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## MEMORIAL DAY



(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

By Paula Ouimette pouimette@turley.com

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 disincorporated in order to create the

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Demembering THE FALLEN

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.



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

#### 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.



#### 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."

## 13th annual ceremony honors community

By Dallas Gagnon Staff Writer dgagnon @turley.com

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

Council and Ware Scouts BSA spoke of the honorable men and Troop 281 hosted the 13th annual Ware Center Meeting House.

women who served to protect the Ware Remembers ceremony this nation's freedom, an array of flags past Sunday, on the lawn of the stood before the Meeting House

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While several guest speakers

Flags are shown placed before the Ware Center Meeting House to represent those who served and did

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

By Dallas Gagnon Staff Writer dgagnon@turley.com

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 Salvadore 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 Salvadore.

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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 Other tables provided information on the

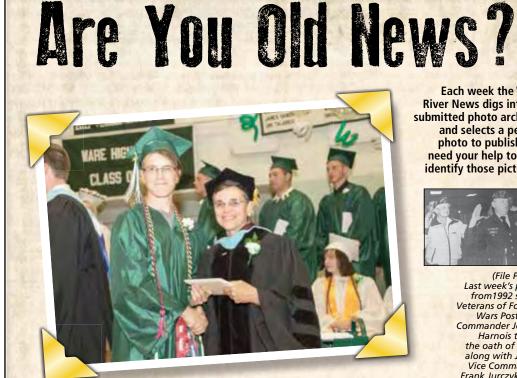
risks of smoking, healthy recipes and food guides. Healthy snacks were provided, and great prizes were raffled off to help employees achieve a healthy lifestyle.

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

## Tenant resident vacancy on **Housing Authority**

WARREN - The Town of Warren is accepting letters of interest to fill the tenant resident appointment vacancy on the Warren Housing Authority

If anyone is interested, please write a letter of interest and mail to P.O. Box 609, Warren, MA 01083 or bring it to the Selectmen's office by June 15.



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.



from1992 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.

(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.

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#### **REMEMBERS** from page 1 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

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

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



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."



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## 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary



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 mar-

ried 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.

#### **HONORS** from page 1

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.

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Wayne Thresher prepares to place a wreath on the Greenwich monu-



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 cre-

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 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.

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## **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) Dangutis 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."

Dangutis 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," Dangutis said.

Al was also really good to this

"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.

dren 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

"Every one of my grandchil-

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

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.

the hokey pokey."

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,"

Dangutis 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 puttering 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.

Dangutis 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," Dangutis 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, Dangutis 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.



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," Dangutis said. "They were very loving I had a great childhood."

Dangutis 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,' Dangutis said.

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

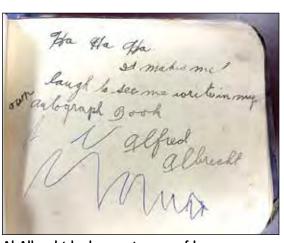
The family's military involvement didn't end with Al; Dwight went on to serve his country, retiring after 26 years in the U.S. Air

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

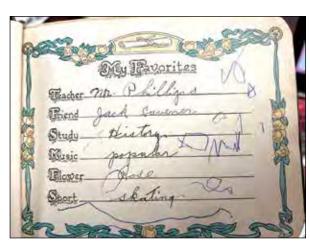
"I turned 18 on June 18 after he was gone," she said, with the two writing each other letters every single day they were apart. Dangutis said she still has the Post Office box Jack's letters went to, and the phone he first called her

Dangutis 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

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## Lots of blue options for the spring border

I got so excited the other day.

I was walking around my backyard and came upon a flower I had never seen before. Where did it come from and what

After a little bit of research, I found out that it is named Blue-eye Grass or Sisyrinchinum. It is very diminutive, looking like a miniature purple-blue iris, with sword-like leaves and all.

Its size would make it perfect for a rock garden or alpine plant garden.

I promptly moved it out of the way of the weed whacker to join some other blue flowers that are in bloom in one of my gardens, taking their place in the front of the border. During late spring, blue flowers

In fact, you could easily design a monochromatic scheme using just cool tones for a late spring symphony!

Here are some of my favorites: For the back of the border, try Amsonia tabernaemontana. This native plant is topped with clusters of pale blue flowers, each one opening to form a tiny star, hence its common name, blue star.

Growing to around three feet tall and not quite as wide, Amsonia almost qualifies for "specimen" status, although it is not as showy as other specimens like Peony or

Only one plant is necessary per grouping in full sun or part shade. In my garden it self sows, but not so much to make itself a nuisance.

Sadly, the plant blooms for only a short while but makes a nice statement when it does. Make sure you choose your forever location wisely.

I need to move mine and with a crown

two feet by two feet, it won't be easy. Another plant best suited for the back row of the perennial garden is Baptisia australis, or false indigo.

Gray-green foliage is pretty in its own right, until you see the beautiful deep blue-purple pea-like flower spikes emerge in mid June. Easily four feet tall and three feet wide, Baptisia is a nice specimen perennial - one plant is certainly enough per grouping.

The size of the plant you purchase may lead you to think otherwise, though, since transplants are usually puny and take a couple of seasons to establish.

Site false indigo in full sun or part shade in rich soil. Refrain from moving the plant once it reaches full size or its deep tap root may be compromised.

Blackish seed pods are hardly decorative on the plant, but do look nice in autumn decorations.

One of my favorite blue flowers is Aquilegia vulgaris. Although there are many cultivars of garden columbine, we grow the species variety at Old Sturbridge

It can be found in white, pink, maroon, purple, blue and almost black. Ours tend to be mostly blue in a hue hard to describe perhaps more royal blue than purple-blue.

If the color is hard to describe, the flower shape is even more difficult- maybe something along the lines of nodding bells with reflexed sepals?

Lobed leaves are another attractive feature of this plant, although vigilance against the dreaded leaf miner is a must in order to keep it looking good. Here too, full sun or part shade will grow decent two foot to two-and- a-half foot whispyish plants- a size perfect for the middle row of the border.

Mountain bluet, or perennial bachelor button, as it is sometimes called, is one of my most treasured perennials.

There is nothing rare about Centaurea montana, or even all that unique about it. I just plain like its oversized cornflowers and

their lovely true blue shade. At eighteen inches tall it is another plant best suited to the middle row of the garden. Plant in full sun or slight shade for best results. Cut back after it is done flowering for a chance at late season rebloom.

Jacob's ladder, Polemonium caeruleum, is another of my favorite blue perennials. Its pinnately compound leaves surely resemble a ladder, hence the Biblical reference, but it is best known for its pretty cup shaped, light blue flowers that hang from multi stems growing 18 inches to 2 feet tall and blooming in May in part shade

Have fun playing with blue hues this spring. By high summer blue will be few and far between in the landscape.

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.

## Love never ends

## GUEST COLUMN

#### Memorial Day remembers the fallen

Editor's note: This speech was read at Ware's Memorial Day ceremony.

It is an honor for me to have been asked to speak for this Memorial Day Ceremony today.

We gather here to memorialize, to pay respect and to give thanks for those who walked before us in sacrifice, in valor, and in

I speak today first and foremost as a Gold Star Family member and as Christopher's Mom – Chris was Sgt. First Class Christopher Boynton, medic and explosive ordnance disposal specialist who died while on active duty in Kansas on Oct. 28, 2015. Chris served with honor and distinction in Iraq twice and Afghanistan once.

The theme that came to me while writing this speech comes from words spoken by my son before he died, "I have learned that nothing else matters except love.'

These words were spoken by a soldier who saw the worst but continued to believe the best and who completed his life's lesson - love and we are reminded by the Holy Bible that "love never ends".

Chris, along with many others in the military, died of the hidden wounds of war by suicide...a death with no less honor or bravery than one who died on the battlefield.

Christopher's words resound today, and he speaks for all military men and women who died with honor, whose memory we reverence and whose names we will read in a few min-

Love never ends.

I would like to mention briefly at this time my gratitude to the Town of Ware for including the names of all those military who died as a result of suicide. There are towns and cities across the nation who still will not read the names of soldiers who died in that manner. This must change.

I would also like to mention that Massachusetts is one of the states that will award a Gold Star Family license plate to any family member who lost a loved one in the military no matter the manner of death and lastly, Colorado just recently joined the ranks thanks to a very brave mom and a dear friend of mine who, while in the throes of her traumatic grief succeeded in changing the law in

As I was writing this speech and as I

prayerfully remembered the many who died... the words from Psalm 104 came mysteriously floating out of my iPhone - being sung by a group called Taize which is a prayerful and meditative form of music - "Bless the Lord O my soul and Bless His Holy Name. Bless the

Lord O my soul who leads me into life". As I stopped to listen, I could envision a throng of men and women marching silently, humbly and peacefully toward their reward.

