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STM to vote on school budget is June 29

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WARREN – Members of the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee’s Budget Subcommittee, along with Quaboag Regional School District administration, met to discuss the fiscal year 2024 school budget.

“The intent is to come to an above minimum contribution number and present that to the town for a special town meeting,” Board of Selectmen Chair David Dufresne said at the June 15 meeting.

The special town meeting will be held on Thursday, June 29 at 7 p.m. in the Middle High School auditorium.

Dufresne said the Board requested several documents from the School Committee and they did receive some of them.

“One of the things we really didn’t receive yet, is a breakdown of the school budget,” Dufresne said.

Interim Superintendent Maureen Binienda said they are not making the budget book as they have in the past, as they no longer have a full-time finance director, only someone one day a week. She said the complete budget was sent over a week ago from TMS, Inc.

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Ware PD rages against the machine

Imposter scam almost defrauds couple of \$8K

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WARE – Last year, people in the U.S. lost close to \$9 billion to scams and fraud according to the Federal Trade Commission, with the top two reasons being identity theft and imposter scams.

Hardwick residents Fred and Jane Debros were the recent target of one such imposter scam, commonly referred to as the “grandparent scam.”

The grandparent scam targets senior citizens, with the scammer pretending to be either their child or grandchild in an emergency situation, demanding large amounts of money.

While sitting down to eat breakfast one morning around 8 a.m., Fred answered a frantic call from the west coast, where their daughter Viviane lives.

“I pick it up and I hear this awful cry, ‘Dad, Dad, I am in jail!’” Fred said. “I said, ‘Is this you, Viviane?’”

Fred and Jane said they noticed that their daughter’s voice sounded different, but the person on the other end of the line said they had been crying in jail all through the night.

Jane said when she asked the caller who they were, they replied “I’m your daughter!”

“Right then, I should have

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Ware Police Officer John Cacula stands with the bitcoin machine that was recently involved in an \$8,000 scam that targeted senior citizens.

Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

Ware Veterans Carnival returns June 22-24

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WARE – The Ware Veterans Carnival is returning for its second year this week, starting the summer season off right with fun, games, music, food and drinks.

Held at Memorial Field located just off South Street, the Carnival will be open Thursday, June 22 and Friday, June 23 from 5-10 p.m.; and Saturday, June 24 from 3-8 p.m. Admission and parking are both free.

Event organizer John Morrin said there will be a couple of new rides added to the Carnival this year, as well as more food vendors. There will also be a craft/vendor fair.

“Every year it will get bigger and bigger,” he said.

Morrin said for many years, Parks and Recreation Commission Chair Bill Imbier tried to bring a carnival back to town, after St. Mary’s had to end their beloved annual event.

“I said I would keep trying,” Morrin said. “I emailed everyone in the carnival business, and they all said ‘no.’”

However, after the COVID-19 pandemic put a pause on large gatherings, many of those carnivals were looking for new locations, including R.W. Commerford & Sons of Connecticut.

“These people emailed me back. He came, pulled into Memorial Field and said, ‘this is a great place for a carnival...this is perfect,’” Morrin said.

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RACE CARS for a Cause



Race Cars for a Cause offered a free day of fun for military veterans and their families during Military Appreciation Day at Palmer Motorsports Park this past Saturday, including laps on the track in high-performance cars. Shown from left are Carolyn Galica, Ron Savenor, Founder and President Jeff Archambeault, and newest crew member John Giasullo. Giasullo, a U.S. Army veteran, is also a driver for Race Cars for a Cause.

Military Appreciation Day honored veterans

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PALMER – For the sixth year, Race Cars for a Cause held its annual Military Appreciation Day at Palmer Motorsports Park, giv-

ing veterans and their families a chance to feel the thrill of Whiskey Hill.

Despite a steady fall of rain last Saturday morning, veterans were lined up at the gate well before the 8 a.m. opening, ready to pair up with volunteer drivers on one of the top 10 road courses in North America, according to Road & Track Magazine.

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Batter up!

Youth Baseball team heads to playoffs after undefeated season

By Dallas Gagnon
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WARE – After a season filled with dirt, calisthenics and lots of running, the Ware Youth Baseball travel team completed the spring season undefeated following their victory against sports rival, Palmer, this past Sunday.

While the team calls themselves the Ware Indians, Coach Jeff Kularski said the coaches refer to the players as “dirt dogs.”

Kularski said he coined the term “a long time ago,” and is a term thing he uses to get the kids going.

He said he tells them, “they have to dig deep and work harder than the other teams...not dirty play,” but, “your jersey gets dirty.”

The “dirt dog” technique has not only guided the athletes to a game record of 15-0, but also an impressive 308 runs brought in throughout the season - averaging 20.6 runs per game.

The team has only given up 66 runs in the season’s entirety.



Shown are the undefeated Ware Indians suburban travel team. Players are Joey Cygan, Ray Kularski, Mason Kalafarski, Jackson Kusnierz, Eddie Klee, Dane Dulak, Nate Kelly, Brayden Kusnierz, Rhys Clark, Danny Flowers and Tucker Kinney.

Turley Photo by Dallas Gagnon

Kularski said he believes their success is related to the intensity of their training and the chemistry between the coaches and players.

“These are kids that grew up with us coaching,” said Kularski. He added he has coached some kids since their T-ball days.

Coach Shawn Clark said he has been coaching baseball for nearly 14 years and has coached for the Ware Junior Varsity team for seven years.

Clark said, “You’ve got to get kids to buy into the system.”

Before the season even started,

Clark said the team practiced three to four times a week.

Kularski said he trains the team like football players because he is a football coach.

He said if a coach asks them

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Turley Photo by Haileigh Swistak

The Class of 2023 was the most recent group of seniors to paint the large rock at the entrance of Quaboag Regional Middle High School.

Seniors paint the Quaboag rock

By Haileigh Swistak
Student Intern

WARREN – The Class of 2023 is continuing the tradition of painting the rock at the entrance of the school.

Quaboag Regional Middle High School has kept this tradition alive since the 1970s—that’s nearly four generations of students that have contributed to this activity.

The tradition started when the students of 1973 asked school administration if they could paint over the rock to which they

responded, “absolutely not,” but a handful of students did it anyway and it lasted a few days before it was washed off.

While talking with Quaboag alum John O’Neil, he shared that the painting picked is determined based on a central theme the seniors choose for their final goodbye. In the class of 2023’s case, their theme is the iconic Scooby-Doo.

O’Neil stated that it’s “not always without controversy,” but it all works out in the end; the seniors come together for one last group project that will stay at Quaboag until next year’s graduating class paints over it.

‘Find Your Voice’ at Summer Reading

HARDWICK – The Paige Memorial Library Summer Reading program “Find Your Voice” starts Tuesday, June 27 with an interactive program featuring Tim Kane Drums.

The Summer Program runs through Aug. 10 with many special events.

Participants will register at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, read books, and list the books they have read. Bring in lists of books read (or listened to for nonreaders) for prizes and projects.

There will be a closing presentation on Aug. 10 where special prizes will be awarded. As part of the program, the Paige Library is offering events such as Jay Mankita’s s Playful Engineers experience

which was held at the Hardwick Elementary School on June 20, Tim Kane Drums on June 27, Music with Darlene Dobische of Germany, a musician and vocalist who grew up in Hardwick on July 25, Flower Arranging with Sherry Johnson on July 27, Ukelele lessons with Julie Sepanek on Aug. 10, Fairy House building in August, and more activities to be announced weekly.

All ages are welcome to register and to join in the activities.

For more information visit the Library, call 413-477-6704, or email directorpaigeli@turley.com, or check out the latest updates on www.paigeli.com and [Facebook.com/paigeli.com](https://www.facebook.com/paigeli.com).

Paddle explores upper Ware River June 25

HARDWICK – The Chicopee 4Rivers Watershed Council is hosting a paddle along the Upper Ware River Blue Trail on Sunday, June 25 at 1 p.m.

Launching from Old Furnace to Ware River Park in Gilbertville, this great nature paddle is 4.5 miles long and expected to take 1.5 hours. There is quick water and riffles.

The trail map can be viewed at <https://chicopee4riverswatershed.files.wordpress.com/2022/12/wrbt-upper-11-14-22.pdf>.

Please RSVP by emailing chicopeewatershed@gmail.com to stay up to date in the event the paddle is rescheduled or canceled due to weather.

C4R will monitor weather and river levels and post any changes to the events the night before.

Are You Old News?



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



File Photo
Last week’s photo from 1992 showed Sylvia Buck of the anniversary committee with objects that were going into a time capsule that was buried at Warren Community Elementary School.

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

Residents clear weeds and trash from trail

WARE – Steven Hawk and his mother Marci Perrault spent time last weekend clearing weeds around the new kiosk at the entrance of the Mass Central Rail Trail at Gibbs Crossing, and picking up trash.



Submitted Photos

Steven Hawk and Marci Perrault cleared weeds around the kiosk and also picked up trash.

Steven Hawk helped clear weeds around the new kiosk near the Mass Central Rail Trail entrance at Gibbs Crossing.



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Country Bank announces promotions

WARE – Country Bank recently announced its newest promotions.

Jessica McGarry has been promoted to Senior Vice President, East Region Commercial Lending Team Lead. Jessica has over 20 years of experience in the banking industry and has been a commercial lender in the Worcester market for the past ten years.

Shantie Prashad, Cindy Saucier, and Blair Robidoux have been promoted to Assistant Vice Presidents, Retail Banking.

Shantie Prashad has over 26 years of sales and leadership experience. She graduated from The New England School for Financial Studies in 2022, and is highly active in the Worcester community. She serves on the Board for the Learning First Foundation and the YWCA and serves as an Ambassador for the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Cindy Saucier has over 20 years of banking and leadership experience, serving as the Retail Banking Officer of the Charlton Banking Center. She graduated from the New England School for Financial Studies in 2021 and is a Board Member and Vice Chair for the Central Mass South Chamber of Commerce, along with various non-profits and committees within the Charlton community.

Blair Robidoux currently leads the West Street Banking Center and has over 17 years of experience in the retail division. Blair has held various roles throughout her tenure at Country Bank and graduated from the New England School for Financial Studies in 2019.



Jessica McGarry



Blair Robidoux



Shantie Prashad



Cindy Saucier

“We are committed to helping each team member identify their career goals and work with them to reach those objectives. Their performance contributes to the Bank’s overall success, and we’re pleased to be able to promote these individ-

uals for their hard work and dedication to the organization,” said Miriam Siegel, first senior vice president, chief culture and development officer of Country Bank in a press release.

QRSD committee accepts gift of metal building from other school

By Ellenor Downer
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BARRE – Northfield Mount Herman School offered the Quabbin Regional School District a gift of a 110-foot-long metal building the school purchased in 2020 and the QRSD School Committee approved the acceptance of the gift at their Thursday, May 11 meeting.

