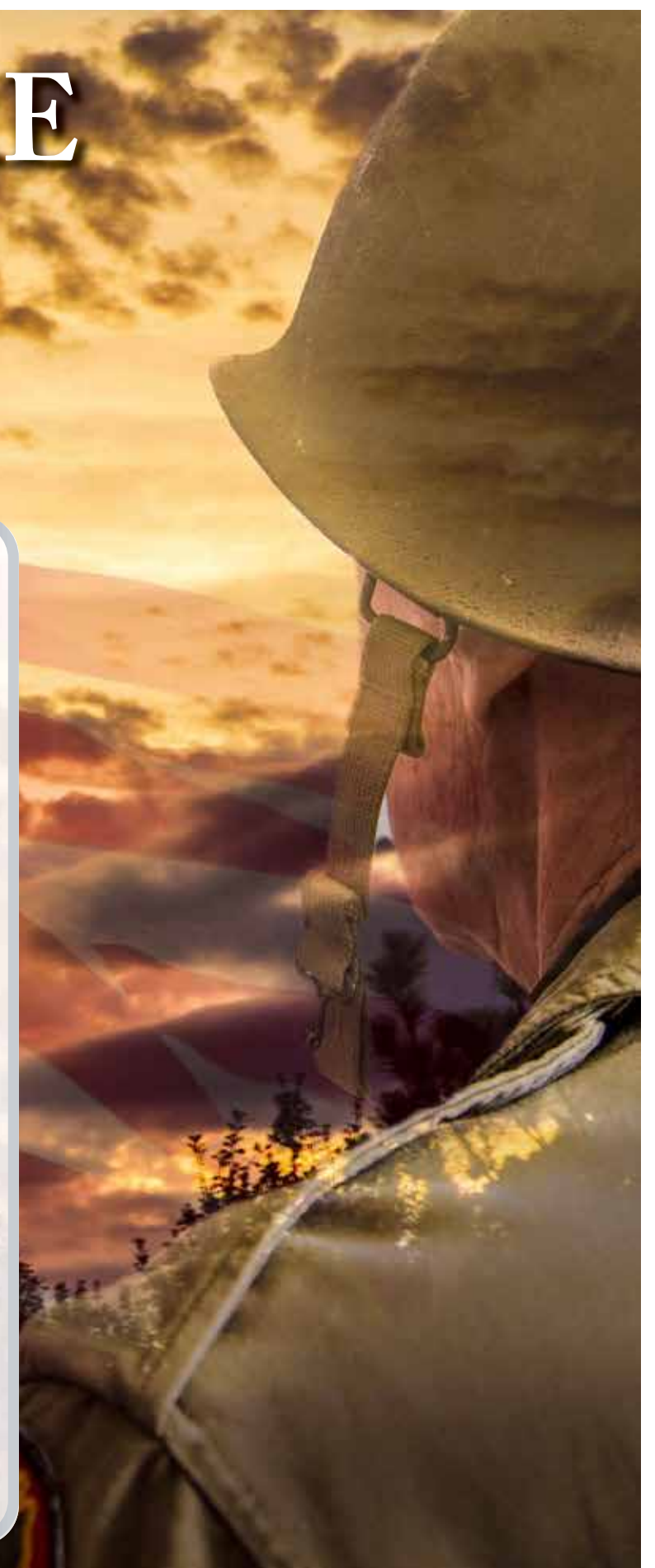
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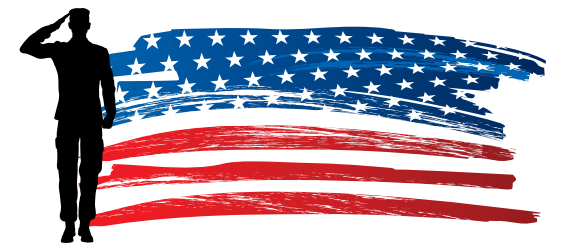
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Warren will observe Memorial Day with a parade and ceremony in both Warren and West Warren. As in year's past, the town will note this day of reflection beginning at 1 p.m. at St. Paul's Cemetery.

A ceremony will also be held in West Warren at Veterans' Park.

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

No registration required and the public is welcome. Like communities across the United States, the towns of the Swift River Valley commemorated their war dead each year on Memorial Day until the towns' demise in 1938. Since 1947, Quabbin Park Cemetery has been the center of Memorial Day services for the four towns.

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

The Ware Historical Society will present the 13th Annual Ware Remembers Ceremony 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, military and civilian, residents from Ware and elsewhere, living and deceased.



Ware

HARDWICK

The town will observe Memorial Day throughout the various villages.

Please note after Wheelwright, the times are approximate and may be earlier than stated.

The ceremony will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the World War II memorial in Wheelwright, Barre Road.

At approximately 10 a.m., the ceremony will continue near the Civil War memorial on the Common. After services there and at the Revolutionary War cemetery adjacent to the old Town Hall, reassembly will be at the Hardwick Cemetery across from the Highway barn.

The ceremony will then continue to Gilbertville, meeting at St. Aloysius cemetery, Upper Church Street

at approximately 11 a.m., ending at the World War I memorial, Route 32, Main Street around 11:30 a.m.

Monday, May 29

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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.



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Ware gets better of Quaboag



John Mumper delivers this pitch.

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARE—If everything goes according to plan Brady Guimond will be playing at least 50 more games for the Ware High School varsity baseball team.

Brian Guimond, who's currently the varsity baseball coach at Quaboag Regional, is looking forward to watching his oldest son play baseball during the next three years.

The father and son met for the second time in a varsity baseball game last Wednesday night.

The Cougars, who posted a 5-0 home victory against the Indians a year ago, made the short bus ride to Memorial Field in Ware looking to celebrate another victory.

After taking a 4-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning with a little bit of help from the Cougars defense, Brady Guimond and his teammates were the ones doing the celebrating following an 8-3 non-league win.

"It feels great to beat my father's team for the first time," said Brady Guimond, who was the Indians starting shortstop. "This was a very special night for me and my teammates. My father coached all of us until we got to high school. I could've gone to Quaboag and played baseball for him, but

I'm glad that I decided to stay here. All my friends are here, and this is where I feel like I should be."

Brian Guimond, who graduated from Ware High School in 1993, has been coaching the Cougars varsity baseball team for the past 17 years. He's planning to retire at the end of this season. "I love baseball and I love coaching, but it's getting harder and harder for me," Coach Guimond said. "Brady will be a sophomore next year and I would like to watch a few more of his baseball games. Ware plays a lot of home night games, which works out perfectly for me, but I do miss most of their road games. This could've been the final father-son match-up."

Longtime Ware head coach Scott Slattery never had to coach a game against either of his sons. Devin and Dillon Slattery were both outstanding baseball players at Ware High School.

"It would be very difficult for me to coach against my sons," Coach Slattery said. "Brian is a great guy and he's probably one of my biggest assets. He coaches the Ware players during the summer. This is a fun rivalry game."