Bless the Lord O my soul and bless His Holy Name...

Love never ends.

Every member of the military who died deserves to be honored and remembered on this special day for having given their lives for this country, for you and for me, for your children and your grandchildren and for generations to come. It matters not how they died or when or where.

And let us not forget those who died of war related illnesses...they live and walk by our side - reminding us of their love, of their sacrifice and how they now know an honor that no one can take away - that cannot be tarnished or fade away because it is now established for them in Heaven.

Love never ends.

We pay honor - not just on Memorial Day but hopefully throughout our lives every day. It is so easy these days to feel jaded, cynical, and even hopeless about their sacrifice when we look at the hostile divisions and political conflicts that beset our country now - not to mention the loss of morality, integrity, mature dialogue and mutual respect.

This is not what our loved ones died for.

Where is that "more perfect union, the domestic Tranquility, common defense, general Welfare, and the Blessings of Liberty" for which our constitution was written?

I say that it is written in the blood of our heroes, in the sweat and heat of battles unheard of, and the tears of families and loved ones who were left behind. It is written in the indomitable spirits of men and women who gave their life and who now rest in peace.

And I humbly pronounce with faith in that blessed assurance from Above that their sacrifice in not in vain!

Their life lives on in the very fabric of ours. They loved something bigger than themselves, and they bravely took steps to fight for that passion.

Can we follow in their footsteps into the present-day battles of life? They hold out their torch to us today and remind us that it is only through the hard lessons of sacrificial love and not sentimentality – fortitude and not weakness or shrinking back – to make a better world - that we can truly memorialize them, pay tribute to them and honor their memory.

Love never ends.

When our son died eight years ago, I died also...and the person speaking to you today is not the person I was before Chris left.

Finding my way out of that deep, dark chasm of grief and separation seemed impossible as I grappled for answers, for meaning and for the presence of my God who suddenly seemed distant, silent and unconcerned.

But it was only when I experienced my son's gentle smile, kind spirit and ever-present love mirroring to me the presence of Jesus who had been with me all along in that valley of shadows, that I began to heal and to live again more fully and deeply than ever.

Love never ends.

Because of Christopher's life and death, I have a deeper faith in God, an expansion of my heart in spite of its brokenness and perhaps because of it...the discovery of a better self, new ways to serve others in his memory and the promised peace which surpasses all

We acknowledge today that death and tragedy does not have the final word. The men and women who we remember, continue to live among us and remind us that what is important, what they fought for, what they hoped for is still a possibility for us today because they now triumph and so will we.

Love never ends.

So let us receive their torch and pick up from where they left off...as Abraham Lincoln said in the greatest speech of all time, "It is for us the living to be dedicated to the unfinished work which they who fought and died have thus far so nobly advanced.'

Theirs is the sacrifice we want to emulate, theirs is the commitment we need in order to restore our society, and their voice echoes today in an invitation to all of us...to live with a mission as they did, to seek peace as much as they fought for it...and to love as they loved.

Love never ends.

And so, we go forth today with the names of those here mentioned etched deeply upon our heart and memory as a reminder of all that was, all that is and all that can be – to honor, live, defend and love.

They live now and so will we who do not shrink back – all is not lost – only Love remains, and love never fails.

Their legacy is not a dirge of sorrow but a hymn of victory – and we join our voices with

"Bless the Lord O my Soul and Bless His Holy Name. Bless the Lord O my Soul who leads me into life."

Thank you,

**Patricia Boynton** Gold Star Mother

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## **Meeting House** proprietors thank supporters

We at the Ware Center Meeting House have been surprised and delighted by the support we have received in this community over the years, and this year's giving campaign was another stunning display.

First, we cannot say enough about the generosity of Dustin Pennington, owner of Pennington Painting. He heard our tale of woe, examined the Meeting House, and decided to donate the supplies and most of his labor to complete our paint job and get to work!

We are so grateful to him and all the others who contributed so generously to our plea for the project to be done in time to celebrate Ware Remembers on May 28.

When you look at how gorgeous the Ware Center Meeting House is today, remember Pennington Painting and your generous neighbors who are helping to keep this 1799 marvel in excellent condition for you and for future Ware citizens.

It's not too late to contribute! Please help



(File Photo)

us continue our preservation projects on your behalf by writing a tax-deductible check to our nonprofit The Ware Center Meeting House,

**Ware Center Meeting House** 

P.O. Box 1401, Ware, MA 01082. Thank you,

**Proprietors** 

## SOCIAL SECURITY Matters By Russell Gloor

#### I'm approaching 65 should I claim Social Security?

Dear Rusty: I am fast approaching 65 (in August) and plan to continue working full time. I would like to know the implications of that, and about drawing Social Security.

Same question for my husband who is past his full retirement age (he will be 67 this year) and he continues to work full time.

Signed: Still Working

Dear Still Working: Married couples should always coordinate their retirement strategy and you're very smart to do so. Born in 1958, your Full Retirement Age for Social Security purposes is 66 years and 8 months.

Your FRA is the point at which your earnings from work no longer affect your Social Security benefits, but if you claim at age 65 and continue to work full time, you will be limited to how much you can earn before they take away some or perhaps all of your benefits. Here's what will happen if you claim Social Security to start in August when you

Your SS retirement benefit will be permanently reduced by 11% (you'll get 89% of your FRA entitlement). Your monthly amount will only change thereafter due to Cost of Living Adjustments.

## When Kids move out to attend college...



the year or the 2023 annual limit of \$21,240.

If the monthly limit is exceeded you aren't

entitled to benefits for that month, or if the

annual limit is exceeded, they will take back

benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 over the

## When Kids move back in after graduation...



If you start your benefits in August you will annual limit. Social Security will use whichevbe subject to an earnings limit, either a monther method yields the smallest penalty. ly limit of \$1,770 for the remaining months of Beginning in 2024, you will be subject only

to Social Security's annual earnings limit, which will be something more than the 2023 annual limit of \$21,240. If you exceed the

Please see **SSI**, page 5

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## The Literacy Project honors graduates at commencement

By Paula Ouimette Editor pouimette@turley.com

WARE – For the second year, The Literacy Project based at 23 West Main St., held a commencement ceremony for adult learners on the bandstand at Grenville Park.

This year, eight students at The Literacy Project earned their high school equivalency degree, an achievement that took endless amounts of hard work and dedication to reach.

Earning degrees were Charlene Brown, Crystal Jackson, Jada Lambert, Zachary Lussier, Savannah Simonds, Jade Suyat, Caleb Van Etten and Joshua Van

"We're so proud of you," Executive Director Judith Roberts told the graduates. "Your success is our greatest reward."

Roberts said by earning their certificates of completion, they have given a gift to their families, friends, teachers and community; but especially to themselves.

"Effort equals success," Roberts

She urged the graduates to "keep going, keep going, keep going.

State Sen. Anne Gobi said she has been in the legislature since 2001, when she was first elected as state representative. Now, she's preparing for a new job, that of director of rural affairs in the

Development.

"I'm 60 years old and I still don't know what I want to be when I grow up," she told the graduates with a laugh.

Gobi applauded them for their achievement, noting that it wasn't an easy path for them.

"Life can get in the way... it takes an awful lot more to come back and do this," she said. "Whatever brought you here today, took a lot. It says so much about your individual character."

Of all of the graduations Gobi has attended, she said this one was the most important.

Graduate and featured speaker Jade Suyat talked about completing her certification while working fulltime and raising a family.

Already a certified nursing assistant, Suyat has been accepted at Quinsigamond Community College's pre-nursing program, and she is excited to start classes in September. She is now one step closer to fulfilling her dream of becoming a nurse.

Suyat thanked The Literacy Project for preparing her for her exams over four months and closed her speech by giving a quote from actor Tom Hanks.

Instructor Andrew Roberts admitted that he was supposed to prepare his speech ahead of time, but he chose to speak directly from his heart.

"I am so happy to be here with

Executive Office of Economic you all," he said, becoming emotional. "Stick-to-it-iveness...you all have it: grit, perseverance, moxie."

> Roberts even brought a 12-pack of Moxie soda to share with the graduates.

'We wouldn't be here without love," Roberts said. "There's so much love pouring out.

He spoke about each of the graduates and the challenges they faced as adult learners, and how they achieved their goals with the love and support of each other and their families.

"If we take that love and keep going, maybe we humans have a chance," Roberts said.

Two students at The Literacy Project attended the commencement to support those on stage, and shared how this program has given them the guidance they need to succeed.

Jesse Brisson said he has been attending classes at The Literacy Project for two years and it's been a turning point in his life.

Pam Washburn suffered a traumatic brain injury, and for the past 12 years she has attended The Literacy Project, where she has received both encouragement and accommodation to work toward her goals.