The only stipulations from the donor were Quabbin dismantle the building, haul it away and clean up the site by the end of the month.

Superintendent Sheila Muir said the plants and facility department looked at the building and said they could dismantle it and move it to the high school with their own vehicles with the exception of using a large truck for the long sections. She said the structure was in good shape and would be erected near the football field.

Superintendent’s report

Superintendent Muir said Sgt. Russell Davidson will return as the full-time school resource officer for the Quabbin Regional Middle High School and Ruggles Lane Elementary School this fall.

She said the district purchased four vans, with one a wheel chair lift van and a pickup truck for plant and facilities using rural school aid money.

She said the district currently

uses Van Pool to transport the post grad students to locations where they volunteer or have internships.

She said the eight passenger vans did not require a special license to drive and would be used to transport special education students during the day. She said the vans would be available after school hours to transport athletic teams to games.

This would save on the cost of transportation and would be in use soon. She also said the school safety consultants would be in the schools next week.

New hires

She said the district hired Erin Cook as the new principal at the Hubbardston Center School and Tim Kane as an elementary school music teacher. He is a drummer and trombone player, who taught at Eagle Hill School.

Student Advisory Council A group of Hubbardston Center School students read poems via Zoom, which they wrote entitled “I Am.”

Jacob Blanchard’s poem began, “I am a soccer player who loves soccer.” Nora MacDonald wrote, “I am a Starbucks lover, who loves pink drinks.”

Avery Melanson in her poem wrote, “I am a girl, who loves kittens.” Michelle Lee wrote, “I am a girl who is a farmer.”

Two students, Ryan Colgate and Liam Shaw did not attend,

and Principal Jill Peterson read their poems. Ryan wrote, “I am a baseball player and an artist” and Liam wrote, “I am a boy, who plays sports.”

Gareth White, a sixth grader at Quabbin Regional Middle High School, said he was glad the sixth grade was at the middle school. He also said he was looking forward to the Boston trip next year.

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer

Cheryl Duval, Director of Administrative Services, said the firm of Livingston & Haynes would be closing their Ware office and the district would no longer have a Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer after the end of the fiscal year.

She asked the School Committee to rescind the appointments of Kathleen Bourcier, treasurer, and Mr. Richardson as assistant treasurer, which they did. The Committee empowered Duval to present possible candidates to the Committee.

Currently, the two positions are employees of the district, but the Committee could also hire consultants as Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer.

Other reports

Kristin Campione said the Quabbin Regional School District

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Next, Morrin had to decide what to do with the proceeds from the carnival, and being active in both the AMVETS and American Legion, helping veterans was a natural choice.

After trying to set up an account with either of the veterans organizations before the start of the Carnival last year without success, Morrin hired someone to establish the nonprofit Ware Veterans Fund.

“Finally in early May we got all of our paperwork in. So, once we got the paperwork, I went down and opened an account at Country Bank,” he said.

Money in the account is used to cover expenses related to the Carnival, and the rest is used as a “last resort” fund for town veterans. Morrin said there are many resources available for veterans to help with their expenses, but they don’t always cover all costs, and this fund could help bridge that gap.

The community’s reception to the Carnival has been very positive, with many happy to see a long-

standing town tradition be picked up and continued.

Town organizations, businesses and committees have volunteered their time and energy to be involved with the three-day event, including the Knights of Columbus, Country Bank, Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance, the Americans with Disabilities Act Commission and the Youth Committee.

Country Bank employees will also help to staff the ticket booth, in addition to being a sponsor, Morrin said.

The Ware Knights of Columbus Council 183 will once again be serving up delicious food for hungry carnival goers.

ReSource Waste Services of Ware has returned as the event’s biggest sponsor. Morrin said the company’s general manager has a soft spot for veterans.

Local businesses It’s Wine O’clock and B’leaf Wellness Centre have teamed up to host a beer garden under the tent, offering a variety of popular and craft beers, hard seltzer and wines.

Live music will be provided

Thursday night by rock and roll band Half Staff and Friday night by southern outlaw band The Alley Kings.

The Alley Kings performed at last year’s inaugural Carnival.

Volunteers are still needed to help with parking, as well as other jobs at the Carnival, Morrin said. This is sure to be a rewarding experience, helping to put on a fun community event, while also giving back to veterans in need.

To volunteer, contact Morrin by emailing johmorrin13@gmail.com or calling 413-949-0716. If people would like to support the Ware Veterans Fund, they can mail checks made out to “Ware Veterans Fund” to John Morrin, 170 Monson Turnpike Road, Ware, MA 01082.

Parking for the Carnival is available at St. Mary’s School, as well as American Athletic Shoe Co. (after 6 p.m.). Handicapped parking is available at the back of Memorial Field, accessible through Monroe Street.

Morrin thanked all of those that have made the event successful, including St. Mary’s Church and American Athletic Shoe Co. for

use of their parking lots, the residents that live around Memorial Field, Roy “Sonny” Erickson for his graphic design skills, as well as the Ware River News.

Morrin also thanked R.W. Commerford & Sons for making Ware part of their summer circuit.

“We definitely want to thank the carnival people for giving us a chance,” he said.

Ware Lions Club host annual fireworks and concert Saturday

WARE – The Ware Lions Club is hosting their annual fireworks celebration on Saturday, June 24 starting at 5 p.m. in Greenville Park.

There will be food vendors, music by Never Say Never and a DJ, games and of course fireworks. Fireworks are expected to start

around 9 p.m.

For more information, visit the Ware Lions Club website <http://e-clubhouse.org/site/ware/> or find them on Facebook. Checks can be mailed to P.O. Box 913, Ware, MA 01082 or hand delivered to Nat Falk, 64 Main St.

Town of Ware HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

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GUEST OPINION

What drew me to caring for people in my community

By Hannah Niemiec

I have wanted to be a nurse since I was young.



My journey into the health field began while in high school when I signed up for a Certified Nurse Assistant program and this started me on my career path. Since graduating from nursing school, I completed the

Baystate Health Nurse Residency Program and have been working at Baystate Wing Hospital since July, 2022.

I completed my one-on-one preceptorship for nursing school at Baystate Wing on the Med/Surg Unit during my last semester of nursing school. Being able to start a job on the same floor I had done my clinical rotation on gave me great headway in the world of nursing and I felt so welcome in the unit when I took a full-time job there.

I became a nurse to make a difference. I love being able to be a light to my patients on some of their darkest days. Caring for people living in my community is another important part of what I do, and I am proud of the knowledge, compassion, and skill that go into the care I provide each shift I work.

I love coming to work!

Each day I learn something new, from skills, to fun facts, and about different diseases. Being a nurse means being committed to constant learning, practice, and reflection for continuous improvement.

My favorite moments with patients are the everyday moments of caring for them and spending time getting to know them better. I love when I can discharge a patient home and can see the improvement they have made. I love when they thank our team for the care we have given them that makes them feel better and able to go home with the education we give them to stay healthy.

We have a great team, and we work so well together. Our team makes each member feel welcomed and valued. I am grateful for the great relationship I have with all my coworkers. The Patient Care Technicians I work with daily play a huge role in the care I give to each patient. We all work side by side and make each day a good day while taking care of our patients as a team from admission to discharge.

I make compassionate connections with my patients each shift. Each connection I make is different and how to make that connection sometimes has to change based on the patient and their personalities. Because I am from the local area and live in the community, I can relate to my patients many times.

Something many people would find surprising about being a nurse is a nurse's role is more than just being a nurse. We can have different roles each day depending on the needs of our patients. Many would not know how many different types of patients/diagnoses and skills we use and see on a day-to-day basis.

These experiences help build a good foundation for each nurse. I am grateful for the team I work with each day.

Hannah Niemiec, BSN, RN, works in the Med/Surg Unit at Baystate Wing Hospital in Palmer. For more information visit Baystatehealth.org/wing



It's all about the pie

In our family we get the privilege of requesting a special dessert to celebrate birthdays or other special occasions.

My husband asked for a strawberry pie for Father's Day. My oldest daughter made the crust while my youngest and I picked the strawberries.

After making a sauce with half the berries we mixed it with the other half of chopped fruit and poured it into the crust. Now to wait two hours while it chills.

We'll whip up some cream and, voila! The taste of summer in my opinion!

I love having a small patch of strawberries in my garden. I think I am in year four or five with this particular planting.

I've thinned and replanted but I am starting to worry that having them in close to the same spot for this length of time has lured a strawberry-specific bug to the garden. Let's learn about this bug and maybe figure out a game plan as to how to combat it.

Many of my riper strawberries have damage consisting of circular holes, some of which go deep into the fruit. Occasionally there will be a beetle inside the strawberry,

caught in the act.

Upon closer examination, I've determined them to be the strawberry sap beetle.

It's tiny, measuring less than one eighth of an inch long, brown, and oval shaped. They are drawn to ripe fruit and because of this, we can come up with creative ways as to how to catch them.

Pesticides are shown not to work - nor would we want to use them on fruit we are ready to eat!

Folks have had good luck with traps of stale beer, vinegar, fermenting juice, or a mixture of water, molasses and yeast.

Add a few inches of the liquid of your choice into a bucket or other deep container placed outside, but near the strawberry patch. Typically the insect will get lured in and drown.

This type of trap, albeit shallower, will also catch slugs.

Slug holes on strawberries are irregularly shaped, not circular, and most often they extend into the fruit as if the critter is eating its way through it.

A basin or saucer, even a pie plate buried to soil surface level will catch slugs when they come out of hiding to feed. Empty these types of traps every few days, replacing the liquid.

I'm a bit nostalgic today. Thinking of my own dad, of course!

If he were still alive his pie of choice would have been apple, not a la mode, but topped with a piece of cheese!

One thing I am experiencing in my mini orchard right now is "June drop." While my

apple orchard is still too young to bear many apples, there are tiny apples at the base of my best bearing tree.

Some say that June drop is due to pollination problems; others surmise that it is caused by a competition for carbohydrates. Roots and shoots are competing with the newly formed apples and sometimes there isn't enough to go around.

I had always thought that insects were to blame. Regardless, June drop isn't necessarily a bad thing.

We are taught to thin clusters of fruit so that individual fruits get to a respectable size. This is Mother Nature taking care of that for us.

Therefore, if you do plan on thinning, it is best to wait and see what happens between now and the first week of July before you thin down to one or two fruits per cluster.

Well, the strawberry pie was a big hit. I'm already thinking about the leftovers for tomorrow's dessert and what pie I'll have for my next big day.

Blueberry, anyone?

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.



Will work earnings affect my Social Security at age 80?

Dear Rusty: I am 80 years old, and I receive monthly Social Security benefits, but I'm thinking about returning to work.