Brian Guimond and Slattery were teammates on the 1991 Ware baseball team, which defeated Frontier Regional in the Division 3 Western Mass. champion-

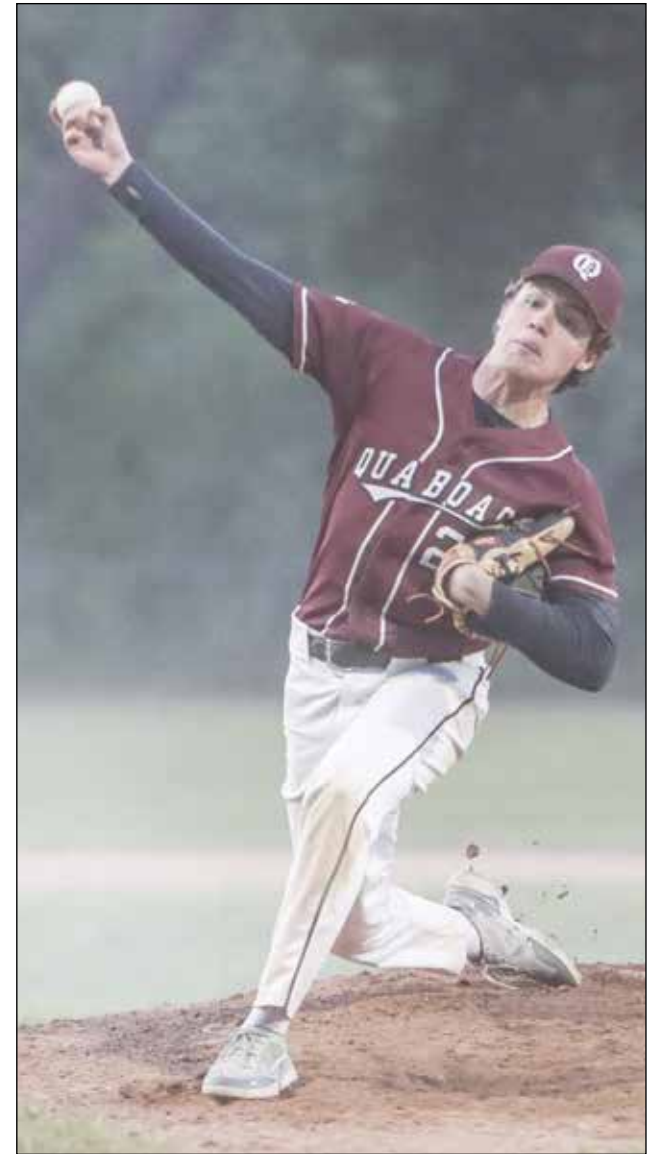


Nathan Kaczuwka jumps to grab this hot shot at third, then fires to first to get his man.

ship game. The Indians then lost to Norton High School in extra innings in the state finals.

While Ware has already clinched a berth in this year's Division 5 state tournament, Quaboag is hoping to be one of the

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Matt Tiberii was in incredible form as he fires from the mound.

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Goalie Gianluca Cerosimo kicks the ball away.

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Panthers complete the walk-off against Gardner

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—Two weeks after the Quabbin varsity softball team celebrated their first victory of the regular season with a blowout win against the Gardner Wildcats, the second meeting between the Mid-Wach League rivals was a much closer affair.

The Lady Panthers, who were trailing, 5-1, entering the bottom of the fourth inning, battled back on senior day for an exciting 6-5 walk-off victory over the Lady Wildcats, last Thursday afternoon.

Senior catcher Tori Brewer delivered the game winning hit with a single into right field with one-out in the bottom of the seventh inning.

"Tori has been a very consistent hitter all season long," said Quabbin head coach Chris Nosek. "Every time that she steps into the batter's box, you always feel like she's going to deliver a base hit. It was her first game winning hit in the two years that she's been playing for the varsity softball team."

The Lady Panthers, who are in the rebuilding process this spring, finished the regular season with a

2-14 record. They were scheduled to host Leicester High School in a non-playoff game on Wednesday afternoon.

Brewer, along with classmates, Brynn Adams, who starts in center field, and Sydney Giorgi, who starts at first base, were honored in a ceremony before the start of the Gardner game.

"All three of our seniors have been outstanding captains this year," Nosek said. "Each of them bring something different to the team. We're really going to miss them next year."

The score was tied 5-5 entering

the bottom of the seventh inning.

With one-out, eighth grader Kherington Deschanes, who was a pinch hitter, began the Lady Panthers rally with a double to center field. Then sophomore right fielder Jordan Blanchard hit a pop-up that landed close to the first base line. Instead of letting the ball roll into foul territory, a Gardner player touched the ball on the line putting runners at the corners. Following a walk to junior Mady Breault, which loaded the bases, Brewer (3-for-4) stepped into the

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Pioneers open regular campaign with win

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW— Alec Hughes scored ten goals for the UMass men's soccer team as a junior. The forward has netted almost half that many goals in the Western Mass. Pioneers first two regular season matches.

Hughes scored a pair of goals in the season opening shutout victory at the Boston Bolts on May 16. He added two more goals to his stat sheet in the home opener, as the Pioneers celebrated a 3-0 win over Pathfinder FC on a miserable, rainy night at Lusitano Stadium last Saturday.

"I had never played a match at this stadium before last week's friendly, so scoring two goals in the home opener is very special for me," said Hughes, who's from Glastonbury, Connecticut. "Despite the rain, we still had a very good crowd here tonight. I can't wait to see the atmosphere at this stadium on a nice night. I just want to do anything that I can to help me team win."

Ben Brewster, who's the associate head coach of the UMass men's soccer team, recommended Hughes to Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. Brewster, who's a former Pioneers player, also coaches the club's USL Academy boys' team.

"I was very impressed with Alec when I watched him play for UMass last year," Molinari said. "He's a key player for us, but we need everyone to contribute in order to have a successful team."



Rodrigo Saraiva de Castro sends a quick touch away.

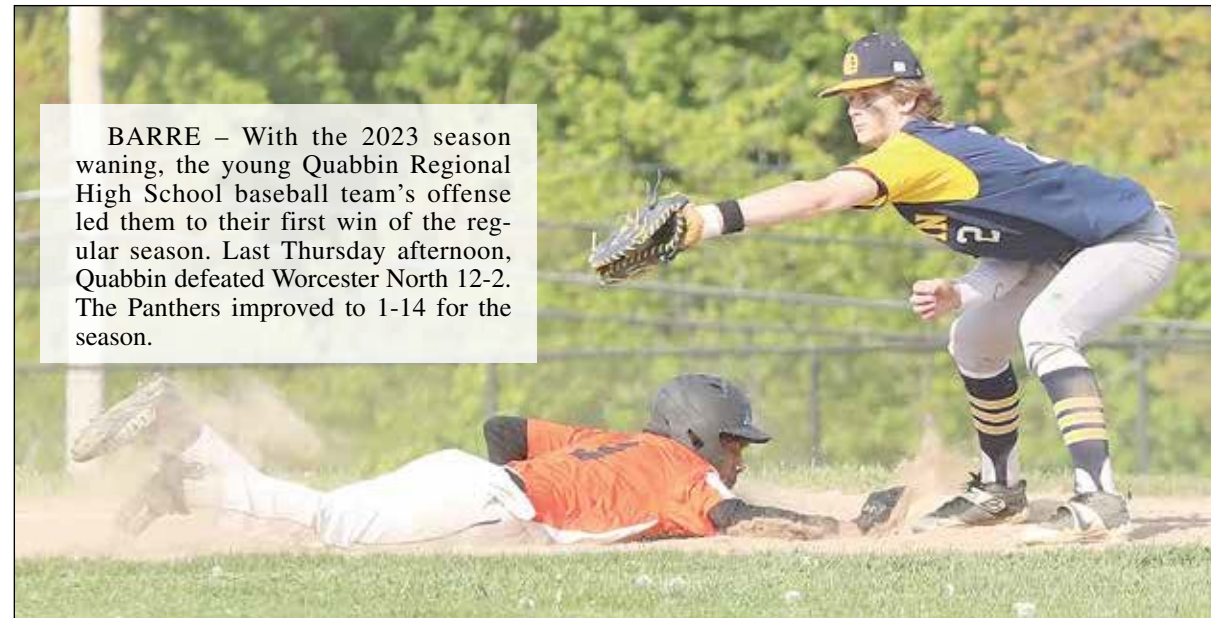
Hughes, who played for Hartford City a year ago, thinks playing for the Pioneers will help him prepare for his senior season at UMass.

"We have several players from several different countries on this team," Hughes added. "It's also a little bit higher level than the Hartford team that I played for last summer."

The Pioneers, who are looking to qualify for the USL League Two playoffs for the fourth time since 2019, had several scoring chances during the first 45 minutes, but the contest was still scoreless at halftime.