**About The Literacy Project** 

The Literacy Project is made possible with support from the Edward and Barbara Urban Foundation, Ware Community Development Block Grant,

(Turley Publications Photo by Paula Ouimette)

Graduates from The Literacy Project are from front row from left, Jade Suyat, Savannah Simonds, Caleb Van Etten and Joshua Van Etten. Back row from left are Town Manager Stuart Beckley, state Sen. Anne Gobi, Instructor Colette Lefebvre-Davis, Executive Director Judith Roberts and Instructor Andrew Roberts.

Valley Community Development Corporation, Quaboag Hills Community Coalition, North Brookfield Savings Bank, Baystate Health, Cellular Connections, Parks Department for preparing org or call 413-967-9902.

Education of Massachusetts and United Way of Franklin and Hampshire Counties.

Special thanks were given to the

the Town of Ware, Quaboag Country Bank, Public Adult Grenville Park for the commencement ceremony.

> For more information about The Literacy Project and the classes it offers, please visit literacyproject.

#### Aaron's Race day entering final lap Aaron's Pinewood Derby

BELCHERTOWN - The second Aaron's Race Family Event being held Saturday, June 17 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., on the Common, is entering its final lap of preparations.

Building upon last year's inaugural launch to provide help and information as to preventing teen suicide, the day's program offers families a day of fun from the race to the SUPER Raffle, to the booths and demonstrations, and much more.

While much of the race day activities will take place on the Common, the actual Pinewood Derby race takes place in Old Town Hall; and will be held rain

However, the turn out for the race needs more enthusiastic racers. If you have a Pinewood Derby car from years past, you can enter it the race.

In addition to the Pinewood Derby Car Race, the Belchertown Lion's Club will offer food for purchase and the Ice Cream Emergency Truck will offer frozen sweet treats. Other attractions and vendors include TJ's Gourmet Popcorn, SUPER Raffle tables, magic show, cotton candy, balloon animals, face painting by Carrie, henna tattoos by K's Body Art, two Western Mass Pinball games, UMass horse and motor-

# & Family Fun Day turday, June 17th from 10-4

cycle patrols and car show with C-10 Trucks and GTO's.

The Belchertown Fire Department will also have a "Touch a Truck" event on the Common.

The Aaron's Race brochure contains an application inside and is found at locations around Belchertown.

If you can't find one around town, the application is also shared on Facebook at Aaron's Race 01007. This site is updated daily for the race, SUPER Raffle, car show, mental health booths with informational help as to Teen Suicide, and other day long activities.

Everything has been thought out, planned, and now AR 01007's volunteers are hoping for a bigger crowd to come and enjoy the day before Father's Day.

Donations and sponsorships appreciated by mailing checks to Aaron's Race 01007, P.O. Box 517, Belchertown, MA 01007 or through Cash App.

#### Ware Indians' **Basketball offers** summer clinic

WARE -Ware Indians' Basketball will host a clinic in three sessions at the Ware Junior Senior High School Gymnasium.

The clinic is sponsored by the Ware Park & Recreation Department

Session 1 for boys and girls entering grades four-nine will be held June 19-23 from 9 a.m.noon; Session 2 for boys and girls entering grades kindergarten-three will be held July 10-14 from 9 a.m.-noon; and Session 3 for boys and girls entering grades four-nine will be held July 17-21 from 9 a.m.-noon.

Tuition is \$85 for each session. Any child attending two sessions will pay a total of \$150.

Checks should be made payable to Town of Ware and mailed to Ware Indians' Basketball Clinic, Attn: Dan Orszulak, 237 West St., Ware, MA 01082.

Clinic organizers reserve the right to cancel sessions if there are not enough applications received. This is not a Ware Public Schools activity.

For more information or registration forms, please call Dan at 774-272-2379 or email dorsz@comcast.net.

## 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.

**ACTIVITIES** Monday, June 5

9 a.m. Tai Chi 10 a.m. Scat

11:30 a.m. Lunch

Tuesday, June 6

9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing

9-3 p.m. Foot Care Clinic (by appointment only, call 413-967-

9:30 a.m. Quilting Club

10 a.m. Scat

11:30 a.m. Lunch

1:30-3:30 p.m. Chair Massage (by appointment only, call 413-967-9645; \$5 for 10 minutes)

6 p.m. Pitch (doors open at 5 Program

Wednesday, June 7

9 a.m. Tai-Chi 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Foot Care Clinic

(by appointment only, call 412-

10 a.m. Scat 11:30 a.m. Lunch

Thursday, June 8

9 a.m. New Senior Spring Walk (meet at the Senior Center)

Wear comfortable footwear. Suggestion: bring water, sunscreen, bug spray and energy snack.

9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View

Beginners

10 a.m. Line Dancing and Scat 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Brown Bag 11:30 a.m. Lunch

2:30 p.m. Art Class Friday, June 9

9 a.m. Tai Chi 10 a.m. Scat

11:30 a.m. Lunch 1 p.m. Chair Yoga

1:30-3:30 p.m. Chair Massage

(by appointment only, 413-967-9645; \$5 for 10 minutes)

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

**LUNCHES DINE IN** All meals \$3.50 unless

otherwise noted

Monday, June 5

Brunch French Toast, Scrambled Eggs,

Sausage, Sugar Free Jell-O Tuesday, June 6 Chicken ala King over Egg

9:30 a.m. Line Dancing for Noodles, Dessert of the Day Wednesday, June 7

Grilled Reuben Sandwich, French Fries, Dessert of the Day Thursday, June 8

Shepherd's Pie, Caesar Salad,

Dessert of the Day Friday, June 9

Baked Ziti, Three Bean Salad, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Brown Bag Dessert of the Day

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

## **SSI** from page 9

2024 (or 2025) annual limit, Social Security will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit (half of what you exceed the limit by).

The annual limit will be in effect until you reach your full retirement age of 66 years and 8 months in April 2026. Since your husband has

already reached his FRA, working full time will not negatively affect his monthly Social Security benefits if he chooses to claim his SS benefits now. However, if he hasn't yet claimed your husband is already earning Delayed Retirement Credits, which will increase his benefit when he later claims.

DRCs are earned monthly (.667% per month; 8% per year) and can be earned up to age 70 when maximum SS benefit is attained. For your husband, his age 70 benefit would be 29% more than he was entitled to at his FRA.

Whether it is wise to wait longer to claim depends on life expectancy, but break-even age is about 83 for those who wait until 70 to claim versus claiming at FRA. FYI, average life expectancy for a man your husband's current age is about 84; for you

Since you are both still working full time, be aware that depending on your combined income from all sources your Social Security benefits will become part of your taxable income.

As a married couple both working full time, your combined income will likely be over the \$44,000 threshold after which income tax will be levied on up to 85% of your Social Security benefits received during the tax year using your normal IRS tax rate.

I suggest you consider the

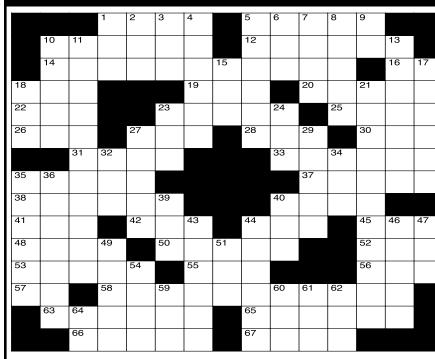
income tax implications of claiming Social Security while you are still working full time. You did not ask about Medicare, but if you and your

husband now have "creditable" healthcare coverage from your employer ("creditable" is a group plan with at least 20 participants) you can defer enrolling in Medicare Part B until your employer healthcare coverage ends, thus avoiding the Medicare Part B premium while you are

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## **I** public safety

## **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 Handed

#### 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/

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

a bachelor's degree in business

Wawro is working toward

Rivers Auditorium.

administration in finance.

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

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#### 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

Aspen Street, Advised 3:57 p.m. DUI/Impaired, West

9:10 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call,

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, Fisherdick 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,

5:37 a.m. Breaking and Entering/Burglary, Belchertown Road, Advised

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8:53 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, River Road, Dispatch Handled

1:44 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Old Gilbertville Road, Dispatch Handled

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## **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

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

#### 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

2:09 p.m. Complaint, Gaudet Road, Spoken To

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

#### 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,

7:16 a.m. 911 Neighbor Dispute, Main Street, Report

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 5:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

ardwick 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

## **Grange presents 'Herbal Tidbits' program June 9**

WARE – Ware Grange's next at 297 Belchertown Road. 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

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

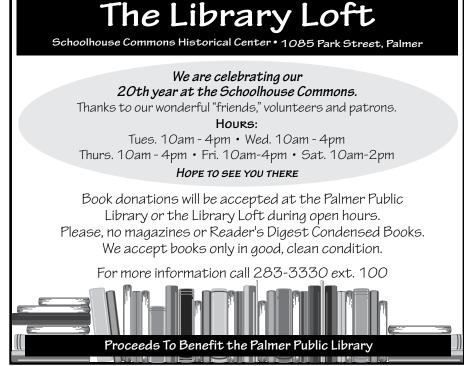
WARE – There's still time to participate in the town wide tag sale and help raise funds to support the restoration of the Ware Center Meeting House at the same time by calling Marty at 413-512-

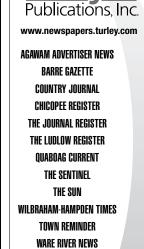
To get your address on the map, write a check for \$15, payable to the Ware Center Meeting House and send it by June 12 it to P.O. Box 1401 in Ware, MA 01082.

