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MEMORIAL DAY *Remembering* THE FALLEN



(Turley Publications Photo by Paula Ouimette)
Steve Boyko moves a wreath to the Enfield monument with the help of his son Charlie.

Descendants of the 'Lost Towns' honor the past

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WARE – Generations of people joined together at Quabbin Park Cemetery this past Sunday to remember those that gave their lives for our freedom, alongside those that sacrificed their homes for the Quabbin Reservoir.

Master of Ceremonies Keith Poulin of the American Legion Chauncey Walker Post #239

of Belchertown thanked all for attending and participating in the Memorial Day program.

Poulin said this program was not only to remember those servicemembers who sacrificed for the freedom of all, but also for the people of the “Lost Towns” of Dana, Enfield, Greenwich and Prescott.

These four towns were discontinued in order to create the

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• WARE •

The community came out in full force to remember those that gave all this past Memorial Day, starting with a parade from the American Legion Hall to Veterans' Park on Main Street.

Veterans, police and fire, members of the Lions Club and Knights of Columbus, Scouts and government officials all marched to the park, where they heard moving words from various speakers, including Gold Star Mother Pat Boynton.

After the ceremony, all parade participants were invited back to the American Legion for a meal prepared by the Auxiliary.

AMVETS Post 2577 Commander Ed Wyzik was this year's Parade Marshal.



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Servicemen and women hold flags in honor of the service members who never returned home.

• WARREN •

The town of Warren honored those who paid the ultimate sacrifice while defending the U.S. during the annual Memorial Day parade and ceremonies this past

Sunday.

While the Veterans Council organized the event, community service members such as the Police and Fire departments, Council on Aging, Boy Scouts of America Troop 142 and Quaboag High School Band came together to

make the march possible.

Veterans Council Co-chair Rebecca Acerra kicked off the ceremony at St. Paul's Cemetery by reciting a prayer to “remember and give thanks to those who have given their lives in the service of our country.”

• HARDWICK •

Veterans were joined by members of the community to honor the military dead in the villages of Hardwick.

Starting in Wheelwright at the World War II memorial, participants traveled to the Civil War memorial on the Common, then to the Revolutionary War cemetery adjacent to the old Town Hall, ending at Hardwick Cemetery across from the Highway barn.

The ceremony then continued to Gilbertville at St. Aloysius cemetery, ending at the World War I memorial on Main Street.

At each stop, the names of the deceased were read, and honors were given.



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A veterans salutes after placing a wreath in one of Hardwick's cemeteries.

13th annual ceremony honors community

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WARE – In a joint effort, the Ware Historical Society, Veterans

Council and Ware Scouts BSA Troop 281 hosted the 13th annual Ware Remembers ceremony this past Sunday, on the lawn of the Ware Center Meeting House.

While several guest speakers

spoke of the honorable men and women who served to protect the nation's freedom, an array of flags stood before the Meeting House

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Flags are shown placed before the Ware Center Meeting House to represent those who served and did not return.



Army and National Guard veteran Everett Smith is shown placing a flag on a veterans grave alongside son, Sean Smith

Students honor veterans in flag placing tradition

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WARREN – Students of Quaboag's eighth grade civics class placed nearly 600 flags on the gravesites of veterans and service members in an act of remembrance last Friday at St. Paul's cemetery.

Eighth grade civics teacher and veteran, Joseph Salvatore said

he has partnered with the Warren Veterans Council for 26 years for flag placing.

“It means a lot to veterans and families to know veterans are remembered with the flag... as a nation you have got to honor your heroes and those who made that important sacrifice,” said Salvatore.

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(Courtesy Photo)

Employees at Quabbin Wire & Cable Co., Inc. participated in a health fair last month.
Quabbin Wire hosts health and wellness fair

WARE – Recently, Quabbin Wire & Cable Co., Inc. hosted a health/wellness fair for its employees.

Not only was the fair held in May during “Mental Health Awareness Month,” it showcased many community resources that are available to the employees.

According to a press release, employees said, “Ware is a small community; it was great to see vendors, large and small, come together to provide information and assistance,” and “I did not know this help was out there.”

Representatives from Bay State Health, the Behavioral Health Network, Cambridge Credit Counseling, Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation’s

Quaboag Connector and Financial Fitness Club, the Town of Ware’s Public Health Nurse, Substance Abuse Recovery Alliance and Food Assistance.

Health New England also provided biometric screenings to employees who were interested in learning about their current health status.

Other tables provided information on the risks of smoking, healthy recipes and food guides. Healthy snacks were provided, and great prizes were raffled off to help employees achieve a healthy lifestyle.

Participating employees will also be crossing the finish line in the fitness challenge “Walk Across America” this month.

Are You Old News?