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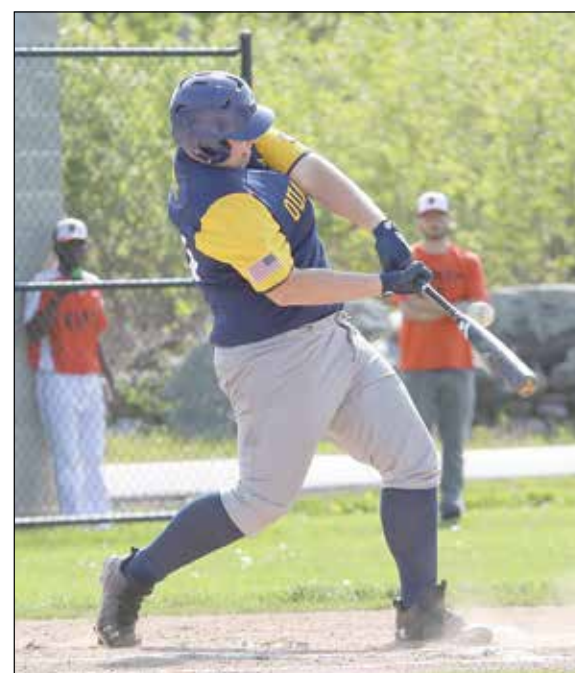
Panthers notch first win of season



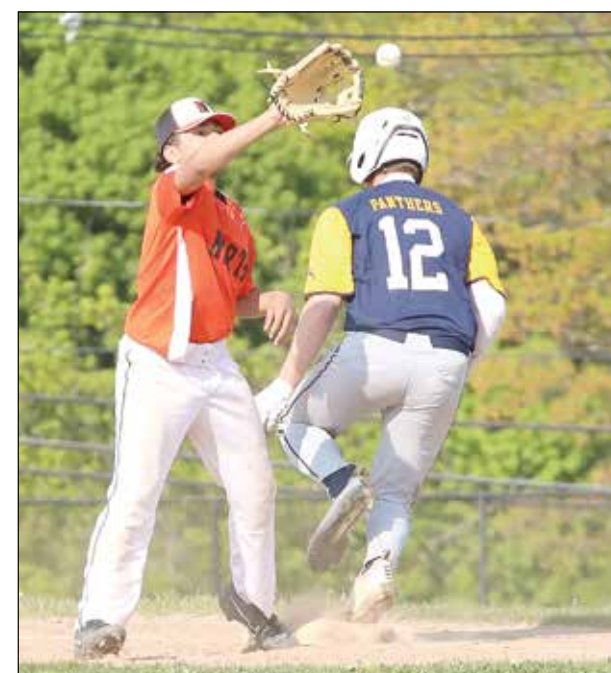
Nick Warburton catches a runner at first base.

Photos by Ray Duffy

BARRE – With the 2023 season waning, the young Quabbin Regional High School baseball team's offense led them to their first win of the regular season. Last Thursday afternoon, Quabbin defeated Worcester North 12-2. The Panthers improved to 1-14 for the season.



Colton Wells leads off the first with a single.



Matt Sands beats out the play.



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Photo by Ray Duffy

Max Mazeika throws the shot put.

Unified track hosts meet

BARRE – Quabbin Regional High School has been privileged to host Unified Track for the second consecutive season. The program has been an incredible success and Quabbin has also been the host school for a league meet among teams in the area.

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UNIFIED TRACK



Livy Gregory is assisted by Julie McIntyre setting up for a javelin throw.



Gavin Majoy launches the javelin while Simon Gregory looks on.



Sam Breault takes her turn with the throw.

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Valley Blue Sox in need of local host families

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox is still searching for a few host families for the 2023 season. To be a host family, all you need is a private room for the player to stay in, food options, and access to a kitchen.

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top 32 ranked teams, which will automatically qualify for them the Division 5 state tournament.

The Cougars (7-9), who are members of the Southern Worcester Country League, were ranked 21st in the latest power rankings. The only other SWCL team in Division 5 is David Prouty.

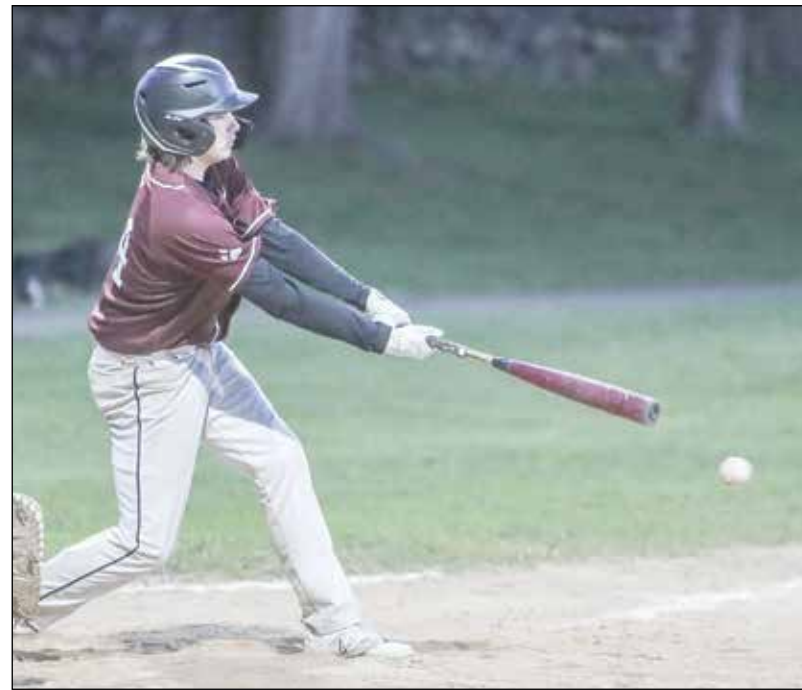
“This was a very important Division 5 game for us, but we just didn’t play very well” coach Guimond said. “We have three regular season games remaining and we’re hoping to qualify for the state tournament.”

The Indians (14-4), who won their last seven home games, were ranked ninth in the power rankings. They also finished in a three-way tie for first place with Southwick and South Hadley in the Suburban Central league standings.

“Nobody expected us to be 14-4 this year,” Slattery said. “We also get to hang a league title banner in our gym.”

The Indians, who are taking part in the Western Mass tournament this week, scored four unearned runs against Quaboag senior righty Drew Martinez in their first at-bats of last Wednesday’s contest, which was played on a cool evening.

Junior John Mumper, who was the Indians starting pitcher, got things started by reaching first base following a fielding error by the shortstop. Then sophomore third



Brasen Sauriol connects on this swing.

baseman Nathan Kaczuwka hit a foul pop-up which wasn’t caught by the first baseman, and he wound up drawing a walk. Junior catcher Dylan Sutkaitis (2-for-3) drove home the game’s first run with a single into left field. Two more runs crossed the plate when junior DH Octavio Cotaj lined a single to left field. Freshman first baseman Kyle Kaczuwka, who also reached base on a fielding error, scored the fourth run on a wild pitch.

“The atmosphere here is a lot

different than we’re used to. It was also our first night game of the season,” coach Guimond said. “I told my players all week that they needed to come here ready to play, but it didn’t happen in the first inning. They scored four runs, which put us in a hole right away. You can’t do that against a very good baseball team like Ware.”

Quaboag junior Ryan Fernandez hit a double down the left field line leading off the top of the second. He scored when senior catcher



Jack McKeever connects on this swing.

Brendan Burke lined a shot off the shortstop glove for an error.