They will make a map with all the addresses on it, advertise, and

tack up critical signs on the day of the event. You will just need to set up and get ready for the cus-

The tag sale will be held on Saturday, June 17 from 8:30 a.m.-





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(Turley Publications Photos by Paula Ouimette)

Paddlers head down the Ware River from the Robbins Road launch site to Bennett Street in Palmer

## C4R's opening day paddle explored **Ware River By Paula Ouimette** pouimette@turley.com

WARE - This past Saturday, a group of canoers and kayakers took to the Ware River for an 8.5mile paddle from Robbins Road to Bennett Street in Palmer.

This event was the opening day paddle for the Chicopee 4Rivers Watershed Council, and also the inaugural launch for the new section of Blue Trail, the Lower Ware River Blue Trail.

C4R Team Coordinator Keith Davies along with Events Coordinator Jim Emerson talked about the creation of the Blue Trails, and how C4R is working to promote and protect the rivers that make up the Watershed.

"We're kind of like a volunteer group trying to connect people to the rivers," Davies said. "One way to connect people is paddling trails."

Those rivers include the Ware, Swift, Quaboag and Chicopee.

Davies said C4R now has four Blue Trails, made possible through the Department of Conservation and Recreation's MassTrails Grant program, with plans to create another on the Swift River.

Saturday's paddle included several points of historical interest, with the launch site at the location of the former Banas Farm.

After passing through Gibbs Crossing, paddlers went by stone outcroppings that marked where Lamberton's Bridge used to span

Named after a local family, Lamberton's Bridge was built Contest, open to all ages as of Rivers, MA 01080, or emailed to over a tord which people had used since the 1700s to cross the river. The Bridge was ultimately abandoned in the 1800s and Gibbs Crossing became the primary means of crossing the river.

The paddle ended at the launch site at Bennett Street in Palmer, where abutments can still be seen from the covered toll bridge that served the Forest Lake area up until 1938, when it was lost in the hurricane.

C4R is hosting more paddling events, including the Upper Chicopee Blue Trail on Saturday, June 17 and an inaugural paddle of the Upper Ware River Blue Trail on Sunday, June 25 at Old

WORCESTER – All students

at Worcester Polytechnic Institute

are required to complete a senior

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usually team-based and often

focuses on very specific issues or

needs of an organization that has partnered with the university to

Ian Lafountain of Ware, major-

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sponsor the student's work.

Types for his MQP.

Chicopee 4Rivers Watershed Council Coordinator Keith Davies prepares paddlers for the inaugural launch on the Lower Ware River



Ware Family Pack 520 Cub Scouts Eileen Flynn, left, and Penny Ouimette cut the ribbon to officially open the newest section of Blue Trail. Both of these Cub Scouts have volunteered with C4R to establish the Robbins Road launch site and test the water quality.

Furnace, Hardwick to Ware River one with your name and one with-Park, Gilbertville.

Other dates and locations include Saturday, July 22, Quaboag River Blue Trail; Saturday, Aug. 19, Swift River; Saturday, Sept. 16, Ware to Barre; and Saturday, Oct. 21, Lower

C4R is also hosting an "Our Local Rivers" Haiku and Picture to C4RWC, P.O. Box 126, Three

There are two age categories, youth (under age 18) and adult (18 and over). Please note your age upon submission.

People are encouraged to capture a haiku moment or an image of a river or tributary in the C4R Watershed, share what it means to them, how it looks to them, why they enjoy it, and how it makes them marvel at the world around

The haiku poems should be related to nature, and each person can submit up to three poems (original work, preferably unpublished). Please send two copies,

Ian Lafountain completes Major Qualifying Project

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out if sent by paper; or in a Word Doc if sent electronically.

Photos should be printed in a 5 by 7-inch format, or sent electronically as a jpeg.

Winners will be announced in time for C4R's annual summit in November.

Submissions can be mailed chicopeewatershed@gmail.com.

C4R is also looking for trail stewards. These are folks who would adopt a trail segment or launch site and help keep an eye on it, keep it clean, clear, report any issues, etc.

C4R also needs volunteers to grab river samples for water quality sampling of the Ware River on Thursdays at 7:45 a.m. in June through early September.

If you're interested, email Davies at chicopeewatershed@ gmail.com.

For more information about C4R, its events, or volunteer opportunities, visit www.c4rivers.

Prior to their MQP, stu-

dents complete an Interactive

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other students across disciplines;

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more than 30 countries around

society.

#### Rene O. Lambert, 85

WEST BROOKFIELD/NORTH BROOKFIELD - Rene O. Lambert,



Brookfield and former longtime resident of North Brookfield, passed away on Saturday, May 27, 2023 at UMass Memorial Medical Center - University

85, of West

Campus following a sudden illness, at the age of 85.

He leaves his daughters, Renee Lambert of Sequim, Washington and LeeAnn King and her husband George of Hardwick; his sons, Donald Ryel and his wife Donna of West Brookfield, Ronald Ryel and his wife Lori of North Brookfield and Richard Lambert of Holland; 14 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and friends.

Rene was predeceased by his wife, Janet (Guimond) Lambert, his sisters, Nina Deras and Cecile Duso; and his brother, Roger Lambert. He was born in Gloucester, son of the late, Didace and Simone (Hamel) Lambert.

Rene worked for 42 years as an offset printer at the William E. Wright, Company before retiring.

#### **Death notices**

Lambert, Rene O. Died May 27, 2023 Funeral Mass June 2, 2023

Marsland (Braun), Justine L. Died May 20, 2023 Services June 3, 2023

Rene was a loving and devoted family man. He was an avid Red Sox fan and enjoyed playing cribbage and pitch. Rene always looked forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

He was a communicant of St. John the Baptist Church, past Grand Knight and 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus and a member of the John Cardinal Wright Assembly.

A Funeral Mass for Rene will be held Friday, June 2, 2023, at 10 a.m. in the St. John the Baptist Church, Blaine Ave., in East Brookfield. Calling hours will be held on Thursday, June 1, 2023, from 5-7 p.m. in the Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 E Main St., in West Brookfield.

Burial will be in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cemetery, Greenwich Road in Ware following Mass.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105 or Knights of Columbus Council #11080, Charitable Fund, P.O. Box 951, West Brookfield, MA 01585.

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com.

#### Ware River News **OBITUARY POLICY**

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should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

**Paid Obituaries** 

Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

## Justine L. "Lydie" Marsland, 87

WARE - Justine L. "Lydie" Joe and his wife Karyn, Jessie, (Braun) Marsland, of Ware passed away on Saturday,

May 20, 2023, at the age of 87. She was born in

Luxembourg, Europe, to the late Jean-Pierre and Catherine Braun-Zimmer on Jan. 12, 1936.

Lydie leaves her five children: daughter, Cathy (Petracone) and her husband Paul of

Ware, sons, Bob and his wife Lillie of Hampden, "her Freddy" and his wife Kim of Ware, Richard of Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania, and George and his wife Annette of Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania. Lydie will be greatly missed by her grandchildren, John and his wife Marybeth, Nick, Katie, Kensey and Whitney and four great-grandchildren, Dominic, Andrew,

Marsland.

Jack, and Dane. In addition to her parents, Lydie was predeceased by the love of her life, her husband, Robert

Lydie was a proud and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was known to say,

"Children are a necessity, but Grandchildren are a luxury."

She loved spending time with her family, making sure she spent individual time with each family member. She loved to laugh, be adventurous and lived life to its

Lydie was also an avid golfer for many years at Dunroamin (known now as Hardwick Crossing) and at 71 rode a mechanical bull at the Salty Dog Saloon in celebration of her grandson's 21st birthday.

Lydie spoke five languages fluently, and witnessed General Patton liberate Luxembourg after World War II. Lydie proudly drove a 2005 Mustang and enjoyed an occasional drink of Grappa to "clear her mind."

A Calling Hour for Lydie will be held in the Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware on June 3, 2023, from 9:30-10:30 a.m., with a Tribute Video showing with live music promptly at 10:30 a.m., with burial to follow in Aspen Grove Cemetery in Ware.

An online guest book is available at charbonneaufh.com.