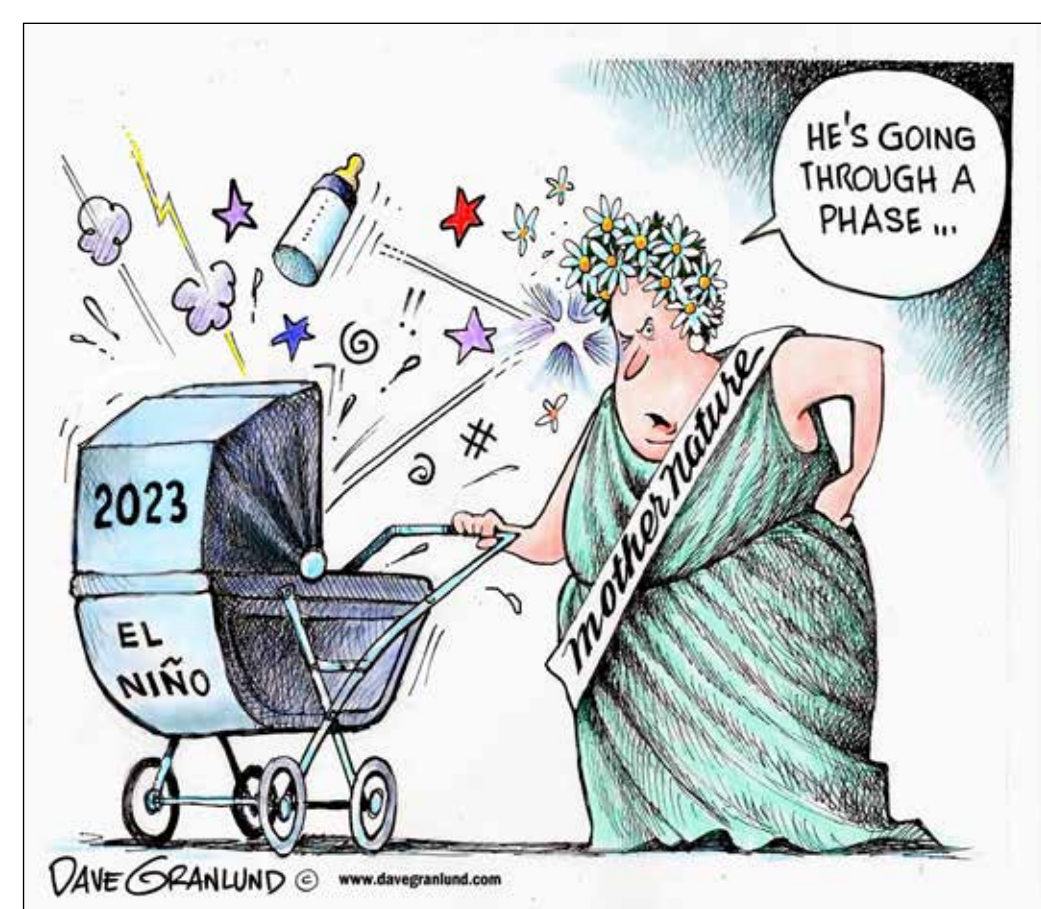
At this age, am I limited in how much income I generate without affecting my benefit? If so, how much can I earn without affecting it?

Signed: Spry Octogenarian

Dear Spry Octogenarian: Since you have already reached your Full Retirement Age for Social Security's purposes, you can earn as much income from working as you like without your monthly Social Security payment being affected. Social Security's earnings test applies only to those who collect benefits before reaching their full retirement age, which is somewhere between age 66 and 67, depending on year of birth.

However, although the earnings test will not apply to you, it's important to know that Social Security benefits are subject to income tax if the annual combined income from all sources, also known as your "Modified Adjusted Gross Income" exceeds certain thresholds. The income tax filing status is an influencing factor - if filing as a single and the MAGI is more than \$25,000 or filing as "married/jointly" and the MAGI is more than \$32,000, then 50% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year becomes part of the overall taxable income.

If your MAGI as a single filer is more than \$34,000 or, as a married filer more than \$44,000, then up to 85% of the SS benefits you receive during the tax year becomes part of your overall taxable income at your standard



IRS income tax rate. Thus, returning to work may result in Social Security benefits unexpectedly becoming taxable income.

For complete clarity, the MAGI is regular Adjusted Gross Income on income tax return, plus 50% of the Social Security benefits a person received during the tax year, plus any other non-taxable income (except Roth IRA withdrawals) they may have had.

So, while earnings from working at age 80 and beyond will not affect the monthly Social Security benefit payment, you may - depending on the total income or MAGI - find that your Social Security benefits will become taxable if the combined income from all sources exceeds the above thresholds.

If your benefits will become taxable, you may wish to consider having income taxes withheld from your monthly Social Security

payments, which you can do by submitting IRS form W-4V to your local Social Security field office.

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This is how divided government should work

Before the memory of the recent debt ceiling negotiations disappears and we confront the next new drama in Washington, let's pause a moment to acknowledge what just happened.

You can debate from here to eternity whether the American people were winners or losers in the deal (I'd say winners because the government didn't default; losers because we had to go through the whole charade in the first place) but what's not debatable is one key point: Congress and the White House provided a lesson in how negotiations and bipartisanship are supposed to work.

We live in an era when this can seem impossible, as hard-line conservatives in the GOP and a few determined progressives in the Democratic party try to push policy to the extremes and appear to reject the idea of even talking to the other side.

But Washington has a way of imposing the discipline of hard numbers - in this case, a House controlled by Republicans with a bare majority; a Senate with a very small Democratic margin; and a presidency in Democrats' hands.

For either side to make progress, they have to negotiate with the other.

What's easy to forget is that this has been the norm for more than a half century. Of the 28 Congresses since 1969, 19 have been divided (if you include the 107th, which began and ended under unified Republican control, but for most of its two-year length was divided because of a senator's party switch).

Anyone who's spent time in the nation's capital during this long era of mostly divided government knows that with power so distributed, there is no single path to success in trying to make the Congress work. As long as they're playing by the rules, the chief way to judge success is by the results. And on that front, the debt ceiling debate was a success - even if the harder-core members of the GOP caucus in the House are now trying to punish Speaker Kevin McCarthy for the deal he struck.

You may know the broad outline of the agreement: It buys the government two more years before the next debt ceiling clash; imposes a freeze on some federal spending; broadens work requirements for food stamps; and makes other changes designed to appeal to either Republicans or Democrats. As The New York Times' Catie Edmondson wrote after it passed, "The compromise was structured with the aim of enticing votes from both parties. It allowed Republicans...to say that they succeeded in reducing some federal spending - even as funding for the military and veterans' programs would continue to grow - while allowing Democrats to say they spared most domestic

programs from the severe cuts."

This allowed both McCarthy and President Joe Biden - and their parties - to claim victory. In a set of negotiations like this, that's actually what you're aiming for: the ability for everyone to walk away saying, "This is what I've done for you." It's a classic illustration of how democracy works, especially when political leaders are content to share credit. In an analysis after the bill passed, longtime Times Washington correspondent Peter Baker noted, "The president's approach to the negotiations - and especially their aftermath - reflects a half-century of bargaining in Washington. When someone has been around the track as long as Mr. Biden has, resisting the temptation to spike the ball and claim victory can be critical to actually securing the victory in the first place."

The recent floor rebellion by some disgruntled members of McCarthy's caucus is a reminder that none of this is easy. But the overwhelming majority by which the debt ceiling compromise passed in both houses is also a reminder that, when the chips are down, many members can remember a key fact about life on Capitol Hill: You have to be flexible and work with what you can patch together when you're trying to lead the country.

That's what our system offers - the chance for political leaders to do their jobs and make democracy work.

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RC hobby shop goes 'all out' for Father's Day

By Matty Anderson
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WARE – There's no better way to spend Father's day than with food, flames and fast cars.

This past Sunday afternoon, All Out RC Hobby Shop's owner Walter Pagan, invited friends and family to partake in fatherly festivities such as grilling, racing remote control cars and goofing around.

Pagan and his friends have two major things in common, fatherhood and a passion for RC.

He said, "We're all fathers and our kids enjoy RC competitions, so we figured why not celebrate doing what we all enjoy."

Parties have always been a staple for the shop, if there's a holiday they'll be racing, and they've also been known to host birthday parties.

There's such a great atmosphere at All Out RC, as supported by Pagan's statement, "I just like to eat, have fun and drive my cars."

Although the shop has plenty of faithful patrons, Pagan would love to get more involved with the community. If you're interested in remote control cars, you're welcome at All Out RC.

In addition to running his business, Pagan also builds his own RC courses to compete on.

The process of building is simple...if you're a natural born track builder like Pagan that is, he starts with a paper mache base, then he adds a coating of liquid cement for structure before finally arranging the obstacles and terrain such as rocks, plants and metal scorpions.



Darrell Cleveland is shown competing during the Father's Day Competition.

All of his courses are built using recycled Ware River News newspapers as the base. Pagan has been in business for almost four years, over those years he has participated in many competitions all across New England.

He's also been involved with many fundraisers and charities. All Out RC is actually having a full scale competition on Sunday, June 25 and all proceeds will be donated to Boston Children's Hospital.

Darrell Cleveland, avid RC competitor, said "this is one of the

best 24 scale RC places around! We do many different competitions, we do food and we're very family oriented, we have fun."

At All Out RC, you'll find a community of passionate RC enthusiasts, they custom build their own cars, make their own tracks and generally have a great time

doing it.

Make sure to stop by on June 25 and try your hand at competing and help raise money for a good cause.

For more information, follow All Out RC on Facebook, call 413-426-4061 or email rcallout1@yahoo.com.



Walter Pagan and Brian "The Toe" Longto are shown at All Out RC's Father's Day Competition.

Turley Photos by Matty Anderson

Meeting House and Museum opens Sunday

WARE – The Ware Center Meeting House and Museum will open Sunday, June 25 from 1-3 p.m. and then every other Sunday during the summer.

Come experience Ware's Past through pictures and memorabilia. See the amazingly perfect miniature model of the Meeting House created by Christopher Novak, military uniforms and memorabilia from the Civil War to the present honoring citizens of Ware who served our country.

Experience the kitchen from the 1800s, the Ladies' Parlor where ladies rolled bandages and shared letters during the Civil War, doors from Ware's Casino theatre and the piano which was used to play music to enhance the excitement of silent films. Visit the Sanctuary which was relegated to the upper floor after the 1830s ruling that church and state must be separated.

Enjoy stories of Indigenous Americans, Ware's alligator, and more. Donations for a tour will benefit the preservation of our

Meeting House Museum on the Common where the local militia trained for the Revolutionary War.