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

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



(File Photo)
Last week’s photo from 1992 shows Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2577 Commander Joseph Harnois taking the oath of office along with Junior Vice Commander Frank Jurczyk, left, and Senior Vice Commander Armand St. Onge.



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(Turley Publications Photos by Dallas Gagnon)

Members of AMVETS Post 2577 line up alongside the Ware Scouts BSA 281 as they honor veterans and service members who served our country.

There are just a few weeks of summer left and back-to-school preparations to begin!

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representing people both living and deceased.

Ware Historical Society member Julie Bullock said, “the idea of Ware Remembers was borrowed 13 years ago to honor loved ones.”

She added, “the Ware Historical Society is a small group of people with a big mission - to help people remember history and to be proud of this community and this country.”

State Sen. Anne Gobi said, “when we get together here in Ware it is to remember... everyone from our communities and what they give back.”

She added she is “always taken back by how many people from this small community served and how many did not come back - the town of Ware went above and beyond.”

Master of Ceremonies Dan Flynn said “in the 50s and 60s, you either went to the mill, you went in the service - or if you had money, you went to college. A lot of our locals went into the service for that G.I bill and to serve our country.”

Gobi thanked the community “to have the honor to even march in the same parade as your veterans - that is a complete honor to me to be able to do that.”

State Rep. Todd Smola also took an opportunity to honor those who served our nation and recognize those who did and did not return from duty.

“To the Honorary Guard and the Color Guard... you are indeed true heroes and troopers - you are not here for you are here for your brothers and sisters,” said Smola.

He added “if there is anything that we will remember on Memorial Day, it is that freedom is not free - there is a tremendous price that is paid for all of those liberties and blessings and opportunities that we forget about on a daily basis.”

Town Clerk and Selectboard member Nancy Talbot thanked those who attended the event in honor of those who served our country.

“Whom do we remember on Memorial Day? All soldiers, sailors, airmen and women and any Marine who served our country but especially those who did not return,” said Talbot.

She reflected memories of a classmate she knew who left for the U.S. Marine Corps and was killed in action.

“It is still painful knowing he had greater potential as a leader in some way or another, but it never came to be,” said Talbot.

She added “today and tomorrow I remember these men for their sacrifices for their country and I realize how lucky I was to have known them. As we continue to celebrate Memorial Day each year, let us remember what this day really is about with meaning and reverence.”



Flags are placed before the Ware Center Meeting House.

Susan Rutherford spoke at the event representing Jennifer Baublitz of HomeFront Strong.

HomeFront Strong is a community peer support program that links military connected volunteers to other service members, veterans and their families in the community.

“In military and veteran circles, community and identity are everything... without these, the challenges and sacrifices of military service can be too much to endure,” said Rutherford.

She added, “It is through the rich tradition of storytelling that community bonds, identity and legacy are formed... it is how service members, veterans and their families make sense of the many adventures, sacrifices, triumphs and tragedies and losses that military service entails.”

Rutherford said it is through storytelling that inspires future generations to serve, protect and remember.

Several town officials and service members called the roll to recognize servicemen, women and families.

The event concluded with a firing squad to pay homage to those who are no longer with us after serving our country.

Flynn said, “If you smell the smell of smoke in the air - multiply that by a factor you cannot multiply it by... You are smelling the smell of freedom provided on the backs, and that written check of possibility of not coming home.”

70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



(Courtesy Photos) Edward and Nancy Baldyga are celebrating 70 years of marriage on June 6.

Couple celebrates seven decades of marriage

WARE – Edward and Nancy Baldyga were married on June 6, 1953, at St Mary's Church in Ware. They are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary with their five daughters, four sons-in-law, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



Edward and Nancy Baldyga are shown on their wedding day in 1953.

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Quabbin Reservoir, which supplies drinking water to nearly one-third of residents in the commonwealth.

"The towns of the Swift River Valley have remembered their dead," Poulin said.

A tradition that has continued even after the towns were submerged under water; in a ceremony that takes place every Sunday before Memorial Day, amidst each town's monuments and memorials.

Over 7,600 graves were moved from cemeteries in the four towns, with the majority re-interred at Quabbin Park Cemetery. Spanning 82 of the 81,000 acres of land purchased to create the Quabbin Reservoir, the Cemetery is still active today.

Following a reading of the Gettysburg Address by Ware Scouts BSA Troop 7281's Senior Patrol Leader Cordelia Grandinetti, descendants from each of the four towns laid wreaths of red, white and blue on their respective monument.

Representing the town of Dana were members of the Cooley family; Enfield, the Boyko and Jasnocha families; Greenwich, the Thresher family; and Prescott, the Currier and Bowen families. A fifth wreath was placed at the Schmidt Bench, by members of the Eleanor Griswold Schmidt family.