## **EQLT** seeks Youth Education Coordinator

HARDWICK – East Quabbin Land Trust is interviewing candidates for a Youth Education Coordinator.

The YEC will engage with the Executive Director to manage volunteers on community service projects, educate or train individuals in environmental stewardship or environmentally conscious practices, and complete three capacity building projects.

"I think back to my service year with the East Quabbin Land Trust as a defining time, shaping my career, ambition, and confidence all at once," said Louisa Rossell, former YEC at EQLT. "I learned that facilitating youth connection to the Earth can be done in a multitude of ways. I was given the space, resources, and community connection to dream big and create spaces for nature-inspired mindfulness, storytelling, and garden education. As I move forward in my farm education career, the lessons, hands-on skills, and self-assuredness I developed during my time at EQLT will continue to guide my

YECs are encouraged to bring their own passions, skills and experiences to this year of service and develop capacity building projects of their own.

Applications for this position must be submitted via the TerraCorps online application. The position description for the East Quabbin Land Trust's Youth Education Coordinator can be

found at terracorps.org/available-member-positions.

TerraCorps partners with a network of 40+ nonprofits in Massachusetts and Rhode Island focused on community needs related to local land conservation and sustainable agriculture.

These partners act as service sites for a new cohort of up to 60 AmeriCorps service members annually. Service members are paired with a site supervisor who provides guidance and mentorship while they learn to manage community programs and projects over an 11-month, 1700-hour service term.

#### **ALBRECHT** from page 3

"He was already in the Air Force when we were dating. My dad said, 'You know what you're getting " she said.

Dangutis and Jack enjoyed 55 years of marriage together, before he died last year from complications of Agent Orange exposure, just a few days after their anniversary. "We have the most beautiful love story,"

Like her father, Jack never talked about his military service, but was just as proud and patriotic.

Dangutis said her father was especially proud of the

American flag, and made sure the school had a flagpole and a flag.

"Putting out the American flag every day was a standard routine in the morning. He was so proud of the flag. It would break his heart when people would burn the flag in protest...I remember seeing tears in his eyes when they did this," she said. "He was so proud to serve our country."

In Loving Memory of

#### Michael J. Mieltowski

on the 2nd Anniversary of his passing July 6, 1964 - June 7, 2021

from Brian, John, Paul, Theresa, Brianna



## **QCC announces Dean's and Merit Lists**

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Quinsigamond Community College announces its spring 2023 semester Dean's and Merit

Ware, Melissa Lauzier of Ware Edick Andrew

Local students making the

Dean's List are: Luke Harmon of

Wheelwright.

Students who meet the criteria below and have earned 12 or

more credits in a given semester are named to the Dean's List. All grades must be "C" or higher. No grades of "I" or "X" are permitted. Semester Quality Point Average must be 3.50 or higher and cumulative QPA must be 2.00 or higher.

All courses must be college level.

Local students making the Merit List are: Riley Bassett of Gilbertville, Tyler Guardino of 2.00 or higher.

Ware, Daniel Peristere of Warren and Alexis Ring of Warren. Students who meet the crite-

ria below and have earned six or more credits in a given semester, but fewer than 12 credits, are named to the Merit List. All grades must be "C" or higher. No grades of "I" or "X" are permitted. Semester Quality Point Average must be 3.50 or higher, and cumulative QPA must be





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## **Community**

# Special ed. director candidate named

**By Paula Ouimette** Editor pouimette@turley.com

WARE - Incoming Superintendent Michael Lovato, who was part of a search committee for a new Special Education Director following the resignation of Jessica Bolduc, presented the School Committee with the recommended candidate.

"The search was a good process, the staff and the leadership that were there put together a nice, solid, consistent process," Lovato said at the May 24 School Committee meeting.

He said 12 applicants applied for the job and they reached out to seven for interviews. Of those seven, six accepted the interview request, but one withdrew.

Lovato said they had two rounds of interviewing, the first being "round robin" style. The second round of interviewing reduced the pool down to two candidates.

The search committee recommended hiring Brian Ackerman to fill the position, with Gregory Rosenthal as runner-up.

a 90-day plan, explaining their goals and how they would transition into the district.

"The Committee was extremely happy with one candidate, and was very pleased of the potential of moving forward," Lovato said.

Chair Christopher Desjardins said he did request copies of the applicants and their resumes, and they will be available at Central Office.

"I trusted the Committee's recommendations, but I did just want to see what kind of applicants we attracted," Desjardins said.

Desjardins said the School Committee can make a decision about hiring the recommended candidate during this meeting or at a later date.

As far as hiring the top candidate, there would be some urgency, Lovato said.

He said this candidate has a strong resume and experience in both special education and curriculum. The second highest candidate, there wouldn't be the same urgency, and it's almost a lateral

move from one district to the next.

"I know there's urgency," Vice-Chair Brian Wilson said, but added that he would like to know more about the recommended candidate. Member Aaron Sawabi said he doesn't know if he has enough information to decide tonight.

The School Committee planned to have a virtual meeting on May 31 with the search committee and the recommended candidate.

#### **Budget update**

Andy Paquette of TMS, Inc. said there were significant increases in the school district's unexpected expenses. These expenses were offset by Circuit Breaker and school choice funds and will not affect next year's

#### **Transportation bid**

Paquette said they received two transportation bids in the second round of the bidding process.

"First Student is the collective low bidder, and the recommendation is to award the bid to them as presented," Paquette said.

He said the other two towns Both candidates submitted that share the contract for transportation with Ware have already voted to approve the contract with First Student.

The Committee accepted First Student under the collective price from 2024-2026.

#### Summer meal program

Superintendent Dr. Marlene DiLeo said the free summer meal program will be held Monday, June 26 through Friday, Aug. 4. Both breakfast and lunch will be served at Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School.

#### **Important dates**

High School graduation will be held Saturday, June 3 at 10 a.m. Rain date is Sunday, June 4 at 2

Step-up day for students going from third to fourth grade will be June 5; sixth to seventh, June 8; and eight to ninth, June 9.

The last day of school will be a half day on June 14 and lunch will

## Hanna Devine's sizzles with new summer menu

By Paula Ouimette

Editor pouimette@turley.com

WARE - Since 2016, Ware has been home to Hanna Devine's Restaurant & Bar, one of the area's most popular restaurants that features a menu packed with flavor to please every palate, entertainment, live music and more.

The Craig family has come a long way from its early days when they first ran the former Snow's Restaurant for about six months.

Hanna Devine's was born when owners Dennis, Gail and Kim Craig had the opportunity to purchase the Kaplan block on Main Street.

Part of the block became the new location for Dennis's printing business, BT Copy Center (now located on North Street), and the other became the home for Hanna Devine's.

Located in what's known as the Bijou building, Hanna Devine's has an atmosphere that adds a modern twist to one of downtown's most iconic architectural structures.

"This space was terrifying," Gail said when they first moved into Main Street. "It was so big."

This includes the bar, which is equipped with 16 taps featuring both popular and craft beers and hard cider. The bar also features an extensive wine list and a regular rotation of mixed drinks and cock-

"The drinks we all work on, and we change them seasonally," Gail said. "We have one day where we all try everything."

Gail said the bar staff is still making drink specials from seven years ago, which are posted on a pole behind the bar. Bad Santa, Salty Dog and Polka Pineapple are some of the specials that people keep requesting, time and time

The menu also changes seasonally, featuring some of the area's freshest ingredients.

Fall dishes are enhanced with the quintessential staples, like apples and pumpkin, and winter dishes are hearty and sure to keep you warm even when the temperatures dip.

With Memorial Day comes the unofficial start of summer, and also the start of something new at Hanna Devine's.

Seafood has always been a big draw at Hana Devines. Every Sunday through the summer starting at 1:30 p.m., diners can enjoy a peanut butter, strawberry and pinetraditional New England clambake,



Hanna Devine's owners Gail, Dennis and Kim Craig.

complete with a whole lobster, steamers, chorizo sausage, corn on the cob, Red Bliss potatoes and a make-your-own sundae.

The clambake follows the popular Sunday breakfast, which is offered from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. with many people arriving early, eager to fill their stomachs after church.

There are weeknight specials, including build-your-own burger night on Wednesdays, paired up with musical Bingo and build-youown pizza night on Thursdays with the trivia game, OpinioNation.

Friday and Saturday are all about chef John Steinhilber's specials, including decadent cheesecake, which takes two days to make. Local musicians keep the beat going with performances on Friday nights.

Prime rib is served while it lasts on Saturday nights, starting at 4 p.m., so make sure to get there

New this year, is a salad bar and an ice cream bar.