This year is the year of Noah's Ark and the Ware Center Meeting House Museum is hosting an amazing collection of arks and many other items depicting the theme. Since the Meeting House was the Town Hall and the church for early Ware, it is appropriate to show the collection of Noah's Arks as they were the only toys children were allowed to play with on a Sunday.

On Dec. 9 and 10, at this year's Tree and Wreath festival, you can take a chance to win a large Christmas tree decorated with the Noah's Ark theme.

The Society's purpose is to help protect memorabilia and to help people learn and honor the history of our town and our country. Come to the Ware Center Meeting House and Museum to discover "Ware" you live.

For more information call 413-967-6882.

Concerts in the Park start June 23

WARREN – The Parks & Recreation Department is getting ready to kick off a summer of sun and songs at Dean Park, located at the end of Dean Street, West Warren.

The first concert of the series will be held on Friday, June 23 at 6 p.m., featuring Jazz Bones. Animals from Moonlight Run Farm's Petting Zoo will be there, with pet food available for purchase.

All concerts begin at 6 p.m. and are weather dependent. Bring your blanket or chair.

Refreshments are available to purchase.

Other concerts include Friday, June 30, Lyle Pierce & Co. (veterans will receive a free hotdog, chips and a drink); Friday, July 7, Johnny Cash songs and stories by Matt York (free popcorn for ages 55+); Friday, July 14, Wonderland Mafia (Touch-a-Truck event); Friday, July 21, Down Right Country (Car Show; enter your car for free); and Friday, July 28, the Alley Kings.

This program is sponsored in part by a grant from the Warren Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.



Jamie Gendreau grilled up some food.

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Hall of Fame honors 'the Golden Era' of basketball; adds book to shop

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SPRINGFIELD – In celebration of National Library Week April 23-29 the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame gave away free copies of two books centered around the commonwealth's official state sport.

One of these books, "Jack 'The Shot' Foley - A Legend for all Time: With Togo Palazzi and Central Mass Basketball" by Mark "Pathfinder" Epstein, tells the story of the Golden Era of basketball in the 1950-60s, and its legendary players.

Copies of the book were given away to Hall of Fame visitors last week, and they will also be sold in the gift shop going forward.

Having his book selected by the Hall of Fame was a complete surprise for Epstein, who got the call notifying him of the honor at his home in South Carolina the week before.

"It was like a culmination of dreams for so many people," Epstein said. "The book represents so much...certainly, Jack and Togo won't be forgotten."

Epstein said that even though he authored the book, which is his second published work, it's not his story.

"It's not one person's book...it belongs to everyone," he said.

Epstein wrote this book over the better part of a year, inter-

viewing hundreds of people, from athletes to coaches, and family and friends. Each one had a story to tell.

"I was touched by so many people," Epstein said.

Having his book chosen is not just an honor for Jack, Togo and everyone else who made an impact on central Massachusetts basketball, it's also an honor for Epstein and his family.

Epstein is the son of the late Charlie Epstein, a Worcester legend known for his Water Street sporting goods store, Charlie's Surplus.

Charlie is still remembered by those in and around Worcester for his kindness and sense of humor. He was always quick with a song or a story, and had a seemingly endless supply of bullseye candies in his van.

Charlie would take that van, packed to the ceiling with clothing, shoes and socks, and visit families in the smallest towns in Worcester County, to make sure that every child had what they needed to play their favorite sport.

Being chosen by the Hall of Fame also recognizes both his father and his brother, Epstein said, not just himself.

"It's an appreciation for what my family did for central Massachusetts," he said.

When the call came to tell Epstein his book had been selected for National Library Week, he realized what it must feel like for

the athletes that are induced.

"My wife said, 'it's like being let in the side door,'" Epstein said with a laugh. "She keeps me humble...Those five words, 'we want to honor you,' I'll never forget. It's surreal."

Thanks to help from donors and the Leo S. Walsh Foundation, a total of 2,200 copies of the book have been given to central Massachusetts student athletes, along with school staff.

"It's mind boggling," Epstein said of the book's success, having sold over 4,000 copies and being ranked the 60th basketball book in the world.

Epstein made it his mission last year when the book was released, to have this story reach student athletes throughout central Massachusetts to inspire them, just as Jack inspired him.

Jack was Epstein's mentor, coach and closest friend.

After his professional basketball career ended, Jack became a teacher and a coach, and was known for his engaging (and oftentimes loud) teaching style.

"We all got in the side door," Epstein said, echoing what his wife said to him. Jack, Togo, and the Golden Era of central Massachusetts basketball, will never be forgotten.

Epstein and his family have been invited to the Hall of Fame on May 27 to be officially recognized for the book and its contribution to basketball.



Turley courtesy photo
Players Joey Cygan, Brayden Kusnierz, Mason Kalafarski and Ray Kularski are shown watching their teammates bat.

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"do you run?" players answer, "no we sprint."

He added that from the first game of the season he knew the competing teams were "just not ready."

Training includes calisthenics, which is conditioning relying solely on body weight, and cardio.

"From day one, us coaches have had the same vision," said Kularski.

Clark said baseball "is a sport of failure...its hard."

He added they work on mental as well as physical strength to stay on top of their game.

Clark uses a traffic light analogy to gauge their mental state, telling players they "have to be in the green not the red."

He said they "take it one game at a time," and "one practice at a time."

The Ware Indians and Ludlow's suburban baseball team will face off June 22 in their first play-off game.

While "a lot of towns have folded," Kularski said the baseball programs "need to be pumped up."

He added he wants to "get as many people down to the field as possible," and get the place "rockin'."



Mason Kalafarski, Dane Dulak and Ray Kularski are shown celebrating after taking home the victory at Sunday's game.



Turley Photo by Dallas Gagnon
Coaches from left are Richie Dulak, Mike Kalafarski, Shawn Clark and Jeff Kularski.

Lawmakers see FAA bill as an opportunity to support families

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Sen. Edward J. Markey and Sen. JD Vance members of the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, recently sent a letter to Sen. Maria Cantwell, chair of the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, and Sen. Ted Cruz, ranking member of the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.

The letter urged them to include a provision in the reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration to prohibit family seating fees. In their letter, the senators included legislative language which would prohibit airlines from charging monetary fees for parents to sit with their children during a flight.

In their letter, the senators wrote, "Airlines should never be allowed to

force parents to choose between paying more and being separated from their kids. In extreme circumstances, parents have found themselves assigned seats many rows away from their very young children – a serious safety risk for those kids and an injustice to those families. This practice must end. The 2023 reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration provides an important opportunity to support families by banning these fees."

In January, Markey reintroduced the FAIR Fees Act, which would prohibit airlines from charging fees disproportionate to the cost of the service. In February, Markey introduced the Families Fly Together Act, which would prohibit airlines from charging a fee for families to sit together on a flight.



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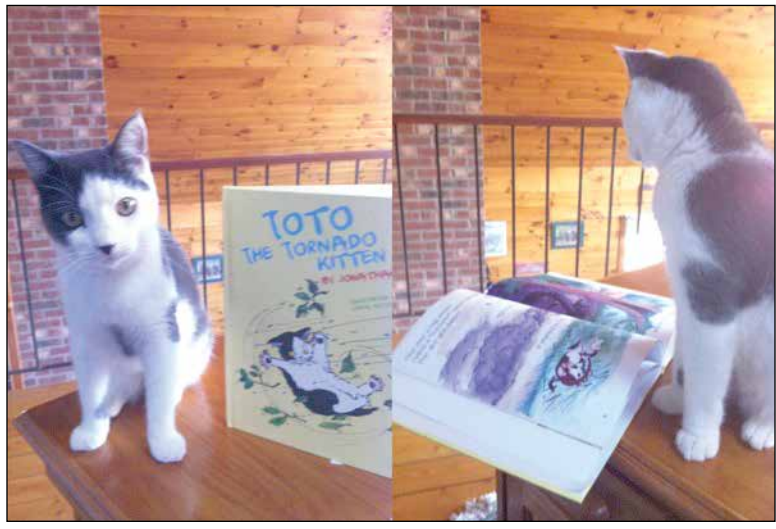
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Toto the Tornado Kitten returns to help Warren Public Library kick off Summer Reading.

Toto the Tornado Kitten kicks off Summer Reading program

WARREN – Come and meet Toto the Tornado Kitten as he helps the Warren Public Library kick off “All Together Now,” the 2023 Summer Reading program. Toto will be on the Common on Thursday, June 29 at 11:30

a.m. Kids can meet Toto, listen to his story and sign up for the summer reading program. Everyone of all ages is welcome and this event is free. Please call 413-436-7690 for more information.

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“What you have received was 300 pages, and that’s all that we are going to be sending. We don’t have the other requested information,” Binienda said. School Committee Chair Andrew Schwenker said under previous administration, the School District did send a book detailing the budget, but the documents the Board requested no longer exist, as the administration has changed. “You didn’t get them because we don’t have them anymore,” he said.

The School Committee is now requesting an above minimum contribution of \$609,903 from the town, after its initial ask of \$1.2 million at the annual town meeting earlier this spring. The Board had proposed an above minimum contribution of \$110,000 at the same town meeting.

Neither of these amounts were passed by voters.

Quaboag Regional Middle High School Principal and incoming Superintendent Stephen Duff said since the town meeting, the School Committee has had to make “serious cuts” to the budget.

“Today for the School District, was a very difficult day because we had to do pink slips and layoffs,” Duff said. “Which leaves teachers and families within our communities uncertain of what they’re going to do for their livelihood.”

Duff said the town of West Brookfield supported the above minimum contribution request of \$430,000.

“The town of West Brookfield did overwhelmingly support that number because they were allowed to vote on the number that they chose to support the School District,” he said.

Duff said as incoming Superintendent, he wasn’t in favor of reducing the budget by \$700,000, as he will be responsible for making sure the District has adequate services. He asked that the Board present the FY 24 budget with \$609,903 above minimum contribution to voters.

“We’re at a very pivotal point in this budget,” Duff said. “We’re putting kids in the middle of something that kids should not be put in the middle.”

Duffresne said the town has several departments it needs to fund, and it is limited in its tax base.

“When we have increases in

budgets, that means the residents have to pay those increases and that results in a tax increase,” he said, which could pose a financial challenge to those with low or fixed incomes.

“That really hurts them,” Duffresne said.

Duffresne said commercial development in town could help fund the school budget, but right now, they don’t have that.

Duffresne said the School District, like any other department, is not exempt from budget cuts.

Duff said it is the responsibility of the School Committee to determine where cuts need to be made, and the Board is only responsible for whether or not they recommend the budget or not.

“It is the School Committee’s job to present the budget to the town,” he said. “We are in the 11th hour.”

Duff said one of his goals as Superintendent is to improve the relationship and communication with the District’s towns.