Friends of Quabbin, Inc. President Gene Theroux followed with a reading of "In Flanders Fields" after "Taps", the National Anthem, and a medley of each military branch's marches were played.

State Sen. Anne Gobi said it was an honor to be invited to speak at the program, her last before she assumes the role of the new director of rural affairs in the Executive Office of Economic Development.

She shared the story of World War II nurse Ellen Ainsworth, who was one of 350,000 women that served.

Of those women, 543 lost their lives, including 16 nurses.

On Feb. 10, 1944, while working at the 56th Evacuation Hospital, Ainsworth made sure that all of her staff and patients were safe during a raid, Gobi said.

"No on panicked...and they all survived," Gobi said.

The next raid battered the Hospital, and Ainsworth was hit with a piece of shrapnel to the chest, but continued to work.

"There is nothing the enemy can do to us now to scare us" she said," Gobi continued.

Sadly, Ainsworth died from her injuries days later, just shy of her 25th birthday.

Because of women veterans like Ainsworth, "we are a better people, a better nation," Gobi said.

State Rep. Todd Smola noted that this was also the 50th anniversary of the U.S. military's withdrawal from Vietnam.



Wayne Thresher prepares to place a wreath on the Greenwich monument.



Richard Cooley waits for a wreath from Belchertown Director of Veterans' Services Charly Oliva, to place on the Dana monument.

"It took a lot of time for attitudes and perceptions to change," Smola said of Vietnam. "We should never disagree about supporting those that serve."

State Rep. Aaron Saunders said he was struck by Grandinetti's reading of the Gettysburg Address and said, "the unfinished work" has continued, for freedom and peace in our country and beyond.

Saunders gave special acknowledgement to the four communities lost to the Reservoir.

"[They] gave themselves for the prosperity of the commonwealth," Saunders said.

State Sen. Jake Oliveira shared that his grandfather worked on the Quabbin Reservoir, and noted the depth of the sacrifice the residents of the four towns made for its creation.

Oliveira said he also understands what it's like to be told a loved one has paid the ultimate sacrifice for freedom, sharing the story of his late friend Sgt. Joshua Desforges, who was killed in Afghanistan.

"I know that feeling in your stomach when



(Turley Publications Photos by Paula Ouimette) Master of Ceremonies Keith Poulin introduced dignitaries.

told you lost someone," he said. Poulin thanked all of the various participants that made the program possible, including area historical societies, veterans organizations, youth organizations, Department of Conservation and Recreation staff, and many more.

Remembering Alfred Albrecht

World War II veteran left legacy of love and service

By Paula Ouimette
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WARE – When Memorial Day comes around, there is one veteran that always comes to the forefront of people's minds; "Mr. VFW" himself, Alfred "Al" Albrecht.

"Memorial Day always had a special meaning for him," his daughter Dottie (Albrecht) Danguis said. "Not just because it meant so much to him to honor those that didn't come home, but not many people knew that his only brother was buried on Memorial Day."

Danguis said she was 9 years old when her uncle died, but she remembered how deeply his loss affected her father.

Born in South Barre, Al was a son of Francis and Rose (Dill) Albrecht. He lived there until he moved to Ware in 1954.

"He said he loved this town... Ware was always good to him," Danguis said.

Al was also really good to this town.

"Him and his wife, they took care of this place," longtime friend Michael Domey said. "He was always involved with the kids. He had roller skating at the town hall, dances for the kids, bowling."

Domey remembered when he first met Al, the town was looking for a Scoutmaster to lead the Boy Scouts and Domey had a son of Scouting age. Al also convinced him to join the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

"We hit it off. He said, 'you got to join the VFW' and signed me up," Domey said.

Domey remembered taking Al to VFW meetings, and helping him around his yard and in the garden, something Domey's grandchildren did as well.

"Every one of my grandchildren loved Al...Everybody loved that man. That man was special," Domey said.

Al was also a man of special talents, known for his love of song and dance.

"My dad loved to dance," Danguis said. "Any time we had an installation or a party, wherever it was, he dragged us kids along with him. He'd always do the twist with me...He loved to do the hokey pokey."

Al's singing voice even landed him on stage at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tennessee to sing "You're a Grand Old Flag" with The Statler Brothers.

He also sang in the choir at Trinity Episcopal Church, where he also served on the church vestry and trained the junior acolytes.

"He had a beautiful voice," Danguis said. "He could really



Faith was an important part of Al Albrecht's life, including singing in the church choir and training the junior acolytes at Trinity Episcopal Church in Ware.

knock those hymns out." Al was also active with the Grange and enjoyed putting around his garden. He was deeply involved in Scouting and helped form the youth baseball team.