Diners can purchase an all-youcan-eat salad, or a side salad to go with their meal. All main dishes come with access to the salad bar, and hand-held dishes have the option to add it on with an

The salad bar includes three varieties of lettuce, 12 toppings and a choice of house-made salad

To finish off your meal, hit the make-your-own sundae bar, featuring premium soft serve vanilla ice cream with hot fudge, caramel,



(Turley Publications Staff Photos) Chef/owner Kim Craig works in

apple sauces, as well as 10 different mix-ins and whipped cream. Children's meals include access to the ice cream bar at no extra charge.

Both the salad bar and the ice cream bar are available for lunch and dinner.

Hanna Devine's also offers catering and use of the dining room for private functions (seating up to 50 people).

'Catering is really taking off," Dennis said, especially their party

Hanna Devine's also offers murder mystery dinner theater every hannadevines.com, find them on other month with the Comical Facebook, or call 413-277-0707.

Mystery Tour. Visit thecomicalmysterytour.com for information about upcoming performances.

Wine dinners are another popular event at Hanna Devine's; and you don't want to miss seeing a wine bottle opened with a saber.

Dennis and Gail have been partners in life, and business, for many

"It's truly a family affair," Dennis said of the restaurant.

No strangers to the restaurant business, Gail got her start at the Hilltop Steakhouse in Saugus, starting as a server and working up to management.

Dennis had a print shop located in a former bank in the same parking lot as Hilltop Steakhouse.

'The dark room was in the vault," he said.

Their daughters, Stephanie and Kim, also worked at the

Kim is the chef/owner at Hanna Devine's, she graduated from Johnson and Wales University. She worked for Legal Seafood for many years, and was on a crew trained to open Legal Seafood kitchens. Steinhilber is a Classically French trained chef that has been employed at Hanna Devine's for over five years.

He works closely with Kim and is responsible for many of the delicious dishes that Hanna Devine's

One of Kim's strengths is she is a food allergy specialist, Gail said.

'Kim always has something prepared for customers who reach out with food needs," Gail said. "People [with food allergies] aren't afraid to eat here."

With a dedicated staff of 24 people, Hanna Devine's is like coming home every time you visit.

"Nobody makes it alone, we are a family," Gail said.

When asked what they liked most about doing business in Ware, both Gail and Dennis agreed it was the people.

"They supported us through COVID," Dennis said. "They helped us keep our lights on...they were great."

#### **About Hanna Devine's**

Located at 91 Main St., Hanna Devine's Restaurant & Bar is open Wednesday and Thursday from 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; and Sunday from 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

For more information, including the menu and specials, visit www.

### Community Newspaper **EDITOR WANTED**

Turley Publications is looking for a "hands on" energetic candidate who loves telling stories to be the editor for two weekly publications. This position will include managing and coaching a small news staff that will provide the community with a great local newspaper.

The editor will need to cover local government and events while representing the newspaper at public venues.

The successful candidate will have strong community journalism skills and is also expected to gather news and write stories for the two papers as well as for other occasional companywide publications.

This is a job for a self-starter who has a vision for growing and connecting with our valued readers, and who thoroughly enjoys community journalism.

This full-time position with flexible schedule is based in our Palmer office at 24 Water St., this is not a remote position.

#### **Qualifications should include:**

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience
- Willingness to mentor a staff writer and correspondents
- Editing experience and ability to write clean copy in a fast-paced, deadline-driven environment
- Proficiency in Associated Press style
- Management experience and/or experience managing content for a print publication.

#### Please send resume and writing examples to:

Eileen Kennedy, Executive Editor 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069 or email directly to ekennedy@turley.com

#### **FLAGS** from page 1

The flag placing took place three days before Warren's Memorial Day

ceremony and parade. Veterans Council Co-Chair Rebecca Acerra said working with Salvadore and the Quaboag students will "hopefully instill a greater appreciation of Memorial Day.'

Acerra said she joined the Veterans Council in 2016 as she noticed a declining attendance for the Memorial Day parade and "it didn't sit right" with her, so she wanted to help.

"We lose sight of the fact that we get to live the life we live [because of] those who have died," said Acerra.

She added "it is a selfless act... they

are going to defend me, and they have never even met me."

Veterans Council Co-Chair Richard Demetrius said it is "humbling" to see so many flags placed in honor of those who served.

Both Acerra and Demetrius have families who have fought and served to protect the United States of America.

Acerra said she had two uncles who were wounded in action - one served in the Korean War, and another served in World War II.

Demetrius said a great uncle of his was killed while serving in World War

Resident, Army veteran and National Guard veteran Everett Smith attended the flag placing to honor veterans as well as support his son's decision, Sean Smith, to participate in the honorable

Smith said when his son brought home the permission slip to participate, he believed it would be good to join

"As each generation comes, it [Memorial Day] falls more to the wayside... we forget what's important and what's not...For my son to want to do this - I had to come," said Smith.

Students Hunter Dodson and Gavin

Williams said although they receive community service hours for the National Junior Honors Society for participating, they believed it was important to attend as it is "our civic duty."



Shown are students of Joe Salvadore's eighth grade class volunteering alongside Warren's Veterans Council and resident

Salvadore pointed out the evolution of headstones throughout history.

volunteers to place flags for Memorial Day.

Some of the oldest stones date back to the 17th century. Salvadore noted the older stones

were not as thick as the more modern ones, and are hand chiseled. "You can almost tell when they were

said Salvadore. The Revolutionary War era stones are simpler, with stone designs ranging from skull and crossbones to a face with

placed just by looking at the design,"

A stone from 1799 marked the grave of 24-year-old John Tyler, which has the weeping willow chiseled on it. Another marked the grave of Capt.

Solomon Keys who died in 1755 at

angel wing and weeping willow trees.

55-years-old in the battle fought near Lake George. Flags were placed at the right-hand corner of each service member's headstone and were provided by the Veterans

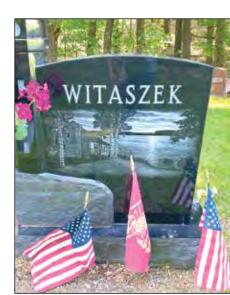
Upcoming events the Veterans Council organized to support veterans include a Salute to Veterans concert on

Council.



Breya Sauriol and Lyndie Miller participate in flag placing to prepare for Warren's annual Memorial Day ser-

June 30 as a partnership with the Park and Recreation Commission, a barbeque chicken dinner hosted at St. Stan's Polish Club on Aug. 5, and a flag retire-



(Turley Publications Photos by Dallas Gagnon) An intricate headstone is shown alongside flags honoring their service as a firefighter who has passed on.

ment ceremony on June 14, details to be

## Semembering THE FALLEN MEMORIAL DAY



Memorial Day.



Ware's veterans filled several rows of seats to honor the fallen on 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)

AT LEFT: The Ware Lions Club marches down Maple



(Turley Publications Photos by Paula Ouimette) Regan Murphy, age 9, bows his head during a prayer with his father, Firefighter Lonny



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.



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

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.



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



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



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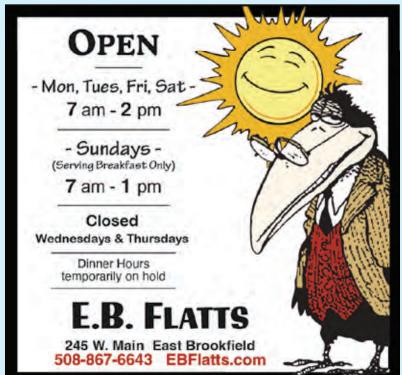
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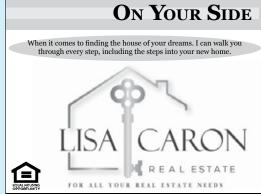
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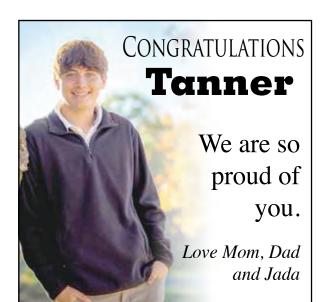
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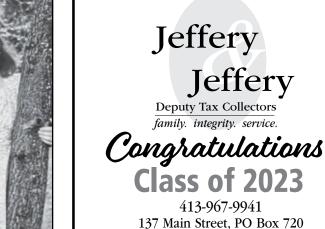
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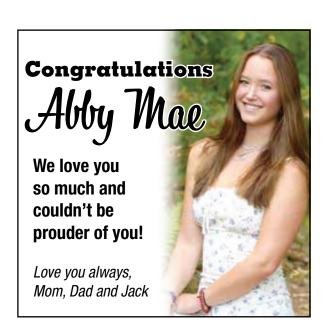