A resident and School District employee in attendance said that although she didn’t want her taxes to go up, she believed the vote for the budget should go to the town.

“I’m very passionate about our schools,” she said.

She spoke about the impact the pandemic has had on children and the challenges it has posed for learning.

Others in attendance agreed with her, saying the vote to approve the budget with the proposed above minimum contribution should be determined by all.

Schwenker asked the Board why they wouldn’t place the budget on the special town meeting warrant as presented by the School Committee, since that number can’t be raised. The amount can be lowered, however.

Town Administrator James Ferrera said the average tax increase for a single family home valued at \$250,000 could range from \$150-250 per year if voters approve the above minimum contribution.

Duff said the town and the School District need to support each other.

“The school does a lot for the community, because we are part of the community,” he said.

The Board voted in favor of supporting the \$609,903 above minimum contribution, on top of the operating budget and transportation costs.

‘CAMP OMIGOSH’

Drama Club brings summer fun to another galaxy

By Paula Ouimette
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WARREN – Connor’s summer was off to a rocky start after having an argument with his mother and being shipped off to the dubiously named Camp Omigosh.

“What could go wrong?” Connor asked himself, moments before the camp’s bus veered off the road, leaving them stranded while it was repaired.

Played by ninth grader Lilly Nimtz, Connor is less than enthusiastic about summer camp and struggling to make friends.

Fitting in and enjoying his summer soon became the least of his concerns, when campers discover that Camp Omigosh, which has been closed since a camper disappeared 30 years ago, is haunted.

“I have a really strange feeling about this summer,” Connor said as he entered the camp.

Connor and the rest of the campers are the first to attend summer camp since Camp Omigosh closed, and they are shocked to find there are no phones, only a fax machine. There’s no cell service or Wi-Fi either.

There’s something off about the camp counselors as well, and Connor learns they were all campers along with Billy, the lost camper who haunts the woods.

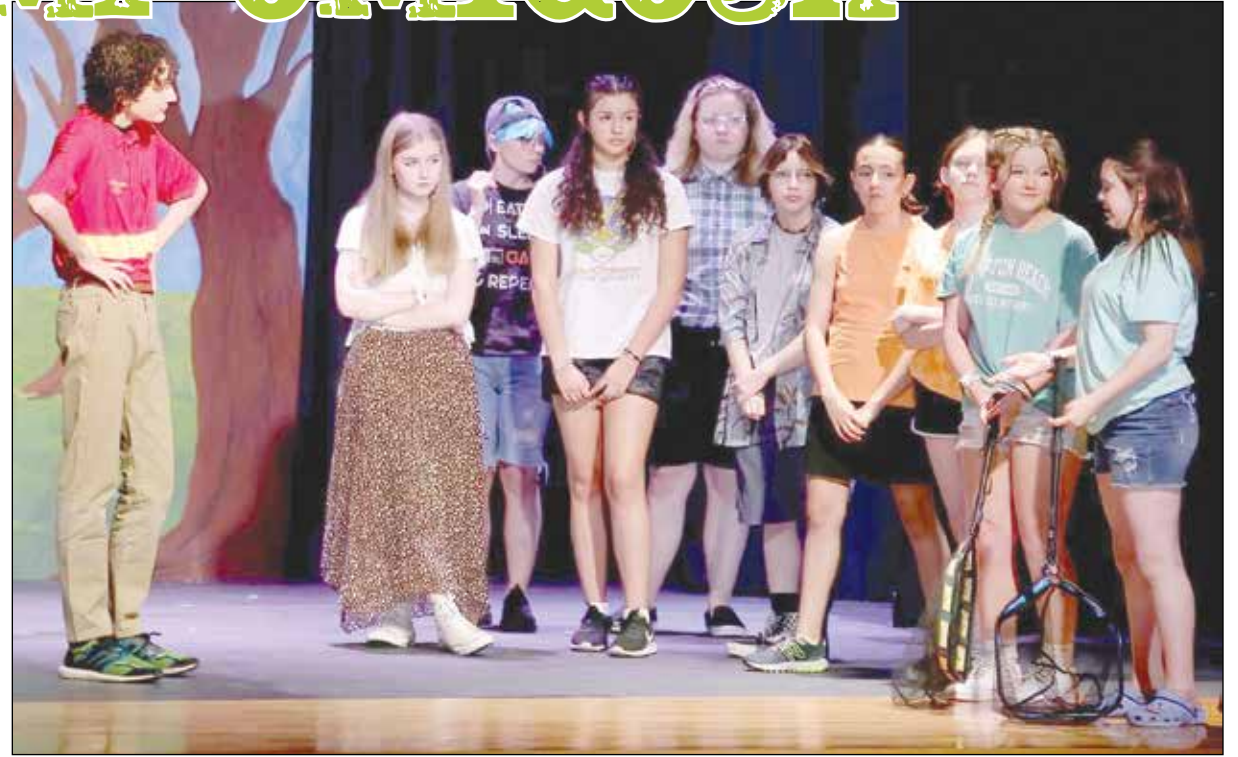
Connor and his friends soon learn that Camp Omigosh isn’t actually haunted, it’s been invaded by aliens.

With the help of Tasha (played by Gabriela Feeney), Parker (played by Toby Chaplin) and Kimberly (played by Madison Schreier), the campers reveal the out-of-this-world secret, while also discovering that Billy isn’t a ghost; he’s actually Mr. Warren, the camp director (played by Madic Andrielo).

Together, they overtake the aliens and return to camp to enjoy a dance before getting ready to return home.

“No matter how good a summer is; it must always end,” Connor said.

Rounding out the cast are Dezi, played by Natlaia Veliz-Baldizon; Mary and Robot, played by Jessica Waddell; Sheldon, played by Haylee Nash; Raymond and Ghost, played by Grace Smart; Tessa, played by Emma Nault; Vanessa, played by Mackenzie Bennett; Ulah, played by Chloe Zwirrecki; Silent Swede and Robot, played by Kyle Withers; Silent Swede and Rich Alien, played by Lilianna McIsaac; Silent Swede and Gibberish Alien, played by Abigail



Courtesy Photos by Derick Veliz

Camp Director Mr. Warren, left, played by freshman Madic Andrielo, explains the rules of Camp Omigosh.

Degnan; Coach Dunbom, played by Jade Fontaine; Ms. Finkle and Puppet, played by Amarie Martino; Ms. Greenblat, played by Brooke Swistak; Ms. Hobbes, played by Persephone Piermarini; Alien, played by Sierra Brote; and Silent Swede, played by Emily Lalshius.

Haileigh Swistak was stage manager for the production, with Dylan Cummins as assistant stage manager.

Crew members include Aviendha Androli, Thomas Bellizzi, Cameron Bennet, Liam Bray, Raven Casey, Parker Chaffee, Emily Cieslak, Asya Osei-Opoku, Victoria Paradis, Nora Pennington-Russell, Karl Prosser, Falon Rice, Cooper Rose, Asher Sargent, Payton Schreier and William Sexton.

Running the light board was Dylan Segatore; spotlights, Rhyann Bray and Emily Hubble; and sound, Richard Gaudette.

Directed by graduates of the Class of 2023, Luisa Feeney, Lucy Sanelli, Josephine Landon and Ari Masterjohn, “Camp Omigosh” was the last public performance of the school year.

Presented by Quaboag Regional Middle High School, the Drama Club and the 21st Century Program, “Camp Omigosh” was a student-led performance.

Before the performance started, Fine Arts Department Chair James Joynville invited the directors to the stage.

“I’ve been so proud to watch you grow,” he told the directors.

Sanelli thanked the students who participated in the play, saying, “They worked really hard for this show.”

Masterjohn thanked the School’s administration and faculty for their support of the arts and Joynville credited Madeline Smola, Assistant Superintendent of Development and the 21st Century



Student Directors Luisa Feeney, Lucy Sanelli, Josephine Landon and Ari Masterjohn, are all recent graduates of the Class of 2023.



Campers get ready for a game of dodgeball at Camp Omigosh, despite strange happenings and ghostly apparitions.

Program for helping to make this performance possible.

Special thanks were also given to the School Committee, interim Superintendent Maureen Binienda, Principal Stephen Duff, Assistant

Principal Dave Shepard, Facilities Manager Marc Astrella, Joynville, the Quaboag Performing Arts Boosters, as well as the students and audience members.

MassDOT announces Safe Routes to School awards

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Department of Transportation through the Massachusetts Safe Routes to School Program, held its annual awards ceremony to recognize the program’s partner schools, community champions, stakeholders, and crossing guards who have made significant contributions within their communities by strengthening, promoting, and improving safety for students walk-

ing, biking, and rolling to school.

The Safe Routes to School awards are open to all school and alliance partners.

This year’s Awards Ceremony honored 217 schools across the Commonwealth including the Town of Ware and Ware Middle School.

For the third year, the program recognized the important role crossing guards have in sup-

porting families’ safety as they access schools and neighborhoods across the Commonwealth. Approximately 175 Crossing Guard nominations were submitted for consideration from over 35 statewide communities.

For more information on Massachusetts Safe Routes to School visit: www.mass.gov/safe-routes-to-school

Doug Mulligan earns Dean’s List at WVU

MORGANTOWN, WV – Doug Mulligan of Ware has been named to the Dean’s List at West Virginia University for the spring 2023 semester.

Mulligan is a freshman majoring in sport management.

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SCOUTS AND VETERANS RECOGNIZE FLAG DAY



Wesley Davis, left, and Tim Hoyt gather American flags.



Wyatt Davis of Ware Scouts BSA Troop 281 prepares American flags for retirement in recognition of Flag Day at the Earl F. Howe American Legion Post 123.



Cub Scout Liam Davis carries a bundle of American flags.

WARE – Veterans and Scouts from Ware Scouts BSA Troop 281, Troop 7281 and Ware Family Pack 520 recognized Flag Day last Thursday at the Earl F. Howe American Legion Post 123 by retiring close to 5,000 American flags.

Each year, the groups work together to collect old American flags from the town's cemeteries, as well as from members of the community. A flag is deemed ready for retirement if it is soiled, frayed or faded.



Violette Davis of Ware Scouts BSA Troop 7281 holds a folded American flag.



American Legion Chaplain Douglas Maxfield, right, says a prayer before American flags are retired by fire. American Legion Commander Peter Ligawiec is shown on the left.



Making up the color guard are veterans (from left) Steven Kutt, Robert Bruso, Grant Pelletier-Biggs and John Morrin.



Cub Scout Makayla Boos prepares an American flag for retirement.



Chayton Lundin, right, and Riley Kszywinski, second from right, prepare for the retirement ceremony.



Scout Aaron Bateman adds an American flag to the fire

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Mumper leads Post 241 past Wilbraham

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WILBRAHAM—A solid pitching staff is a key ingredient for any successful baseball team.