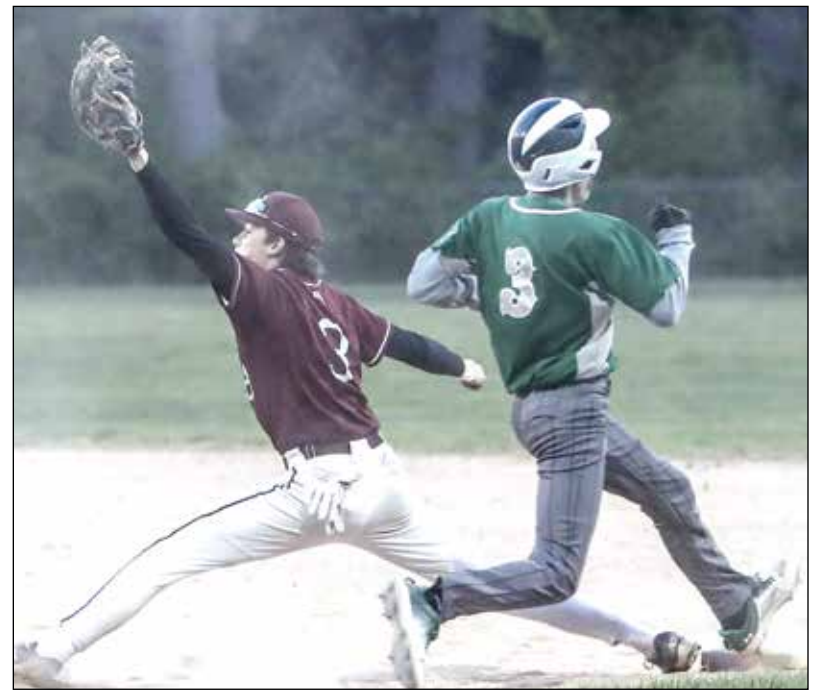
Burke and Ware senior center-fielder Jack Autcher will be teammates on the W.P.I. football team in the fall. The only other senior listed on the Indians varsity baseball roster is Owen Welsh, who’s the starting left fielder.

The Indians left the bases loaded in the second inning and standard another runner in scoring position in the third.

Martinez suffered an injury with out in the bottom of the third. He was replaced on the mound by junior righty Matt Tiberii.

The home team put two more runs on the left field scoreboard with one out in the fourth inning. Sutkaitis drove home the first run of the frame with a double to right field. Kyle Kaczuwka followed with an RBI single to left field.

The Indians added a pair of runs in the sixth on RBI singles by Nathan and Kyle Kaczuwka.



Ryan Fernandez stretches to the extreme at first.

Other than giving up the unearned run in the second inning, Mumper, who’s the Indians ace, had things under control on the mound during the first six innings. The righty did get himself into a little bit of trouble in the bottom of the seventh. The Cougars plated a pair of runs on back-to-back singles by Tiberii and senior second baseman Chase Potvin (2-for-4).

Sophomore centerfielder Brasen Sauriol also had two base hits for the visitors from Warren. Mumper, who went the distance, wound up allowing three runs on seven hits while recording 11 strikeouts. He issued just two walks.

“I thought John pitched a great game tonight,” Slattery said. “He was getting a lot of strikes with his curveball in the middle innings. He threw mostly fastballs in the final inning. They were able to score a couple of runs against him.”



Owen Welsh sends this shot deep.

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John Mumper
Ware High School

Mumper would go the distance for Ware in a win over rival Quaboag last Wednesday night. To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.

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Bonsignore gets the checkered flag at Riverhead

RIVERHEAD, N.Y. – A classic short-track battle between two of the veterans of the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour ended with Justin Bonsignore's 10th career Riverhead Raceway win on Sunday afternoon in the Buzz Chew 200. Bonsignore started from the top spot after scoring his 25th career pole in qualifying and ran second for much of the race, but was able to roll the outside lane by Ron Silk on a late restart to get back to Victory Lane.

Silk led much of the race – but a caution late stacked the field up and gave Bonsignore another shot. The two battled side-by-side, beating and banging during a short-track battle in New York. Off turn four, Bonsignore was sideways on the outside lane, but a caution flew for a multiple-car accident and Bonsignore was out front, holding the advantage for the final restart of the 200-lap race.

Bonsignore drove off turn four to the checkered flag. The victory places Bonsignore just one short of the Whelen Modified Tour wins record at Riverhead – 11 – held by Mike Ewanitsko. Bonsignore will have a chance to tie when the series returns to Riverhead on June 24.



Justin Bonsignore scored a modified win at Riverhead Raceway last weekend.

The win was also Bonsignore's possession of fourth place on the all-time wins list on the

Whelen Modified Tour. He now sits just seven wins short of Ted Christopher for the top-three.

"Ron and I have been beating the heck out of each other all year," Bonsignore said. "The caution towards the end was good for us. You just have to keep yourself in these races and it fell our way today. It's unbelievable to get number 10 at Riverhead. I can't thank everyone on this team enough. It's a cool way to get to Victory Lane. All of these are special. Tying Mike has been a goal of ours for a long time and to get this close to the record is special. These races never get any easier to win."

In just six days, Justin Bonsignore will return to the track with the next race on the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour schedule – the Granite State Derby at Lee USA Speedway – on Saturday, May 27. For more information and tickets for the race, visit JDVProductions.com.

For more information on Justin Bonsignore and the Kenneth Massa Motorsports team, visit JustinBonsignore.com and follow his Athlete page on Facebook for the latest news and updates.

Registration open for 2023 Bay State Games

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

Eight high school showcase sports will take place for a variety of sports, including baseball, basketball, field hockey, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, and volleyball. Athletes currently in grade 8-11 who live or go to school in Massachusetts are eligible to attend regional tryouts during the month of June. These tryouts will determine teams representing the various regions of the Commonwealth that will compete against each other in July. Check each sport page for specific eligibility requirements.

The Summer Games include a wide variety of individual sports including swimming, track & field, figure skating, pickleball, wrestling, weightlifting, archery, judo, badminton, and more. These sports are open to a wide range of ages and skill levels from youth participants to masters-aged athletes. Adaptive sport divisions in archery, swimming, and track

& field are offered, as well. Bay State Games also organizes tournaments for pre-existing teams in girls lacrosse, rugby, and 6v6 field hockey.

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

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

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

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

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

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"It was a little bit frustrating not scoring any goals during the first half," said Hughes, one of the first-year players listed on the Pioneers roster. "We had some good scoring opportunities, but we finally scored in the second half."

A little more than ten minutes into the opening half, Western Mass. midfielder Khalid Rose sent a pass into the box from the right side. A shot attempt from Tomas Duben, who's also a forward, was deflected away by Pathfinder FC goalkeeper Eirik Elvestad, who made the diving save.

Hughes also had a couple of headers during the first twenty minutes, but they either sailed wide or were saved by Elvestad, who finished the match with a total of five saves.

Pathfinder FC, who played their first match of the season, are from the Poughkeepsie, New York area.

Down at the other end of the field, first-year Western Mass. starting goalie Gianluca Cersosimo didn't see very much action on the rainy and windy night.

Cersosimo, who was a grad student on the L.I.U men's soccer team last fall, made a kick save late in the first half. It wound up being his only save of the match.

Cersosimo received plenty of support from his defense, which was led by Rodrigo Saraiva de Castro, Gabriel Pacheco, Jared Smith, and Nicholas Obberauch, who's the Pioneers captain.

Connor Hicks, who helped the Monson boys' varsity soccer team win two state titles and three Western Mass. titles during his memorable high school career, is another Pioneers defender. After sitting out the season opening



Nicholas Obberauch gets the throw-in.

match with an injury, Hicks entered last Saturday's contest during the second half.

Another Monson resident listed on the Pioneers roster is Jonathan Murphy, who'll be a junior on the Boston College men's soccer team in the fall. Frankie D'Agostino, who's also a former Pioneers player, is the Eagles associate head coach.

Ten minutes into the second half, a shot attempt from Pioneers forward Augustine Boadi deflected off the far post.

Another shot by Hughes was saved by Elvestad.

The home team finally gave their faithful supporters something to cheer about during the 67th minute. Rose was tripped up in the box



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Alec Hughest runs up for free kick.

by a Pathfinder defender resulting in a penalty kick.