Al began his Scouting career in 1932 with Barre Boy Scout Troop 26, and continued his support of the organization when he moved to Ware. He was the oldest Boy Scout in Ware, and received a "Citizen of the Year" plaque from the Rotary Club.

"We still have the Al Albrecht Award in the Boy Scouts. He just knew all of his stuff," Domey said.

In July 1942, Al joined the U.S. Army, starting in England before moving into Germany during World War II.

"As they beat back the enemy, these guys went everywhere," Domey said, including engagements in Algeria-French Morocco, Sicily, Rome-Arno, Southern France and Rhineland.

A lot of the World War II veterans never talked about what they did during their service, Domey said, and Al was one of them.

"You'll find that true of 99% of veterans," he said.

Before he was drafted into the U.S. Army, Al worked at the Barre Wool Combing Co., starting at the age of 16. After he returned from his military service in September 1945, he worked at Rindge Industries, then later Bay Path until it closed.

Al then went to work at Digital Equipment Corporation, where he stayed until his retirement.

Danguis said many people didn't know that her father always wanted to become either a teacher or a minister.

"He managed to work them into his life by working with kids and being a chaplain," Danguis said. "He used to love the reading program at the school. He would practice reading that book at home."

Al's love for his family was not a secret, however, raising his two children, Danguis and her brother Dwight, with his wife Dorothy Helen (Smith).

Al and Helen had been married for nearly 70 years, having first met at a dance in Barre.



(Courtesy Photos) Alfred "Al" Albrecht served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

"My dad and mom were really great. There wasn't anything they wouldn't have done for each other," Danguis said. "They were very loving I had a great childhood."

Danguis said her family remains close, even after the death of both of her parents, Al in 2018 at the age of 98 and Helen in 2019 at the age of 88.

"My brother and I get along great. He calls me every day," Danguis said.

Danguis said her father cherished his four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The family's military involvement didn't end with Al; Dwight went on to serve his country, retiring after 26 years in the U.S. Air Force.

Danguis married her husband Jack a month before he left to serve in Vietnam, when she was just 17 years old.

"I turned 18 on June 18 after he was gone," she said, with the two writing each other letters every single day they were apart. Danguis said she still has the Post Office box Jack's letters went to, and the phone he first called her on.

Danguis said her parents were supportive of the marriage, despite her young age and Jack's impending deployment.

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Al Albrecht had a great sense of humor, as seen in his childhood autograph book, which he signed himself.



Al Albrecht's daughter Dottie still has some of her father's cherished school memories.

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Ware Police Log

During the week of May 23-30, the Ware Police Department responded to 33 miscellaneous calls, 28 administrative calls, nine traffic violations, 29 emergency 911 calls, one trespassing, two animal calls, four harassments, two frauds/deceptions, five thefts/larcenies, one fire, three motor vehicle accidents, two breaking and entering/burglaries and 19 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

Tuesday, May 23
1:31 a.m. Trespass/Unwanted, West Main Street, Investigated
Summons: Todd D. Friedland, 49, Ware
Vandalize Property c266 §126A; Disorderly Conduct
1:50 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Park Street, Dispatch Handled
6:31 a.m. Damage/Vandalism/Mischief, West Main Street, Investigated
10:18 a.m. Fraud/Deception, Church Street, Dispatch Handled
12:17 p.m. Fraud/Deception, West Street, Dispatch Handled

Wednesday, May 24
12:04 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Belchertown Road, Services Rendered
5:05 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Belchertown Road, Dispatch Handled
11:31 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Babcock Tavern Road, Dispatch Handled
2:42 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Convent Hill Road, Dispatch Handled

Thursday, May 25
4:38 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued
2:32 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Gould Road, Report Made
2:46 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/

Threat, Park Street, Services Rendered
4:31 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Dispatch Handled
5 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Park Street, Investigated
7:15 p.m. Theft/Larceny, West Street, Report Made
8:39 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Otis Avenue, Advised
10:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Palmer Road, Vehicle Towed

Friday, May 26
6:20 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Dispatch Handled
3:45 p.m. Outside Fire, Gould Road, Extinguished
4:39 p.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, Church Street, Arrest Made
Arrest: Kayla M. Nietzel, 35, Ware
Assault with Dangerous Weapon +60

Saturday, May 27
10:04 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Hillside Village, Dispatch Handled
11:48 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Dispatch Handled
3:09 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Dunham Avenue, Dispatch Handled
3:14 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Otis Avenue, Services Rendered
3:53 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Dispatch Handled
4:24 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Dispatch Handled
5:07 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Park Street, Services Rendered
10:42 p.m. Service of a Summons, Maple Street, Arrest Made
Arrest: Jacob P. Kwasniewski, 28, Ware
WMS Warrant