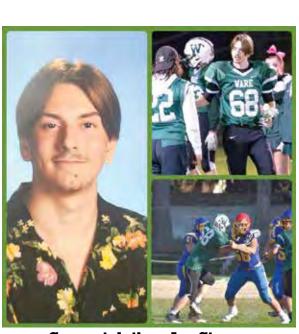












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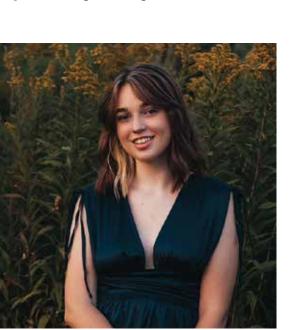
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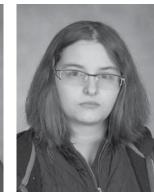
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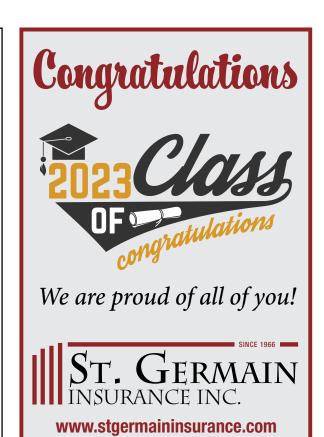
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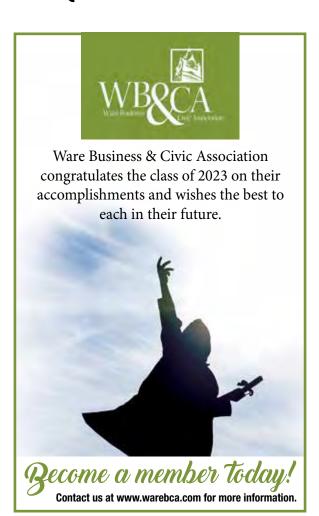
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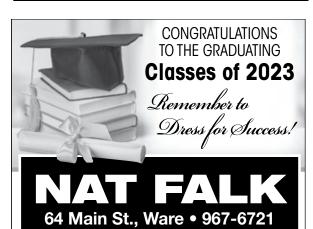
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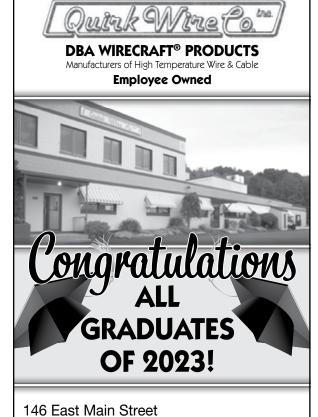
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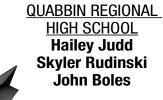


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#### TOWN OF WARE

LEGAL NOTICE The Ware Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 6:30 PM pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. 131 c40. The hearing will include consideration of a Notice of Intent (NOI) by the Town of Ware, for proposed repairs to the North Street Bridge crossing Muddy Brook. Said hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082. To view the application and related plans, contact the Conservation office at 413.967.9648. Pursuant to MGL Chapter 4, Section 13, a copy of this legal notice can be found on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association's (MNPA) website: http:// masspublicnotices.org. 06/01/2023

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#### Hardwick **Planning Board**

**Notice of Public Hearing** Notice is hereby given that the Hardwick Planning Board per Hardwick Zoning Bylaw, Sections 5.2, 10.4.1 and 10.5.20 will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 6:45PM at the Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville, MA 01031.

This Hearing is regarding the application for

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Site Plan Approval by Ryan Donovan and Daniel Valcour of Hardwick Organics LLC for Hemp Cultivation at 664 North Road. All interested parties are asked to attend.

Interested parties may also view this Legal Notice at http://masspublicnotices.org

Hardwick Planning Board Jenna Garvey, Chair 05/25/23, 06/01/2023

#### TOWN OF WARREN REQUEST FOR **PROPOSALS** Public Safety / **Municipal Complex Feasibility Study**

The Town is a recent recipient of a State grant from the Executive Office for Administration and finance to conduct a feasibility study for the purpose of constructing a new public safety/municipal complex. The study will provide the Town with information to analyze the financial costs and potential savings associated with the potential construction of a new complex. The study should help educate the residents on the financial impact the project would have on its taxpayers.

To obtain a copy of the RFP please email Tammy Martin at accountant@ warren-ma.gov.

Questions concerning the terms of this RFP, must be submitted in writing by mail, or e-mail to: the Office of the Town Administrator, 48 High Street, PO Box 573 Warren, MA 01083 before 1:00 PM on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 or email townadministrator@warren-ma.gov. Responses to any such questions will be issued as an addendum to this RFP and will be mailed or e-mailed to all parties who have requested a copy of this RFP.

Proposals shall be submitted to the Office of the Town Administrator, Shepard Municipal Building, 48 High Street,

#### P.O. Box 573 Warren, MA 01083 on or before 1:00PM, Wednesday, June 21, 2023. Proposals will be accepted until that date and time. 6/01, 06/08/2023

Modification **Public Notice MA Department** of Environmental **Protection** Bureau of Air & Waste

**Site Assignment** 

436 Dwight Street Springfield, MA 01103 **Town of Ware Public Notice** 

In accordance with

Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 111, Sections 150A and 150A 1/2 and the regulations promulgated thereunder, 310 CMR 16.00 "Site Assignment Regulations for Solid Waste Facilities," an application for a site assignment modification has been filed with the Ware Board of Health and the Massachusetts Department **Environmental Protection** 

(MassDEP) for the pro-

posed modification of the existing site assignment of the ReSource Waste Services LLC Transfer Station, located at 198 East Street, Ware, MA 01082. The existing site assignment for 8.9 acres of the 25.1-acre parcel is for use as a transfer sta-

tion facility that accepts, recycles and transfers construction and demolition (C&D) waste at a maximum rate of 750 tons per day and 214,500 tons per year. The proposed modification to the site assignment will allow the facility to accept and transfer these materials at a capacity of up to 1,400 tons per day and 393,200 tons per year, and to accept and transfer street sweepings and catch basin cleaning residuals.

The proponent is: ReSource Waste Services LLC 89 Lowell Road

Salem, NH 03079 The proposed operator ReSource Waste Services

of Ware LLC 198 East Street Ware, MA 01082

Copies of the Site Assignment Modification Application may be reviewed at the offices of the Ware Board of Health at the Ware Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082, between the hours of 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, or at the MassDEP regional office at 436 Dwight Street, Springfield, MA, Wednesdays 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The application may also be viewed at the Town of Ware web page at www.townofware.com. MassDEP shall receive comments on the proposed facility site for 21 days from the date of the publication of this public notice. All comments regarding the assignment of this site should reference the DEP File #22-

309-004D, and be mailed

to: Solid Waste Section

Chief, MA Department of

Environmental Protection,

436 Dwight Street,

Springfield, MA 01103.

The applicant may modify the application for the initial forty (40) days of the review period where such modifications are deemed not to be major modifications. MassDEP shall issue a Report on Suitability within sixty (60) days of the date of the public notice.

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06/01/2023

In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Law 105A, for the purpose of satisfying the liens of Sunny Side Storage LLC, in order to satisfy past due rents and other expenses, the contents of the following storage units will be sold for non-payment on Saturday, June 10, 2023 at 10 a.m. on the premises of Sunny Side Storage LLC, 313 Palmer Rd., Ware, MA (413)967-5888.

Richard Jensen: Unit A-25 & A-26. 06/01, 06/08/2023

#### **Town of Warren Housing Authority** Board **Tenant Resident** Vacancy

Town of Warren is accepting letters of interest to fill the tenant resident appointment vacancy on the Warren Housing Authority board. If you are interested, please write a letter of interest and mail to PO Box 609 Warren, MA 01083 or bring it to the selectmen's office by June 15, 2023. 06/01,06/08/2023

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## Ware heads for WMass finals



Brady Guimond readies to scoop up this slow roller.



Photos by Jack Cascio NEAP.smugmug.com All eyes are on the ump as John Auchter awaits the call at the plate.

#### 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 threerun 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

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.

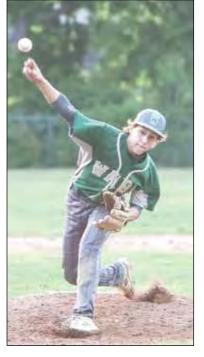
"We've lost postseason games on this field during the past two years, which was very frustrating," said Sutkaitis, who hit his first career home run in a varsity game. "I was looking for a fastball during my last at-bat of the game and I was super excited when I saw the ball sail over the fence. We just 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

Please see **BASEBALL**, page 20



John Mumper delivers this pitch in the early innings.



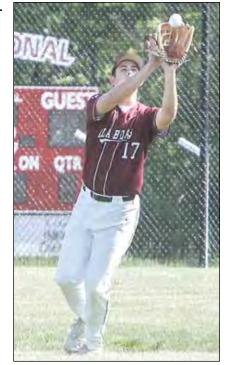
Chase Potvin slides into third.

## **Cougars** defeat **Millbury**

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.