Hughes stepped up to the line and blasted a shot into the back of the net giving his team a 1-0 lead.

"I just booted the ball as hard as I could down the middle into the back of the net. It's always a good feeling whenever you score a goal and your teammates are happy for you," Hughes said. "I also made a P.K. at UMass last year at Central Connecticut."

The Pioneers took a 2-0 lead six minutes later.

After receiving a pass from Rose, Boadi fired a low shot that skipped on the wet turf into the right corner of the net.

Rose, who's one of the Pioneers elder statesmen, was also credited with the assist on the second goal

scored by Hughes during the 77th minute.

"The rain made it very difficult to see, so it was nice to score those three goals in the second half," Rose said. "We didn't have very many fans here tonight, but you could still hear them on the field. It's always an amazing feeling whenever we win a match at this stadium."

The Pioneers are scheduled to play a couple of road matches before returning to the friendly confines of Lusitano Stadium to face Black Rock FC at 7 p.m. on June 3.

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batter's box and ended the game with a base hit.

Breault, who started the game at second base, wound up as the winning pitcher.

She replaced eighth grader Abby Rogowski in the middle of the circle with no outs in the fourth inning.

The Quabbin varsity softball coach is looking forward to watching Rogowski pitch during the next four years.

"Abby is a self-taught pitcher," Nosek said. "She has a high ceiling and I'm very excited about what's going to happen over the next four years. She always challenges herself to be perfect every

time that she's hitting, pitching, and fielding. Our plan for today's game was to pitch Abby the first three innings and have Mady pitch the final four. They pitched very well in today's game."

While Rogowski allowed five runs on four hits, Breault didn't allow any runs on only three hits. She retired the final six batters of the game, which gave her teammates the opportunity to make a comeback.

Gardner (1-15) managed to take a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning.

Quabbin got one of those runs right back in the home half of the inning when junior Meg Doyle hit a ground rule double to center scoring Adams, who walked.

Just like Brewer, Doyle finished the game with three base hits. She needed a triple to hit for the cycle.

The Lady Wildcats scored another run in the second and two more in the fourth inning.

Trailing 5-1, the Lady Panthers began their comeback in the bottom of the fourth with back-to-back RBI singles from Brewer and Adams.

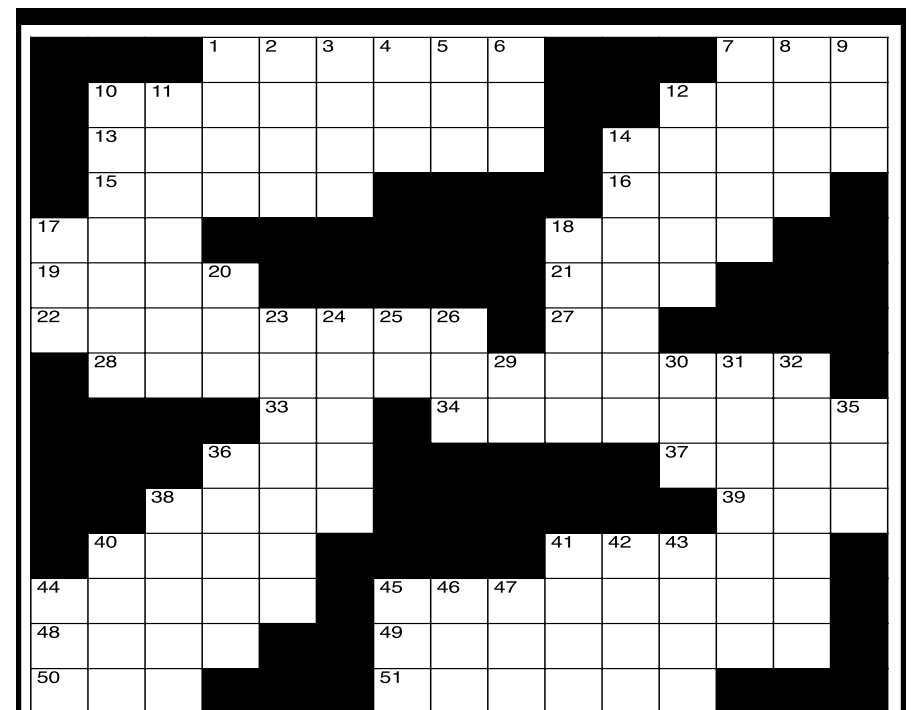
Doyle leadoff the following inning by hitting a towering home run over the centerfield fence closing the gap to 5-4.

With one-out in the sixth inning, Brewer drew a walk and Adams (2-for-3) hit a blooper into right field for a single. Then a pop-up hit by Giorgi was dropped by the second baseman, but because

there was only one out, the base umpire had already enforced the infield fly rule. The batter was automatically out, but the base runners can advance at their own risk. Brewer took off towards third base and she wound up scoring the tying run on a throwing error.

Quabbin did strand two runners in scoring position in that frame, but they managed to take the lead for the first time in their final at-bats.

It was a perfect way to end the Lady Panthers senior day.



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Ware Police Log

During the week of May 16-23, the Ware Police Department responded to 18 miscellaneous calls, 24 administrative calls, five traffic violations, 25 emergency 911 calls, six animal calls, two harassments, two frauds/deceptions, two thefts/larcenies, one fire, three motor vehicle accidents, one breaking and entering/burglary and 17 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

Tuesday, May 16
 12:53 a.m. Theft/Larceny, Dugan Road, Assist Given
 8:55 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Dispatch Handled
 8:58 a.m. Fraud/Deception, West Street, Advised
 9:44 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Bank Street, Dispatch Handled
 11:46 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Meadow Road, Services Rendered
 11:54 a.m. Theft/Larceny, North Street, Investigated
 2:16 p.m. Drugs, High Street, Complaint Taken Care of
 2:22 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Hardwick Pond Road, Report Made
 5:09 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Patient Refusal
 7:44 p.m. Assault, Parker Street, Advised

8:46 p.m. Assault, Dale Street, Services Rendered

Wednesday, May 17
 8:33 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Main Street, Dispatch Handled
 9:09 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Investigated
 12:30 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Church Street, Dispatch Handled
 12:43 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Old Poor Farm Road, Dispatch Handled
 4:10 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Main Street, Investigated
 6:02 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Eddy Street, Dispatch Handled

Thursday, May 18
 7:10 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Yale Avenue, Dispatch Handled
 7:12 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Could Not Locate
 10:38 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Mountain View Drive, Dispatch Handled
 2:08 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Investigated
 5:52 p.m. Wildland/Brush Fire, Gilbertville Road, Extinguished
 7:02 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Dispatch Handled
 9:11 p.m. Fraud/Deception, North Street, Dispatch Handled
 9:21 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call,

Cherry Street, Dispatch Handled

Friday, May 19
 1:01 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Robbins Road, Dispatch Handled
 1:03 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Hillside Village, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 1:36 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Highland Village, Dispatch Handled
 3:35 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Advised
 6:51 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Pulaski Street, Dispatch Handled

Saturday, May 20
 5:53 p.m. Warrant Service, West Main Street, Arrest Made
 Arrest: Kathleen E. Belliveau, 29, Ware
 Warrant
 6:51 p.m. DUI/Impaired, North Street, Services Rendered
 9:01 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Pulaski Street, Could Not Locate

Sunday, May 21
 5:09 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Osborne Road, Dispatch Handled

Monday, May 22
 7:48 a.m. Breaking and Entering/Burglary, Pleasant Street, Services Rendered

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of May 15-22, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 41 building/property checks, 22 directed/area patrols, four traffic controls, seven emergency 911 calls, 10 radar assignments, two citizen assists, two assist other agencies, one identity theft, one harassment, one safety hazard, one larceny/theft/shoplifting, one motor vehicle investigation and seven motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, May 15
 7:56 p.m. Identity Theft, Greenwich Road, Report Taken