John Mumper was an outstanding pitcher for the Ware varsity baseball team this past spring.

In the Class D championship game, the righthander hurled a masterpiece against top-seeded and previously undefeated Pioneer Regional. The outstanding performance helped Ware capture the Western Mass. title for the first time since 2010 with a 3-1 extra inning victory.

Mumper also pitched very well in his first career start as a member of the Monson Post 241 Legion team. He allowed one run on seven base hits with ten strikeouts in six innings, as Monson celebrated a 10-2 season opening victory over Wilbraham Post 286 (#2) at Minnechaug Regional, last Friday night.

"I just wanted to make a very good first impression," said Mumper, who's one of five players from Ware High School listed on the Monson Legion roster. "I went out there and threw strikes with my curveball."

His younger brother, Jason, is also a first-year member of the Monson team.

Monson didn't have enough players to field a Legion baseball team a year ago. There are 18 players listed on this year's roster and 14 of them showed up for the road game against Wilbraham (#2).

"I love the game of baseball and it feels awesome to be back on the field again," said Monson manager Steve Tripp. "I think we have some outstanding baseball players on this year's team. They're also very good kids."

The only players listed on this year's Monson Legion roster, who played on the 2021 squad, are Austin Lagimoniere (Pathfinder Tech), James Delaney

(Belchertown High School), Dom Allen (Palmer High School), and Mike Mayberry, who graduated from Palmer last year.

Tripp saw Mumper pitch in a home game for Ware and he was very impressed.

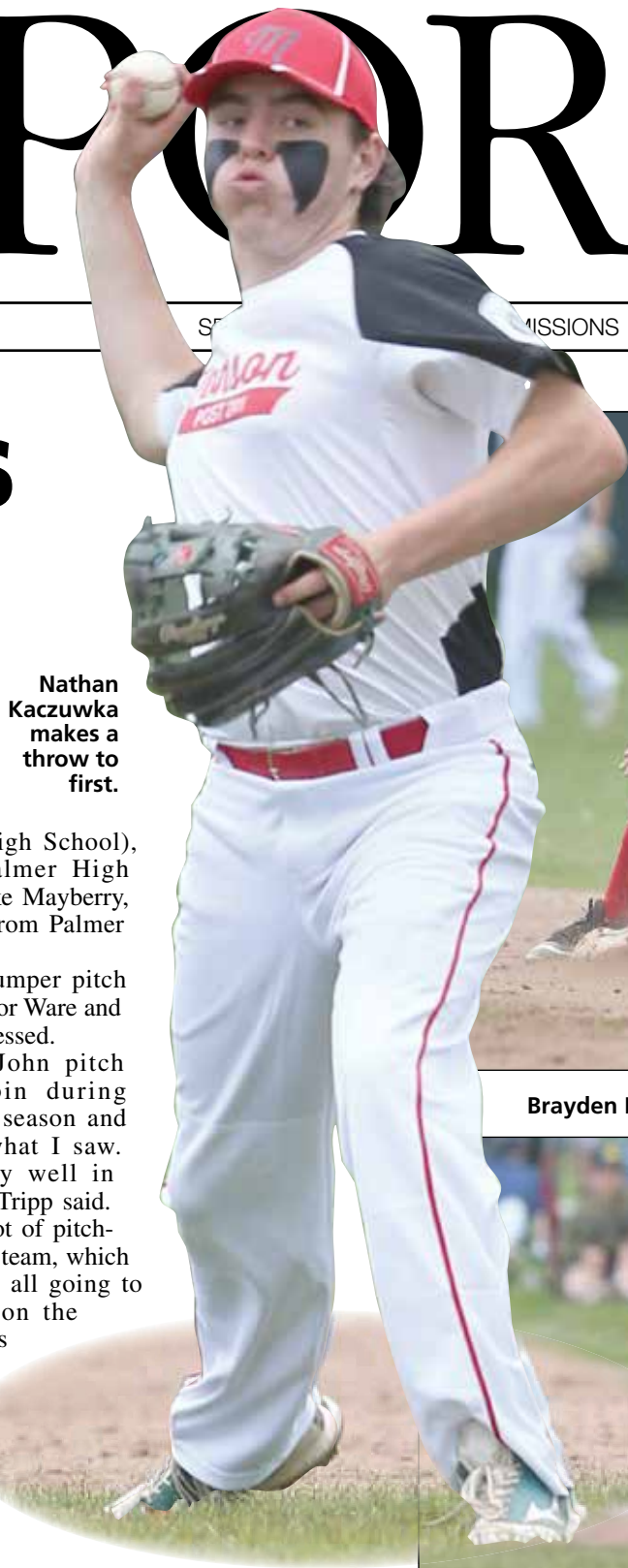
"I watched John pitch against Quabbin during the high school season and I really liked what I saw. He pitched very well in tonight's game," Tripp said. "We do have a lot of pitchers on this year's team, which is great. They're all going to get their turns on the mound. This is probably the best pitching staff we've had since I've been coaching the Legion team."

The other members of the Monson pitching staff are Nathan Kaczuwka (Ware High School), Ty Miller (Palmer High School), Brayden Mega (Pathfinder), Jesse Cygan (Pathfinder), and Mayberry.

Cygan, who relieved Mumper, allowed a run in the seventh inning. He walked a couple of batters.

"Jesse is a hard thrower, and he has a lot of poten-

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Nathan Kaczuwka makes a throw to first.



Brayden Mega makes a play at second.



John Mumper gets the start for Post 241.

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Quabbin falls to South Lancaster

FITCHBURG – It was indeed 'game on' at the Game On Sports Complex in Fitchburg where the young and upstart players from Quabbin opened with a 46-24 loss to South Lancaster Academy.

The cagers are in two summer leagues with the majority of the younger players competing in the varsity league in Fitchburg. Quabbin, is sponsored by Ground Up Landscape in Fitchburg and by E.P. Wine Propane in Auburn Summer League. The interest level and number of participants warranted exploring two leagues and when the sponsorship opportunity was presented it was decided to go with both.

The Game On team is coached by Dawn Sulmasy and recent Quabbin graduate Aiden Welch. Sulmasy played at Bentley College for the coach Barbara Stevens.

She has coached the Wachusett boys summer team in the past and is currently the girls coach at Acton-Boxboro High School. Having Sulmasy to teach and mentor the younger players throughout the summer season presents a great opportunity for each of the players to advance their individual skill level and team understanding.

Aiden Welch is making his debut and his knowledge and acumen will certainly be an asset to not only Coach Sulmasy but to each of the younger players. The two-time Wachusett League all-star is taking his skill set to the next

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New England Mutiny 'rush' past Albany

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW – The June 11 United Women's Soccer match between the Albany Rush and the New England Mutiny featured several outstanding soccer players from Western Massachusetts.

There was also a talented soccer player from Eastern Massachusetts, who put on the home jersey for the

final time during the regular season.

Before heading back to the University of South Carolina to prepare for the upcoming fall soccer season, Catherine Berry scored a second half goal leading the Mutiny to a 2-0 shutout victory over the Rush before a large crowd at historic Lusitano Stadium.

"It's a bittersweet night for me," said Berry, who's from Hingham.

"I do have a commitment at my school, and I'm required to be there next week. I'm very grateful for every game that I do get to play for the Mutiny. I have two more years of eligibility remaining at South Carolina and I'm hoping to play for the Mutiny again next summer."

Joe Ferrara, who's the Mutiny's owner/general manager, is hoping

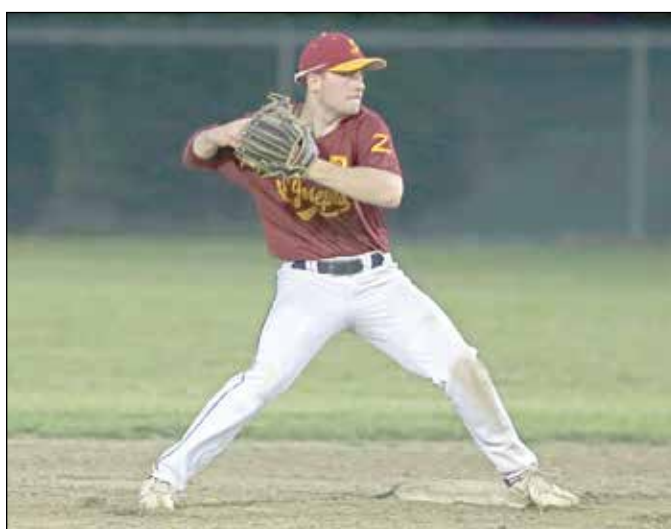
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Matthew Garcia hops over the runner as he makes a relay to first.



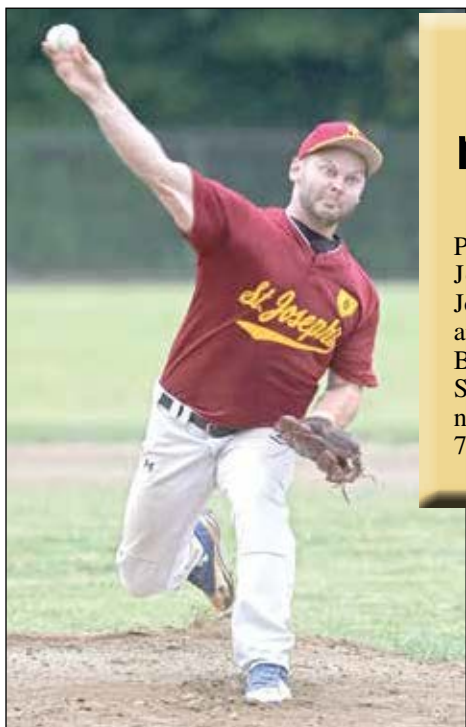
Matthew Bergevin gets the high throw.



Devin Slattery, of Ware, fires a relay throw to first.



Brendan Clark throws across the diamond.



Matt Irzyk pitches for the Saints.



Max Silverman attempts to make a tag.

St. Joe's falls to rival PeoplesBank

PALMER – Last Friday night, PeoplesBank hit their way past St. Joe's 14-1. The loss dropped St. Joe's to 3-4 on the season. The Saints are in third place in the Tri-County Baseball League with six points. The Saints are back in action on Friday night with a matchup with 413ATC at 7:30 p.m. at St. Joe's Park in Palmer.

Valley Blue Sox out to 6-3 start

HOLYOKE – The wins keep coming for the Valley Blue Sox in the early goings. The team defeated the Danbury Westerners last Saturday by a score of 8-6 to increase their lead in the West Division to two games. The Blue Sox now sit at 6-3 on the season.