Quabbin Panthers host league meet

BARRE - Last week, the league-wide meet for the second track to participate in the event. Quabbin Regional High School straight season. Athletes from all Quabbin's unified track team is in



Photos by Jack Cascio NEAP.smugmug.com Zach Russel puts away a fly ball in





Sam Vessar puts for par.

**Quabbin golf** 

tournament

participates in

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.



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





Photos by Ray Duffy Kayla Sherblom gets a fairway



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



**Gracie Talbot flies through** the air in the long jump.



unified track team hosted the over the area came to Quabbin's its second season.

**Emma Thompson launches** 



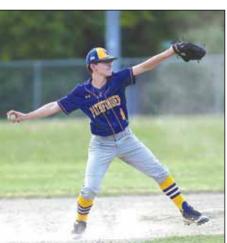
Ryan Morin and Gavin Majoy participate in the 800-meter.

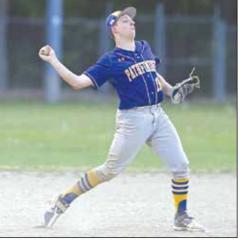
## **Pioneers make semifinals**

PALMER - Last week, Pathfinder Pioneers would narrowly defeat

baseball took part in the Western Drury 2-1 in the quarterfinals, then be Mass. Class C tournament. The 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.







Trevor Millet makes the short throw to second.



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

## Hirschman dominates to win at Granite State Derby

LEE, N.H. – In the inaugural Granite State Derby at Lee USA Speedway, Matt Hirschman dominated early but came up short in the stretch. This time around, Hirschman would not be denied.

"Big Money Matt" took charge on the third lap and never looked back en route to his first NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour win of the year and his first at "New Hampshire's Center of Speed."

"We just finally closed one," Hirschman said in victory lane. "These races are tough to win, and I think we should have had five or six of them in recent years.'

The Northampton, Penn., veteran started third and only needed a couple laps to get alongside polesitter and defending race winner Doug Coby. Once at the front, Hirschman checked out, maintaining a modest advantage over Coby, Sam Rameau and Jon McKennedy as the leaders plotted their tire

Patient and clean racing through the pack was paused on lap 69 when Max Zachem spun down the frontstretch, opening the pit strategy window. Hirschman led the entire field down pit road for tires, then beat Coby and McKennedy back to the track to lead the field



Submitted photo

Matt Hirschman gets the win in the Granite State Derby

Coby stumbled on the restart with clutch problems, sliding back through the pack as McKennedy and Austin Beers settled into second and third. Beers snuck past the reigning series champion and into the runner-up spot, but Hirschman was setting a steady pace at the front that the sophomore could not outmatch. The leaders prepared for

one last pit stop, all the while managing their tires to go the distance if necessary.

McKennedy slipped back around Beers with 25 laps to go, carving time off Hirschman's advantage as the leader dispatched slower traffic. But the caution McKennedy needed to erase that advantage never came.

Hirschman, ever disciplined

at conserving equipment, crossed New England Pro 4 Modifieds the line 1.120 seconds ahead of McKennedy to win his sixth career NWMT race and his first since the 2021 season opener.

"We deserve better than what the results have been, and a lot of that is on me," Hirschman said. 'I take the most responsibility for that. But today, we delivered."

Beers held on for third place, with Rameau and Ron Silk rounding out the top five. Coby raced his way back to sixth at the finish.

Hirschman's win is a small step toward repeating last year's Whelen Granite State Short Track Cup championship for car owner Roy Hall's Pee Dee Motorsports. Coby won the first leg of the triple-race program, the Duel at the Dog 200 at Monadnock Speedway.

In addition to the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour, six more feature races kept fans on the edge of their seats with a mix of local and regional star power. Supermodified wunderkind Jeffrey Battle passed his uncle Eddie Witkum with the white flag in sight to claim victory in the 350 Supermodifieds. Tom Harwood prevailed in a three-way battle to win the 25-lap New England Dwarf Car Series showdown. The

staged their inaugural Dan Meservey, Sr. Memorial Race, with Brayden Meservey taking an emotional win for the family.

Massachusetts' Ryan Kuhn topped Lee's best Pro Stock racers, leading wire-to-wire in a commanding performance in the 80-lap Pro Stock open. Wade Gelinas turned in a similar performance with the NHSTRA Late Models. And setting the stage for the night's main event, Kyle Valeri took his first-ever win with the NEMA Lites.

The next scheduled event for JDV Productions is the inaugural Winchester Open Modified 100 at Monadnock Speedway in Winchester, N.H., where the JDV Open Modifieds will make their debut at "Mad Dog" Saturday, June 3. More information on this special event will be released later this week.

For more information on JDV Productions, visit JDVProductions. com and follow on social media for the latest updates throughout the season, including updates from the track on race day with feature winner posts.

## **Blue Sox in** need of 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.

In return, 2023 volunteer host families will receive:

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valleybluesox.com for more infor-

mation.

## 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

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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.bay-

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

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**BASEBALL** from page 19

Tuesday night.

Ware's last appearance in the Western Mass. championship game was a 9-2 loss to Hopkins in the 2021 Division 4 finals, which was held on the Golden Hawks home field.

A year ago, the Indians suffered a 4-0 loss on the same field in the Western Mass. Class D quarterfinals.

The Indians did post a 4-0 road shutout win against Hopkins during the 2022 regular season.

Prior to the start of last Thursday's contest, longtime Ware varsity baseball coach Scott Slattery held a

"Before we got off the bus in the parking lot, I told my players that they (Hopkins Academy) have a better record than us and we're probably going to be trailing at some point in the game," Slattery said. "My main message to the players was how they were going to react to the adversary. We did make a couple of costly mistakes in today's game, but this is just a special group of kids. I'm very excited for them."

The Golden Hawks, who had a 14-4 overall record, defeated the Indians, 17-14, in another slugfest at Memorial Field in Ware at the beginning the 2023

Nathan Kaczuwka, who was Ware's starting pitcher, managed to keep the Golden Hawks off the scoreboard for the first three innings of last Thursday's

The Indians offense also had couple of early scoring chances, but they didn't get on the scoreboard until the fourth inning.

Ware finally broke the ice with two outs in that inning when senior leftfielder Owen Welsh hit a ground ball which was misplayed by the third baseman for an error. Freshman first baseman Kyle Kaczuwka, who lined a leadoff single to left, trotted home on the

The visitors then took a 2-0 lead when Welsh got into a run downplay between first and second. Sophomore right fielder Jason Mumper, who had also singled to left, was able to cross the plate before the third out had been recorded.

The Golden Hawks, who hit a total of three home runs in the game, tied the score in the bottom of the

Junior shortstop John Mumper, who had four base hits, gave the lead right back to the Indians when he hit a towering two-run home run over the left field fence with no outs in the fifth. Jason Mumper hit a run scoring double to left with two outs making the score

After Hopkins took the lead for the first time in the bottom of the fifth following a three-run homer by junior first baseman Liam Flynn, the Indians quickly retook the lead in the sixth.

Sutkaitis and junior DH Octavio Cotaj contributed with RBI singles, which were sandwiched around a sacrifice fly by Nathan Kaczuwka.

The Indians didn't keep the 8-6 lead for very long, as the home team answered right back with another three-run homer from senior catcher Pat Fitzgibbons in

Jack McKeever pounds this ball to right center during Ware's quarterfinal matchup against Turners

the bottom of the sixth.

The Indians were trailing 9-8 entering the top of the seventh inning and it was beginning to look like their postseason curse would continue.

Junior second baseman Jack McKeever led off the inning with a flyball that was dropped by the left fielder. After stealing second base, he scored the tying run on Jason Mumper's RBI single into center.

Guimond managed to keep the Golden Hawks from scoring the game winning run in the bottom of the seventh, which sent the game into extra innings tied 9-9.

The Indians scored a pair of runs in the eighth, but Fitzgibbons tied the score for the third time when he hit his second home run over the right field fence,

The eighth inning ended with an unassisted double play by Kyle Kaczuwka, which set the stage for the ninth inning.

Following a one-out single by John Mumper and a walk to Nathan Kaczuwka, Sutkaitis became the hero of the game.

"I've seen a lot of big hits during the past twenty years," Slattery said. "Dylan has been one of our leaders all season long and his home run was huge for us."

McKeever also had an RBI single with two-outs, which gave Guimond a four run lead to protect in the bottom of the ninth. The tall righty retired the first two batters on ground ball outs before he ended the game with a strikeout.

"Baseball is a mental game. We just wanted it a little more than they did in today's game," said Ware senior centerfielder Jack Autcher, who scored two runs. "Anytime that we took the lead, they took it right

> back, but we just kept battling until the end. A lot of people doubted us before the start of the regular season, but it feels amazing to be going to the Western Mass. championship game."

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