Sunday, May 28
5:32 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Old Gilbertville Road, Report Made
Summons: Brian C. Barry Jr., 26, Spencer
Alcohol in Motor Vehicle, Possess Open Container of; Leave Scene of Property Damage
9:10 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Aspen Street, Advised
3:57 p.m. DUI/Impaired, West Street, Investigated
5:09 p.m. Damage/Vandalism/Mischief, Highland Village, Report Made
5:47 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Hillside Village, Dispatch Handled

Monday, May 29
7:57 a.m. Theft/Larceny, Gould Road, Report Made
10:32 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Maple Street, Advised
11:04 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Highland Village, Unfounded
2:08 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Vernon Street, Report Made
3:22 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Fisherick Road, Services Rendered
3:49 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Williston Drive, Investigated
7:54 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Convent Hill Road, Investigated

Tuesday, May 30
4:25 a.m. Theft/Larceny, Old Belchertown Road, Report Made
5:35 a.m. Breaking and Entering/Burglary, Old Belchertown Road, Advised
5:37 a.m. Breaking and Entering/Burglary, Old Belchertown Road, Advised
8:53 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, River Road, Dispatch Handled
1:44 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Old Gilbertville Road, Dispatch Handled

Warren Police Log

During the week of May 7-14, the Warren Police Department responded to 51 building/property checks, 46 community policing, 15 traffic enforcements, one radar assignment, 19 emergency 911 calls, one illegal dumping, one fire, one larceny/theft, one fraud/forgery, two motor vehicle accidents, seven animal calls and 62 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

Sunday, May 7
7:04 a.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Yankee Drummer Drive, Services Rendered
12:42 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Boston Post Road, Removed Hazard
5:13 p.m. General Weakness, Mechanic Street, Transported to Hospital

Monday, May 8
8:48 p.m. Fire/Illegal Burn, Reed Street, Fire Extinguished

Tuesday, May 9
5:26 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, Old West Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
6:26 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned, Main Street, Report Filed
9:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Wednesday, May 10
4:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation issued
8 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Main Street, Citation issued
8:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/Fire, Main Street, Report Filed

Thursday, May 11
5:03 p.m. Falls, Winthrop Terrace, Transported to Hospital
5:07 p.m. Falls, Mechanic Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
5:24 p.m. Larceny/Theft, Elm Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Friday, May 12
12:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Boston Post Road, Written Warning
4:46 a.m. Falls, Winthrop Terrace, Ambulance Signed Refusal
8:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/Fire, Milton O. Fountain Way, Report Filed
9:18 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning
9:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Washington Street, Written Warning
10:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning
11:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning
11:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning

Saturday, May 13
11:15 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, Milton O. Fountain Way, Officer Spoke to Party

Editor's Note: People in this country are presumed to be innocent until found guilty in a court of law. Police provide us with the information you read on this page as public record information. If you or any suspect listed here is found not guilty or has charges dropped or reduced, we will gladly print that information as a follow-up upon being presented with documented proof of the court's final disposition.

11:58 a.m. Fraud/Forgery, Winthrop Terrace, Report Filed
5:03 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Brimfield Road, Transported to Hospital
5:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
5:49 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Cutler Road, Transported to Hospital
9:05 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Chapel Street, Transported to Hospital
9:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

Sunday, May 14
12:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of May 22-29, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 49 building/property checks, 47 directed/area patrols, two traffic controls, seven emergency 911 calls, four radar assignments, one citizen assist, three assist other agencies, one safety hazard, one investigation, one motor vehicle investigation, two motor vehicle accidents, five complaints, two animal calls and three motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, May 22
3:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Petersham Road, Transported to Hospital
8:05 p.m. Investigation, Broad Street, Spoken To

Tuesday, May 23
7:30 a.m. Complaint, Old Greenwich Plains Road, Report Taken
2:09 p.m. Complaint, Gaudet Road, Spoken To

Wednesday, May 24
1:08 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Collins Road, Dispatch Handled
1:55 p.m. Assist Citizen, Walk-in, Spoken To
8:28 p.m. Serve Warrant, Maple Street, Arrest(s) Made

Thursday, May 25
4:11 p.m. Safety Hazard, Main Street, Removed Hazard
5:02 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Lower Road, Transported to Hospital

Friday, May 26
7:31 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Collins Road, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, May 27
1:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Greenwich Road,

5:10 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Greenwich Road, Transported to Hospital

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Saturday, May 27
1:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Greenwich Road,

Investigated
7:16 a.m. 911 Neighbor Dispute, Main Street, Report Taken
3:46 p.m. Parking Complaint, North Street, Citation Issued

Sunday, May 28
11:57 a.m. Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital
12:18 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Greenwich Road, Services Rendered
3:29 p.m. 911 Misdial, Old Greenwich Plains Road, Spoken To
5:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Vehicle Towed
7:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Lower Road, Services Rendered
8:43 p.m. Complaint, Prospect Street, Negative Contact
10:12 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Cleveland Road, Services Rendered

Wawro inducted into National Honor Society

SPRINGFIELD – On April 20, Beta Alpha Psi National Honor Society welcomed Ryan Wawro of Ware into Western New England University's chapter at an induction ceremony in the Rivers Auditorium. Wawro is working toward a bachelor's degree in business administration in finance.