Thomas Ballard started for the Blue Sox today, and pitched four innings with four strikeouts allowing three runs. Greg Jeffries and James Vaughn both made their team debuts. Jeffries earned the win after he pitched a clean fifth inning with one strikeout. Vaughn pitched two innings and struck out three batters.

The bottom of the lineup was the story of the game for the Blue Sox. The seven, eight, and nine hitters combined for four RBIs in the ballgame.

Third Baseman Zach Ketterman went 2 for 3 with an RBI single. The Pennsylvania native boosted his average to .208 on the season.

Second Baseman Jeff Pierantoni went 2 for 2 with two singles and two RBIs. He was also hit by a pitch twice in

this game, getting on base in each of his four plate appearances.

Catcher Efrain Correa Jr. went 1 for 2 with an RBI and a walk.

Danbury had a chance to come back in this game in the seventh and eighth innings, but hit into two double plays to minimize the damage. The defense was on full display tonight as AJ Guerrero made an excellent over-the-shoulder catch on the run to end the game in the top of the ninth inning.



Nick Callano delivers a pitch.



LEFT: Eliot Dix fields a grounder.

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Blue Sox holding promotional games

The Valley Blue Sox revealed their home promotions for the rest of June. The team is offering different promotions each night in cooperation with sponsoring companies.

The next night on Thursday, June 22 vs. the Newport Gulls at 6:35 p.m., the team will give away water bottles sponsored by Holyoke Gas and Electric.

Sunday June 25, vs. the Danbury Westerners is Military

Appreciation Night. The Blue Sox will celebrate the courage and sacrifice of the United States Military by giving away military towels. The night will be sponsored by the Veterans Affairs of Central Western Massachusetts as well as UMassFive College Federal Credit Union.

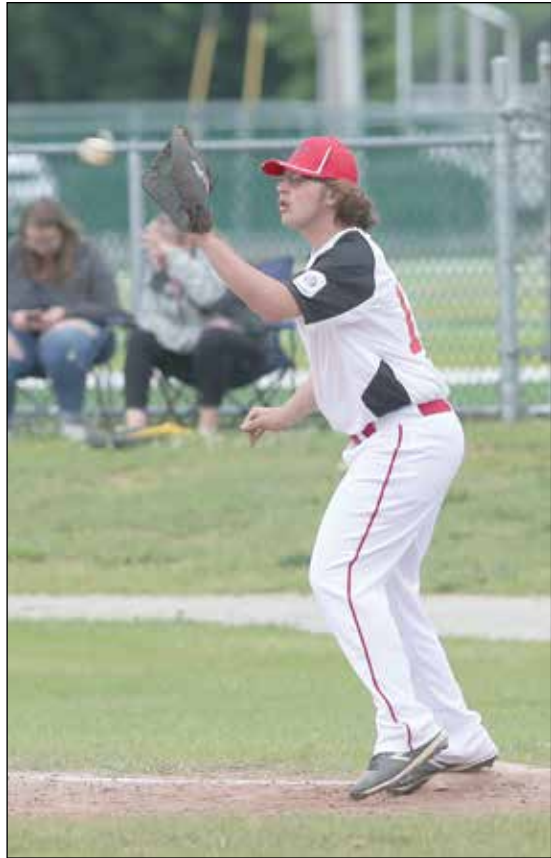
Finally on Friday June 30, vs. the Bristol Blues, the official bus drivers of the Blue Sox, Michael's Bus Lines, will spon-

sor a giveaway of seat cushions for the first 150 fans to enter the ballpark. Additionally, Michael's Bus Lines will raffle off a free 25-person ride to a destination of the winner's choosing.

The Blue Sox are looking forward to ending the month of June right, and encourage fans to come out to MacKenzie Stadium to join their celebrations and promotions.



Hunter Griswold fires across the diamond.



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Jesse Cygan catches the out at first.

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tial," Tripp said. "He just needs to work on his mechanics."

Because of a couple of make-up games, Monson was scheduled to play their first four games in four days.

Mumper's batterymate in last Friday's game was Dylan Sutkaitis, who was the Indians starting catcher.

Sutkaitis threw out two Wilbraham base runners in the first two innings.

"The Monson starting pitcher deserves a lot of credit because he pitched very well against us," said Wilbraham (#2) manager Don Laware. "Their catcher also shut down our running game. You just have to tip your hat to those two players."

For the first time since before the start of the COVID 19 pandemic, Wilbraham has two Legion teams competing at the senior level. They also have a junior team, which had an outstanding season last summer.

Wilbraham (#2) (0-2) lost to

East Springfield Post 420, 2-1, in their season opener on June 12.

Their starting pitcher against Monson was John O'Connor, who attends Wilbraham & Monson Academy.

The righthander also pitched well during the first three innings. During that span, he allowed only two singles and recorded four strikeouts.

Wilbraham (#2) catcher Paul Diehl also threw out a Monson baserunner trying to steal third base in the second inning.

O'Connor didn't get out of the fourth inning.

Monson had two runners in scoring position with two outs in the top of the fourth when a bunt base hit by Lagimoniere, who started in centerfield, scored the game's first run.

Lagimoniere stole second before shortstop Hunter Griswold (Pathfinder) delivered a two-run single to right field.

At that point, O'Connor was replaced on the mound by righthander Ryan Atkin.

Delaney contributed with a two-run single to right, which gave Monson a 5-0 lead.

Delaney scored Monson's sixth run of the frame following a throwing error by the catcher before extra hitter Jarrett Skowyra capped things off with a run scoring single to left field.

"After we scored all of those runs in that inning, it felt nice to have a little bit of a cushion," Mumper said. "If you do make a mistake, it's not as costly."

Mumper did get into a little bit of trouble in his final inning.

With one-out in the bottom of the sixth, Atkin grounded a single up the middle into centerfield. A couple of batters later, shortstop Bryce Barlow (2-for-3) drove him home with a line-drive single to center, which ended Mumper's shutout bid.

With two outs in the bottom of the seventh, Diehl had an RBI single to center before the next batter flied out to right giving Monson their first legion win in two years.

Athletes invited to participate in sports clinic

LUDLOW – Lions Pride Sports Clinics are back. Young inspiring athletes have the opportunity to participate in one or all of our exciting clinics. The 2023 lineup consists of, Soccer session 1 from June 26 to 30, Soccer Session 2 from July 17 to July 21. Athlete Prep strength and conditioning program from June 27 to Aug. 10, Basketball from July 10 to 14, High School and Beach Volleyball June 20 to Aug. 15, Volleyball Basics July to Aug. 16, and Wrestling July 10 to Aug. 16. All clinics are held on the campus of Ludlow High School and are geared toward the development of fundamental skills. For more information log on to lionspridesc.wix.com/lpsc or contact Tim Brillo TBrillo1723@gmail.com. Registration is now online at <https://www.familyid.com/organizations/lionsden-sports-clinics>

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level as he will be attending Quinsigamond Community College.

Luke Salvatore and Max Doane led the team with six points each. Anthony Quaterone and Matt Wade led the team in rebounds with five points each. The summer emphasis will be on rebounding and defense.

Coach Bob Catalini held his advanced offensive skills clinic last week and 14 players attended to improve their skill set and work with one of the best clinicians around.

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Berry will be returning to Lusitano Stadium in the middle of July if the Mutiny qualify for the U.W.S. playoffs.

Berry, who's entering her senior season, has scored 24 goals and has 14 assists for a total of 62 points in her first three years playing college soccer.

Berry scored four goals in the Mutiny season and home opener against the Worcester Fuel, which was a 7-1 victory.

The Mutiny (2-0-1), who also played a 1-1 tie at the Maine Footy on May 21, had a couple of weeks off before hosting the Rush (2-1-1).

"The support that we receive from our fans at this stadium is something that's very special. I wouldn't trade being a part of this for the world," Berry said. "Joe Ferrara is also an awesome person. He has become a close friend to my family during the past few years. The players on this team are also very special."

Berry is following in the footsteps of her mother, Lauren, who played soccer at Middlebury College. Her father, Chris, played college basketball at Middlebury. Her parents attended last Saturday's home match.

The local players that played in last Saturday's home match for the Mutiny are Alexis Legowski (South Hadley), Hope Santaniello (Agawam), Ela Kopec (Ludlow), Laura Gouvin (Monson), Avery Klingensmith (Belchertown), Chandler Pedolzsky (Westfield), Emma Pedolzsky (Westfield), and Catherine Bean (Westfield).

Klingensmith, who started in five games as a freshman on the American University women's soccer team last fall, has enjoyed being teammates with Berry.

"Cat is a great soccer player," said Klingensmith, who's a midfielder. "We can always count on her to score goals for us. Playing for this soccer team is very similar to my college team."

Kopec, who was Mutiny starting goalie against Albany, didn't have to make any saves in recording her first shutout of the season.

The Mutiny defense, which was led by Laci Lewis, Meghan Cunningham, Rachel Marchini, Sofia Weber, Anna Carson, and Bean shutdown Albany forward Katelyn Krohn. She had scored a team leading seven goals in her team's first three regular season matches.

"We do have a very strong defensive unit this year," said Mutiny first-

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Dylan Sutkaitis
Ware High School

Athlete of the Month



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Goalie Ela Kopec makes a save.

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Rachel Marchini settles the ball.



Laura Gouvin, of Monson, makes a pass.

GLOBE Act defends international LGBTQI+ rights

WASHINGTON, D.C. – As LGBTQI+ communities across the world gather to celebrate Pride Month, Sen. Edward J. Markey, Jeanne Shaheen and Jeff Merkley and Rep. Dina Titus reintroduced the Greater Leadership Overseas for the Benefit of Equality Act, legislation outlining a comprehensive vision for the United States to uphold and defend international LGBTQI+ rights.

The GLOBE Act would

ensure equality and justice are critical components of U.S. foreign policy, reaffirm that the United States will not tolerate any discrimination, hatred, and violence against LGBTQI+ persons around the world, and develop assistance and immigration programs for LGBTQI+ individuals abroad. The legislation would also make permanent the office of the Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBTQI+ Persons,

which President Joe Biden established, as well as ensure that future administrations continue to uphold LGBTQI+ rights on the world stage by directing the State Department to document and respond to bias-motivated violence against LGBTQI+ people abroad.

The bill will implement a comprehensive strategy to prevent and respond to crimi-

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School committee votes to borrow money

By Ellenor Downer
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BARRE – Cheryl Duval, Director of Administrative Services, asked the Quabbin Regional School District to incur debt in the amount of over \$738,000.

The amount included \$387,344 to replace the chiller for the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning system at Quabbin Regional Middle High School and \$350,684 for the press box and bleachers on Alumni Field.

She said the district's financial advisor recommended a bond anticipation note under Section D rather than taking out a bond. The other option, Section N, required a ballot election.