Tuesday, May 16
 4:12 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Upper Church Street, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, May 17
 1:42 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Gaudet Road, Spoken To

Thursday, May 18
 10:04 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital
 11:26 a.m. Harassment, Lyman Road, Report Taken

Friday, May 19
 8:55 a.m. Assist Citizen, Pine Street, Dispatch Handled
 9:46 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Mechanic Street, Services Rendered
 12:01 p.m. Assist Citizen, Police Department, Spoken To
 5:22 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Maple Street, Merge

Saturday, May 20
 12:25 p.m. 911 Medical

Emergency, Prospect Street, Transported to Hospital
 1:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning
 4:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Lower Road, Investigated
 7:35 p.m. Fire Alarm, Bridge Street, Services Rendered

Sunday, May 21
 6:23 a.m. Safety Hazard, Lower Road, Services Rendered
 7:27 p.m. 911 Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, Covered Bridge, Services Rendered
 9:47 p.m. Disturbance, North Street, Spoken To

Monday, May 22
 2 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Investigated
 3:02 a.m. 911 Disturbance, Church Lane, No Action Required

Warren Police Log

During the week of April 30-May 6, the Warren Police Department responded to 100 building/property checks, 176 community policing, 20 traffic enforcements, two radar assignments, 17 emergency 911 calls, one harassing/annoying phone call, one missing person, one property damage, one larceny/theft, two motor vehicle accidents, three animal calls and 44 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

Sunday, April 30
 8:29 a.m. Abdominal/Back Pain, Coy Hill Road, Transported to Hospital
 5:35 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Brimfield Road, Transported to Hospital
 7:50 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Brimfield Road, Transported to Hospital

Monday, May 1
 9:05 a.m. Welfare Check, Milton O. Fountain Way, Report Filed

10:36 a.m. Missing Person, Carl Street, Located/Found
 6:39 p.m. Property Damage, Southbridge Road, Report Filed
 8:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision Hit and Run, Main Street, Report Filed

Tuesday, May 2
 1:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 5:16 p.m. Head Strike, Old West Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital
 5:46 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned, Washington Street, Information Taken
 6:11 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Comins Pond Road, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, May 3
 4:58 a.m. Headache, Spring Street, Transported to Hospital

7:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/Fire, Main Street, Report Filed

Arrest: Nichole A. Leblanc, 33, West Brookfield
 License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle with; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Municipal Bylaw Violation, Open Container Marijuana

2:45 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned, Tower, Information Taken
 3:24 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned, High Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 8:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

Thursday, May 4
 12:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 6:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge, Written Warning
 11:56 p.m. Falls, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

Friday, May 5
 7:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning
 7:34 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning

7:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning
 7:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning
 7:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning
 8:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning
 8:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Washington Street, Written Warning
 8:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written

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Warning
 9:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Citation Issued
 9:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning
 9:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Citation Issued
 9:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning
 2:06 p.m. Harassing/Annoying Phone Calls, North Street, Report Filed

Saturday, May 6
 3:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Bemis Road, Citation Issued
 3:44 a.m. Vomiting, Spring Street, Transported to Hospital
 1:51 p.m. Falls, Old West Brookfield Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 5:14 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, East Road, Transported to Hospital
 5:57 p.m. Larceny/Theft, Mechanic Street, Report Filed
 9:35 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned, Crouch Road, Information Taken

All Wheels Show returns to Palmer Motorsports Park

PALMER – Palmer Motorsports Park, 58 West Ware Road, is hosting their annual All Wheel Show on Wednesday, May 31 from 4-7 p.m.
 Gates open at 3 p.m.
 Proceeds from the show will benefit the Palmer Food Share and the Jubilee Cupboard Food Pantry

of Ware. Entry fee is \$5 per person or a non-perishable food item.
 All cars, trucks, motorcycles, tractors, or anything with wheels, can be entered in the show. There will be no burnouts, or excessively loud cars or motorcycles.
 Lizak Bus will be providing on-track tours. There will be a

donation bucket on the bus to benefit the food pantries.
 Bruce Marshall of Classic Hits 97.7 will be on site with a remote broadcast and after the event, Sarat Lincoln will be delivering donations to the food pantries.



Some of Ware Fire's crew members work their way out of the building. (Turley Publications Photos by Paula Ouimette)



This crew from Ware Fire Department makes its way down the hall of the third level of Baystate Mary Lane Hospital.



Fire Chief Rich Lapierre checks in with two of the captains.



A Hardwick firefighter is directed through a sweep.



West Brookfield firefighters put on their gear.

TRAINING

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 aged ground operations from the parking lot.

Crew captains gave directions from the floor, offering guidance to firefighters as they navigated the large building on their hands and knees.

Belchertown Captain Jeff Haughey said this the first large-scale training the departments have done together.
 Haughey, who has been with the Belchertown Fire Department since 2004 and also teaches at the Fire Academy, said having access to a building of this size provides firefighters with a level of training hard to find anywhere else.
 "This is an awesome opportunity to get in here," he said.

As crew members cleared each room, Haughey explained how the firefighters use the rope to be able to find their way back. In a smoke-filled room, there would be little to no visibility, and it would be easy to get disoriented.

He said a member of the crew acts as an anchor and stays in the hall with the bag of rope, while two firefighters check rooms, making sure to check under beds and in closets and bathrooms.

Once the firefighter's air supply reaches the halfway point, they know its time to retrace their route and exit the building.

"It's a very time consuming and exhaustive search," Haughey said.

After the training, firefighters talked about challenges they faced, and things they could have done differently.



Fire departments from Ware, West Brookfield, Hardwick and Belchertown used the former Baystate Mary Lane Hospital for a large-scale training on Sunday.



A West Brookfield firefighter puts on her self-contained breathing apparatus.



Dakota Harper holds the bag of rope while his crew sweeps the room.



Hardwick Fire Captain Nick Gaumont, left, talks with a member of his crew.



Belchertown Fire Captain Jeff Haughey leads his crew through an exercise.



Maggie Stevens stands with a glass mosaic she is working on. Once completed, the mosaic will be displayed in the hallway to the right of the main entrance.



Rachel McGrath loves to explore light through her artwork. (Turley Publications Photos by Paula Ouimette)

Quaboag students rehearse for 'Camp Omigosh'

By Haileigh Swistak
Student Intern

WARREN – Students at Quaboag Regional Middle High School are preparing for their spring show, "Camp Omigosh", written by Wade Bradford.

The middle schoolers and high school freshmen are hard at work perfecting their performance with the help of senior directors Luisa Feeney, Ari Masterjohn, Joey Landon and stage director Lucy Sanelli.

Shipped off to a mysterious summer camp by his mother, Conner (played by sophomore Lucas Nimtz) and his new friends start experienc-

ing strange happenings on the camp's grounds.

Could it have anything to do with the unsolved death of a boy named Billy 30 years ago?

Is his ghost trying to communicate with the present kids at camp?

This play is packed with sci-fi, suspense, and comedy that is enjoyable for all ages. The cast and crew have been working tirelessly with rehearsals twice a week to make this show a success.

You can see the performance of "Camp Omigosh" on Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10 at 7 p.m. in the School's auditorium, 284 Old West Brookfield Road.



ARTISTS from page 1

Students were able to create these pieces under the direction of art teachers Heather Gaucher and Nicole Giguere.

"Every kid has something in this show," Giguere said.

Giguere is in her fourth year at Quaboag, and teaches Advanced Placement art, ceramics, digital photography and seventh grade art.

"I have my dream position right now...I'm a photographer, a potter...and I get to teach every day," Giguere said.

Giguere said this was her first teaching AP art and one of her students, Maggie Stevens, has been working on a glass mosaic to go in the window of the hallway to the right of the main entrance.

There are already several glass mosaics there, each one inspired by a famous work of art.

The piece Stevens was working on during the exhibition, is of "The Great Wave off Kanagawa"

by Japanese artist Hokusai.