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Grange presents 'Herbal Tidbits' program June 9

WARE – Ware Grange's next gardening workshop of the year, "Herbal Tidbits: An Introduction to Growing our Favorite Useful Plants," will be held on Friday, June 9 at 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall

at 297 Belchertown Road. The presenter will be Roberta McQuaid, author of the weekly "In the Garden" column for Turley Publications. Come learn about growing

a variety of herbs. A door prize drawing will be held. For more information, visit the Grange on Facebook or at waregrange.org.

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

WARE – There's still time to participate in the town wide tag sale 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 12 to P.O. Box 1401 in Ware, MA 01082. They will make a map with all the addresses on it, advertise, and

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Ware's veterans filled several rows of seats to honor the fallen on Memorial Day.



Missy Douty drives Phil Hamel, Ron Rucki and Dave Lavallee in the parade.



From left are Police Chief Shawn Crevier, Sergeant Diana Gliniecki, retired K9 Sampson, Deputy Chief Jeremy Boulrice and Fire Chief Jim Martinez.
(Turley Publications Photos by Paula Ouimette)



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Regan Murphy, age 9, bows his head during a prayer with his father, Firefighter Lonny Murphy.



David Deslauriers waits to play "Taps."



Gold Star Mother Pat Boynton read a speech about her late son, Sgt. First Class Christopher Boynton.



Eagle Scout and U.S. Army servicemember Grant Pelletier-Biggs marches with Aaron Bateman of Ware Scouts BSA Troop 281.



The firing detail prepares to salute the military dead at the Memorial Day ceremony.

AT LEFT: The Ware Lions Club marches down Maple Street.



Shown are Barbara Gelinias, Korean War veteran Vern Keith and Barbara Keith watching the parade in remembrance of "the ones who didn't make it."

WARREN



Warren police officers and firefighters are shown walking in the annual Memorial Day parade by St. Paul's Cemetery.



Amaya Pratte and Cameron Pratte stand in the center of town to catch a good view of the parade.



Kathy Banas, Sharon Meli and Tracey Mazur from Warren's Council on Aging walk in this year's parade, sporting patriot appeal and waving flags.



(Turley Publications Photos by Dallas Gagnon)
Members of the Police Department are shown marching front and center for the parade.



Shown is Boy Scout Troop 142 members Alexander O., Camrin B., Robert Y., Dave S. and Steve T.



HARDWICK

Town Clerk Ryan J. Witkos prepares to turn, followed by state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume.

(Turley Publications Photos by Single Shot Photo)



The color guard from John J. Weir American Legion Post #246 present the flags in front of the Town House.



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Town Clerk Ryan J. Witkos reads the names of fallen veterans.

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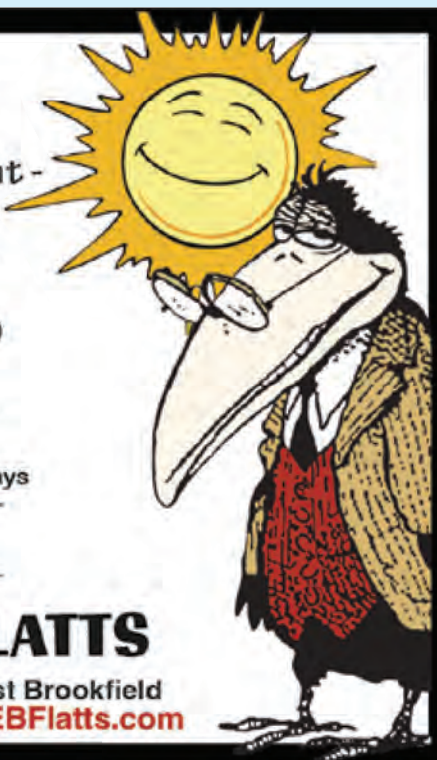
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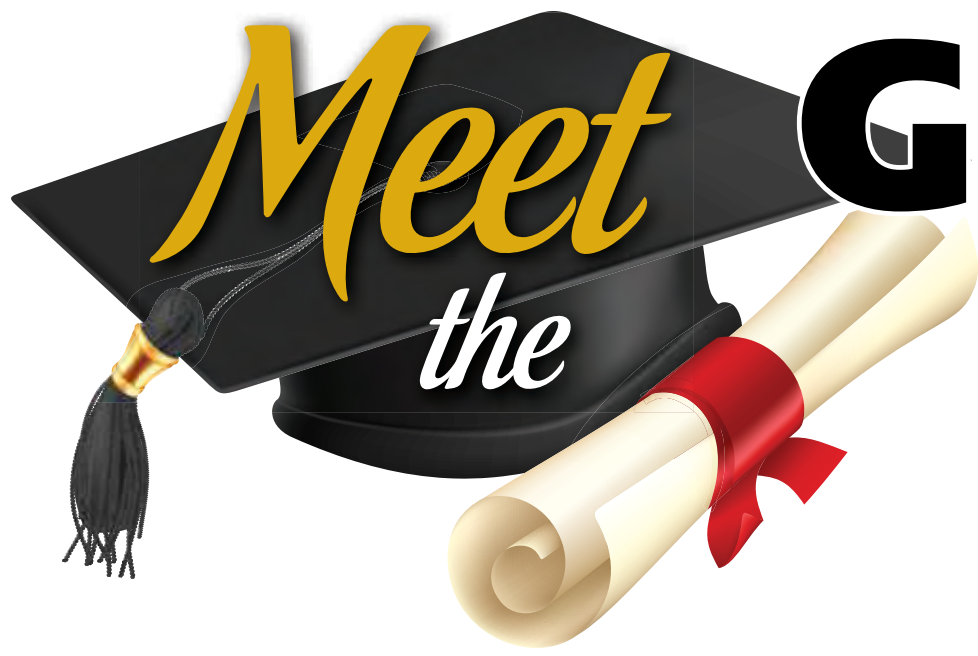
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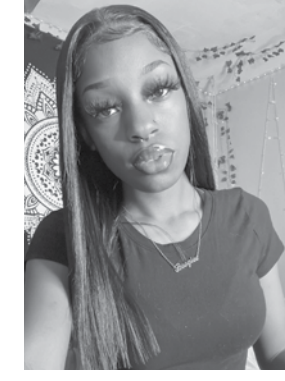
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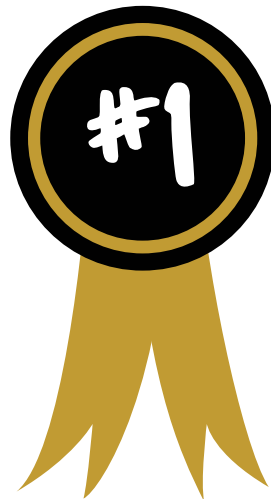
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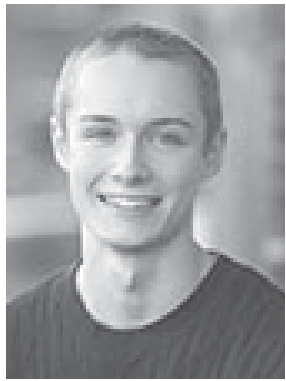
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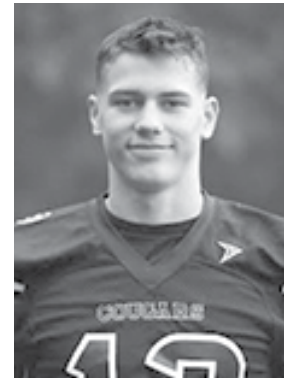
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Ware heads for WMass finals



Brady Guimond readies to scoop up this slow roller.



All eyes are on the ump as John Auchter awaits the call at the plate.



Chase Potvin slides into third.

Cougars defeat Millbury

WARREN – Last Thursday afternoon, Quaboag baseball was able to score the win 8-5 against Millbury High School. The Cougars also defeated Southbridge 10-0 last Monday and are now 9-10 for the season. Though under .500, Quaboag is ranked No. 18 in Division 5 and will qualify for the tournament this season. The Cougars will await their first-round matchup when seeds are released later this week.



Photos by Jack Cascio NEAPsmugmug.com
Zach Russel puts away a fly ball in left center.

Varsity team breaks postseason curse

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

HADLEY — The members of the Ware varsity baseball team have been dealing with their own postseason curse since 2016.

The Indians had lost four postseason games to Hopkins Academy during the past seven years. Three of those losses took place at Ron Berestka Field, which is located behind Hopkins Academy in Hadley.

The Golden Hawks also defeated the Indians in the 2018 Western Mass. Division 4 semifinal game at Earl Lorden Field on the UMass Amherst campus.

Ware's postseason curse on the baseball diamond versus Hopkins

Academy finally came to an end in this year's Western Mass. Class D semifinal game.