Stevens has been working on the glass mosaic since the winter, and has already dedicated over 50 hours to its creation.

Starting with a large piece of clear glass, Steven uses silicone to adhere each piece of colored glass to it, before grouting it. She said once this mosaic is grouted, she will add boats on top of it, to give it a three-dimensional effect.

Stevens said she first started working with glass as an art form, after using it in her AP art class for a project to bring awareness to post traumatic stress disorder.

"Toward the end of the year, Ms. Hanson had glass pieces and I helped finish off a panel with [fellow student] Isabelle Aberle," Stevens said.

Another AP art student, Ari Masterjohn, displayed a mix of two-dimensional and 3D art work, with a strong theme running through them all.

"My interpretation was explor-

ing safe space and why we create them, and the monster we hide from," Masterjohn said.

Masterjohn said she mainly works with acrylic paints and wash watercolor, and each piece has a natural element in it, as well as a hint of another one of her works.

"One of each piece is alluded to in each other," Masterjohn said.

Masterjohn will be attending Western New England University this fall, with a major in psychology and a minor in art. She plans to have a career in art therapy after college.

AP art student Rachel McGrath loves exploring light and the effect it has on objects around it. This includes lights reflecting off car mirrors, Christmas lights on shiny ornaments, moonlight on train tracks, streetlights and the sunrise on a windowpane.

McGrath uses acrylic paint, detailed with ink line work.

"I love making paintings for other people and started doing



The outline was created using black glue, and the detail was added with chalk pastel.

commissions," McGrath said. "It makes me really happy."

McGrath is unsure if she wants to pursue art as a career, but said



Students also used collage techniques to make pieces like this notebook.

its something she really enjoys doing.

"It's kind of my safe haven," she said.



An eighth-grade student made this colorful rendition of the "Three Blind Mice".



Seventh grade students explored self-portraits using grids and patterns.



Axolotls were a popular theme in ceramics.



It may look good enough to eat, but this juicy orange is actually a work of art.



A ceramic snake emerges from a coiled pot.

BUDGET from page 1

at Quaboag Regional High School.

Dufresne said as of July 1, schools within the district will be required to have termination papers drafted if a budget is not agreed upon.

Both parties agreed they would like to work together to avoid the potential July 1 situation.

"We're trying to prevent that...where we don't have a budget," said Dufresne. "We're hoping that we would have three meetings before the 15th [of July]."

The School Committee must reconvene and vote on another budget before participating in a budget discussion with the Board of Selectmen.

"I wish we had this conversation two months ago," said Board Clerk Derick Veliz.

Dufresne said the Board attended three special budget meetings before proposing the budget presented at the town meeting.

He said, "we never discussed our budget...it was presented to us and saying that 'this is your budget,' and we opposed any high amounts because it would impact the tax rate."

Dufresne concluded that a \$1.2 million above minimum contribution was "well beyond what this town can afford."

Binienda said a lot of money that the town is giving to the school is from Chapter 70 funds.

"It's not really your money...it's the money that the state gives from Chapter 70 for the minimum," said Binienda.

She added, "We're talking about the above minimum - as far as transportation there is a reimbursement of 85% and that's not coming from the town either...we're really just talking about the above minimum contribution."

Binienda said last year, the town's above minimum contribution was \$523,142, and proposing a \$110,000 contribution made "no sense."

She asked why the Quaboag District School Budget was removed from the town's operating budget and presented as a separate article.

Dufresne said the reason is the Board

has to review the district's budget before it can be presented to the town to determine if it is something the town can "support and provide."

Both parties agreed to reconnect and determine three meeting dates before July 1, with June 5 as one meeting.

"We want to work this out...we want to fix this and never have this problem again, but the School Committee has to understand - they're going to have to make some cuts. They're going to have to fix whatever is making the budget get so inflated," said Dufresne.

Financial management review

The Division of Local Services of the Department of Revenue conducted a financial management review of the town's finances and has been completed as of this month.

The review is available for the public to view on the town of Warren's official website, warren-ma.gov.

Several comments were made within the report.

The department recognized the town's positive financial management by praising the decision to establish an Other Post-Employment Benefit trust fund.

"At town meeting, we established an OPEB trust fund which is another post-employment benefit fund that will tackle the \$5 million unfunded liability the town currently has with its pensions and retirement plans," said Town Administrator James Ferrera.

So far \$25,000 has been established into the trust.

Ferrera said the DOR was also "impressed" with the addition of a budget calendar the town created as well as the hiring choices made to fill vacant positions with highly qualified individuals.

Some other "general housekeeping" the DOR commented on included the unnecessary authorization of Chapter 90 funds. For efficiency and to save time, the Board can accept Chapter 90 funds without formally motioning or voting to accept.

Another suggestion made was to annually reauthorize revolving funds.

The DOR acknowledged work that is

currently underway with a financial management software system.

"Last fall the town was really aggressive with getting a community compact grant from the Division of Local Services. We were successful in receiving \$65,000 that will be for the implementation of the financial management software," said Ferrera.

The town will be using software called VADAR Systems.

The department suggested combining several like positions in town, as well as potentially changing the payroll to biweekly to spend less time working on a weekly payroll.

Another suggestion included the potential implementation of a government study committee, which would be responsible for accessing the town's organization of government and further consider consolidating positions.

One consolidation may include combining the responsibilities of the town tax collector and treasurer.

The department suggested analyzing and updating the town bylaws, as well as outlining the authority and responsibility of the town administrator.

Resignation
The Board unanimously accepted the resignation letter of Veterans Services Officer Gary W. Lapine effective Nov. 30 of this year.

Ferrera said it is "unfortunate that our veterans agent is going to be leaving but I completely understand."

"It gives us some time and I am very thankful for Gary giving us some time so that he can show the ins and outs of what needs to get done because that is a very important role," said Ferrera.

Full-time to part-time shift

The Board accepted Police Officer Christos Tsigas' request to move from a full-time police officer to a part-time position.

Dufresne said, "Your services are definitely needed in our town, and we appreciate your services."

Senior outreach

The Board voted unanimously

to accept a contract between the town of Warren and the Quaboag Valley Community Development Cooperation as presented.

Ferrera said the Board formally agreed to fund \$8,000 towards the outreach program in an effort to assist seniors in town with access to appointments, bringing them to food banks, and providing transportation to necessary activities.

"I think it's a great program. I'm glad we did this," said Eichacker.

The Board accepts the town of Warren American Disabilities Act policies and procedures as presented.

Fire Department report

In the month of April, the Fire Department responded to 35 calls, with 51 ambulance responses and eight ALS intercepts.

Five smoke and carbon monoxide inspections took place last month, as well as two oil burner tank inspections and two propane tank inspections.

The Fire Personnel held a joint meeting training with Warren EMS and trained on the stretcher and basic ambulance training.

Board reorganization

The Board voted in favor of reappointing Dufresne as chair, Eichacker as vice-chair and Veliz as clerk.

Liquor license approval
The Board unanimously approved the Warren Cultural Council's request for a one-day liquor license.

Council member Tracey Mazur said the Council is asking for the license to be able to offer beer and wine to attendees at a hummingbird porch pot event Saturday, June 10.

The event is expected to last between one to two hours.

"It is a coordination with Bemis Nursery of Spencer...we're creating a hummingbird porch pot...it's a stunning bouquet that will attract hummingbirds into your porch," said Mazur.

Dufresne said, "we've done this for many years in the past and it's always been a good event."

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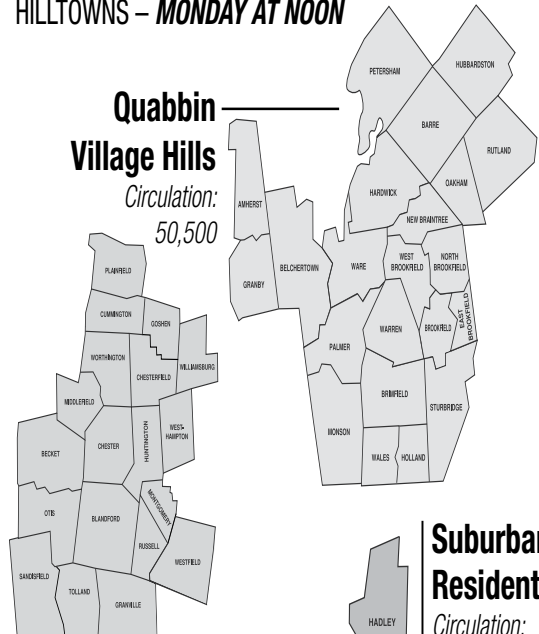
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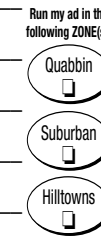


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PROM NIGHT celebrated 2023



Q-DRUG rolled out the purple carpet and with a donation from the Office of Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr., booked a luxury coach, allowing students to ride safely in style.

Quabbin

Students make memories for a lifetime

BARRE – Quabbin Regional High School students had one of the most memorable nights of their lives at prom last week, with the help of Q-DRUG and other community supporters.

Thanks to a generous donation from the Office of Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr., Q-DRUG was able to book a luxury coach to drive students to and from prom, ensuring the night was both fun and safe.

Local businesses also supported the event, by providing sweet treats, flowers and more. Donating to the event were Giacomo's Gourmet Foods, Mimi's Coffeehouse of Hardwick, Howes Farm and Garden, Hardwick Farmers Co-op, Wholesome Farmers Market and Dunkin Donuts.

Q-DRUG also credited student interns Colin and Kylie for their efforts to bring this event together.



(Turley Publications Photos by Mary Whitelaw) Decked out in identical suits and color-matched sunglasses, these students were ready to make memories.



High schoolers strike their best "Charlie's Angels" pose before heading off to prom.



A student had help getting ready for his photo opportunity.



Seniors Jenna Duff and Olivia Bagg are prom ready as they pose for prom photos.



Carl Quilitzsch IV and Arianna Belen are shown standing before the large water fountain on the West Brookfield town



Dylan Segatore and McKenna Childs posing for photos before prom.



Madison Gray and Mary McGeachie are shown sharing a photo before senior prom.



Friends Katelyn Fountain and Paige Dion smile before the water fountain.

Quaboag

WARREN/WEST BROOKFIELD – The senior class of Quaboag Regional High School came dressed to impress as they gathered on the West Brookfield town common to celebrate prom Thursday, May 18.

Attendees enjoyed both a variety of music and a variety of food, with several food stations available for students to choose from. While the event was hosted at the Barn at Wight Farm in Sturbridge, families and friends shared some of the evening's festivities before the event, striking poses and taking photos.

Murray said the class officers helped decorate the venue the day before the event. She added she was a seventh grade teacher for many of the seniors in attendance.

"It has been so wonderful to have seen them over the last six years - amazing to see."



(Turley Publications Photos by Dallas Gagnon) Adrik Matys and Luisa Feeney are shown standing side by side as they wait for the evening to begin.

Pathfinder



Jemalex Moskovitz and friend Giana pose for photos before prom.



Miranda Pratt and Nathan Bigda pose in red formalwear for the night's event.



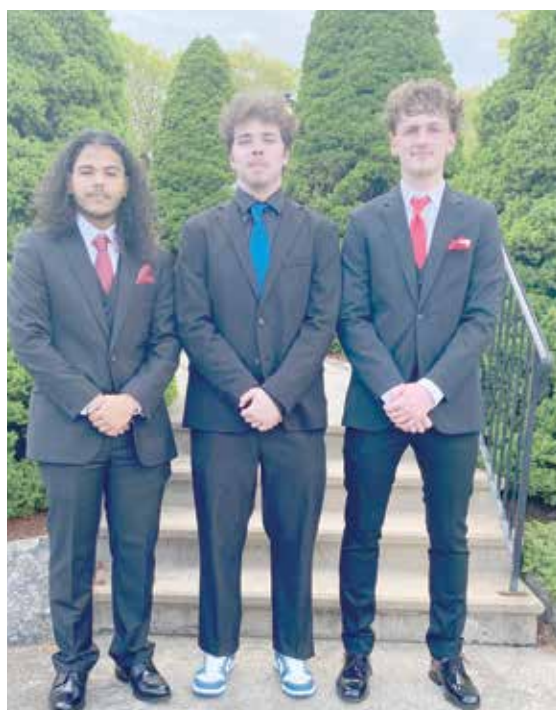
Hunter Skowyra and Catalina Mudgett wear matching teal attire for the event.

Dancing the night away

Students at Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School celebrated their senior prom in true Hollywood fashion at Zukas Hilltop Barn in Spencer, Friday, May 12.

While the event's theme was "Starry Night," many students brought sparkle with them - some wearing floor length sequined gowns with others opted for classic silk attire.

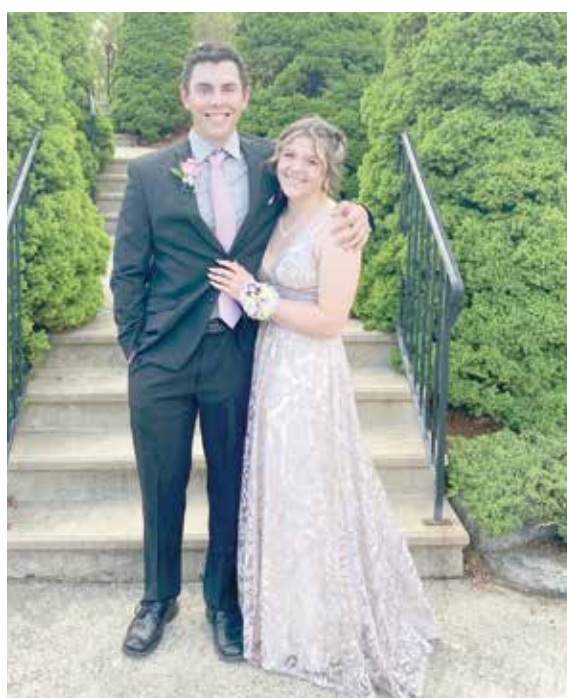
The event was hosted outside under an elegant banquet tent, draped with string lights to give the evening the "starry night" effect.



Friends Sean Moon, Alec Thompson and Cody Ostiguy are shown gathered together before prom.



(Turley Publications Photos by Dallas Gagnon) Shown is friend group Lauren Chaples, Jacquelyn Aldrich, Anthony Peck and Nathan Patrick.



Morgan Austin and Jake Luukko are shown smiling and in color coordinated attire.

Quabbin



(Turley Publications Photo by Mary Whitelaw) Quabbin students wave goodbye to the bus as they head into prom.

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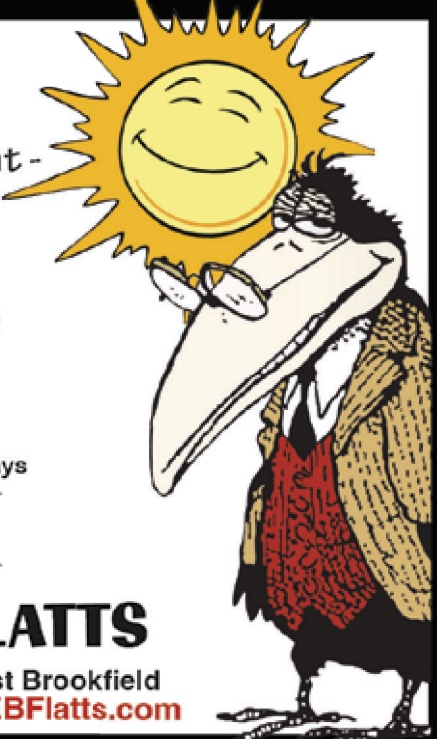
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