The score was tied 11-11 with one-out in the top of the eighth inning when junior catcher Dylan Sutkaitis launched a three-run homer over the right field fence. The Indians also added an insurance run before freshman righthander Brady Guimond retired the side in order in the home half of the frame.

After Guimond struck out the final batter of the game, the third-seeded Indians were able to celebrate a wild 15-11 victory over the second-seeded Golden Hawks at Berestka Field, last Thursday afternoon.

"We've lost postseason games on this field during the past two years, which was very frustrating," said Sutkaitis, who hit his first career home run in a varsity game. "I was looking for a fastball during

my last at-bat of the game and I was super excited when I saw the ball sail over the fence. We just kept battling back the whole game and it feels amazing to finally get the job done."

Guimond, who relieved sophomore righthander Nathan Kaczuwka during the fifth inning, won his first postseason game as a varsity baseball player.

"Hopkins is a great baseball team, and it feels great to finally beat them in a postseason game," Guimond said. "This was the best baseball game that I've ever played in. It's going to be a fun bus ride home."

The Indians (16-4) were scheduled to face top-seeded and undefeated Pioneer Valley Regional in the Western Mass. Class D finals at Veteran's Field in Greenfield on

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John Mumper delivers this pitch in the early innings.



Matt Tiberii delivers in the late innings.



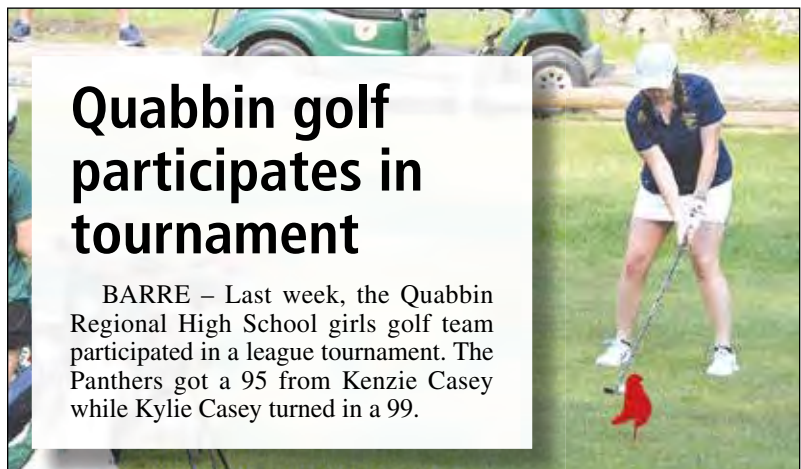
Sam Vessar puts for par.



Kenzie Casey tees off. She shot a 95 to lead the Panthers.



Photos by Ray Duffy
Kayla Sherblom gets a fairway shot.



Quabbin golf participates in tournament

BARRE – Last week, the Quabbin Regional High School girls golf team participated in a league tournament. The Panthers got a 95 from Kenzie Casey while Kylie Casey turned in a 99.



At left: Kylie Casey tees off on the second hole. She shot a 99 in the tournament.

Quabbin Panthers host league meet

BARRE – Last week, the Quabbin Regional High School unified track team hosted the

league-wide meet for the second straight season. Athletes from all over the area came to Quabbin's

track to participate in the event. Quabbin's unified track team is in its second season.



Gracie Talbot flies through the air in the long jump.



Emma Thompson launches the shot put.



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Ryan Morin and Gavin Majoy participate in the 800-meter.

Pioneers make semifinals

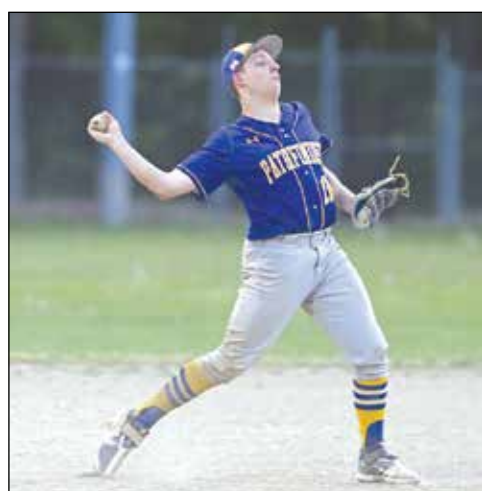
PALMER – Last week, Pathfinder baseball took part in the Western Mass. Class C tournament. The

Pioneers would narrowly defeat Drury 2-1 in the quarterfinals, then be defeated 6-1 on the road at Frontier

Regional. The Pioneers have qualified for the state tournament and will await their seeding later this week.



Brayden Mega gets the throw off to first.



Jesse Cygan pitches for the Pioneers.



Trevor Millet makes the short throw to second.



Brayden Mega gets the tag down at third.



Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Austin Lagimoniere fields a ground ball to center.