Duval said the School

Committee must approve the borrowing by a 2/3 majority vote. If approved, the School Committee secretary within seven days of the vote must notify the Select Boards or Board of Selectmen in the five member towns of Barre, Hardwick, Hubbardston, New Braintree and Oakham of the decision to borrow money and list the amount.

The Select Boards then have 60 days to hold a town meeting to not affirm the school committee vote to incur debt. All five towns must approve the borrowing by majority vote per the school regional agreement under section 6, page 8.

Duval said the chiller was no longer working and if it was not replaced, the start of school at the middle high school would be delayed as the building would be

too hot. The chiller regulated heat throughout the building, was an essential repair to the HVAC system and was not an air conditioner.

Duval also asked the committee to authorize the use of reserves to purchase the chiller so the project would start after school ends and completed before school opened in late August.

School Committee member, Mark Wigler, said the Committee could "make a case for the chiller, but not the press box."

School Committee Vice Chair Debra Chamberlain said the towns can't afford their assessments and the chiller was a necessity. She said it was a "not wise to include the press box," which was not a necessity. Other members agreed.

School Committee Chair Mark Brophy said the Committee should

borrow the \$387,344 (a state bid) for the chiller replacement, but instead should continue to encourage donations for the press box and bleachers. The district received over \$30,000 in donations to date.

Duval said she was not sure the school district could borrow such a small amount so she emailed the financial advisor, who responded back in the affirmative. They also changed some wording of the article written by bond counsel to only list the chiller and not the second project and to include a reference to the section of the regional school agreement.

The board unanimously approved the motion made by committee member "Lee" Wolanin.



Submitted Photo

Carole DeWolf and Luv Kataria Baystate are Baystate Wing Hospital's newest volunteers.

Baystate Wing welcomes two new volunteers

PALMER – Carole DeWolf and Luv Kataria have recently joined the Baystate Wing Hospital team as the newest volunteers.

DeWolf, a retired nurse who will be volunteering in the Medical/Surgical Unit, is looking to give back to her community.

Kataria is entering his senior year in college and is planning to apply to medical school. Kataria will be volunteering in the Emergency Room.

"Volunteers are extraordinary people who want to contribute to the greater good of things," said Marie Saunders, manager of volunteer services for Baystate Health, in a press release. "We have several opportunities open for individuals to share their talents and skills to support and assist our staff in creating wonderful experiences for our patients."

Volunteers are currently being sought to fill positions in vari-

ous departments. Duties will vary depending on the assigned department.

Volunteers are assigned to a department/area according to their interests and the needs of the hospital.

The volunteer services program is open to anyone who is age 16 or older and complete a volunteer application, submit to and pass a background check, and meet all vaccination requirements.

The program is an ideal opportunity for seniors and young adults who wish to volunteer in a healthcare setting. Volunteers will receive training and support and can receive credit for school.

For more information or to fill out an application online, visit www.baystatehealth.org/about-us/volunteer or call Tanya Dorman, volunteer coordinator for Baystate Wing Hospital, at 413-370-5295.

Sasenaraine named CEO of new behavioral health hospital

SPRINGFIELD – Baystate Health and Lifepoint Behavioral Health, a business unit of Lifepoint Health, announced in a press release that Roy Sasenaraine has been named chief executive officer for the new joint venture behavioral health hospital currently under construction in Holyoke.

The 150-bed hospital, to be called Valley Springs Behavioral Health Hospital, is slated to open to patients in August of this year.

"I am delighted to welcome Roy to the Lifepoint Behavioral Health team and know he will be the right leader for our new hospital in Holyoke," said Russ Bailey, president of Lifepoint Behavioral Health. "With more than 20 years of experience in operations and financial management, and, in particular, hands-on experience guiding operations in behavioral health settings, Roy has evidenced a commitment to leading sustainable operations and delivering high-quality care to patients in a variety of emergent, acute and outpatient settings. I am confident Roy is the right person to lead Valley Springs Behavioral Health Hospital into its first chapter here in the Holyoke community."

Most recently, Sasenaraine served as vice president of operations for the central region of Spire Orthopedic Partners, where he led

new construction, patient access initiatives, and acquisition and integration work for Spire's nine locations within central Connecticut.

Prior to his role at Spire, Sasenaraine served as vice president of operations for Hartford Healthcare System's East Region behavioral health network. In this role, he oversaw 18 locations, including six school-based programs, two emergency departments, one inpatient psychiatric hospital, eight ambulatory locations and one inpatient juvenile program.

His leadership led to the implementation of a new care model for adolescent, pediatric and adult patients in inpatient care along with the implementation of a new electronic medical record across all sites of care.

"Roy's breadth of operational experience and his deep understanding of the behavioral health setting make him the right leader for this new, state-of-the-art facility that we are excited to open in the coming months," said Andrew

Artenstein, M.D., chief physician executive and chief academic officer of Baystate Health, president of Baystate Medical Practices, and regional executive dean of UMass Chan – Baystate.



(Courtesy Photo)

Roy Sasenaraine was appointed by Baystate Health and Lifepoint Behavioral Health, to lead new 150-bed behavioral health hospital opening to patients this summer.

"We look forward to serving patients when Valley Springs Behavioral Health Hospital opens and know Roy's leadership will be instrumental as we expand our behavioral health offerings, bring on new tools and resources for our patients and implement new quality of care models. We are excited to welcome Roy and his family to the Holyoke community and we look forward to serving patients at Valley Springs Behavioral Health Hospital later this summer."

Sasenaraine earned a bachelor's degree in healthcare administration and a master's degree in business administration, with a focus in healthcare administration, from Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Connecticut. He is a member of the board of directors

for Health Assistance Intervention Education Network and previously served on boards for Advance Behavioral Health and Blue Ocean Healthcare, LLC.

"I am honored to join Lifepoint Behavioral Health and support the team at Baystate Health as we expand critically needed inpatient behavioral healthcare services to the community," said Sasenaraine. "I am eager to get to work and I know that we have an exciting road ahead of us. I look forward to serving patients in Western Massachusetts with safe, high-quality behavioral healthcare services at Valley Springs Behavioral Health Hospital."

Valley Springs Behavioral Health Hospital will feature 120 semi-private rooms and 30 private rooms for patients. The addition of this new facility will increase patient access in the community to Baystate Health's specialty inpatient behavioral healthcare for adults, including geriatric patients, as well as adolescents and children, by more than 50%.

Lifepoint Behavioral Health and Baystate Health broke ground on the new facility in March 2022 and anticipate opening the facility to patients in August 2023.

Open space and recreation public forum June 28

WARE – The Open Space Planning Committee will hold a public forum to gather residents ideas and vision for futures open space and recreation needs.

The forum will be held at the Ware Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road, on Wednesday, June 28 at 6:30 p.m.

The Committee is updating the 2016 Open Space and Recreation Plan. The update will set priorities for conservation and recreation.

According to Town Manager Stuart Beckley, public input is very important.

Would residents like more trails? Are more Pickleball courts needed? Where are your favorite views? All of this can be discussed at the forum.

GLOBE from page 10

nalization, discrimination, and violence against LGBTQI+ people. The GLOBE Act also calls on the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to establish a permanent Senior LGBTQI+ Coordinator responsible for coordinating across the agency with respect to inclusive development programming. "As LGBTQI+ people face rising discrimination here at home, we must use Pride Month as an opportunity to affirm our commitment to freedom and equality - regardless of gender or sexual orientation - for every person, from Utah to Uganda," said Markey in a press release.

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What should you expect from your investments?

To help achieve your financial goals, you may need to invest in the financial markets throughout your life. However, at times your investment expectations may differ from actual returns, triggering a variety of emotions. So, what are reasonable expectations to have about your investments?

Ideally, you hope that your investment portfolio will eventually help you meet your goals, both your short-term ones, such as a cross-country vacation, and the long-term ones, such as a comfortable retirement. But your expectations may be affected by several factors, including the following:

- **Misunderstanding** – Various factors in the economy and the financial markets trigger different reactions in different types of investments — so you should expect different results. When you own stocks, you can generally expect greater price volatility in the short term. Over time, though, the "up" and "down" years tend to average out. When you own bonds, you can expect less volatility than individual stocks, but that's not to say that bond prices never change. Generally, when interest rates rise, you can anticipate that the value of your existing, lower-paying bonds may decrease, and when rates fall, the value of your bonds may increase.

- **Recency bias** – Investors exhibit "recency bias" when they place too much emphasis on recent events in the financial markets, expecting that those same events will happen again. But these expectations can lead to negative behavior. For example, in 2018, the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell almost 6% — so investors subject to recency bias might have concluded it was best to stay out of the markets for a while. But the Dow jumped more than 22% the very next year. Of course, the reverse can also be true: In 2021, the Dow rose almost 19%, so investors who might have been susceptible to recency bias may have thought they were in for more big gains right away — but in 2022, the Dow fell almost 9%. Here's the bottom line: Recency bias may cloud your expectations about your investments' performance — and it's essentially impossible to predict accurately what will happen to the financial markets in any given year.

- **Anchoring** – Another type of investment behavior is known as "anchoring" — an excessive reliance on your original conviction in an investment. So, for instance, if you bought stock in a company you thought had great prospects, you might want to keep your shares year after year, even after evidence emerges that the company has real risks — for example, poor management, or its products could become outdated, or it could be part of an industry that's in decline. But if you stick with your initial belief that the company will inevitably do well, and you're not open to new sources of information about this investment, your expectations may never be met.

In many areas of life, reality may differ from our expectations — and that can certainly be true for our investments. Being familiar with the factors that can shape your expectations can help you maintain a realistic outlook about your investments.

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Ware Police Log

During the week of June 13-20, the Ware Police Department responded to 18 miscellaneous calls, 29 administrative calls, seven traffic violations, 33 emergency 911 calls, six animal calls, two harassments, one fraud/deception, five thefts/larcenies, five motor vehicle accidents, one damage/vandalism and 29 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

Tuesday, June 13

9:11 a.m. Assault, West Street, Investigated
 10:07 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Murphy Road, Dispatch Handled
 11:33 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Cummings Road, Dispatch Handled
 12:45 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Bank Street, Investigated
 2:37 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Report
 2:43 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Warebrook Drive, Dispatch Handled
 4:41 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, No Action Required
 5:22 p.m. Assault, Main Street, Investigated
 Arrest: Richard D. Kulig Jr., 39, Ware
 7:19 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Convent Hill Road, Investigated
 7:54 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Highland Village, Services Rendered

Wednesday, June 14

3:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Grove Street, Citation/Warning Issued
 8:43 a.m. Damage/Vandalism/Mischief, Church Street, Report Made
 12:41 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Vlonis Avenue, Dispatch Handled
 2:29 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Berkshire Drive, Dispatch Handled
 3:20 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Dispatch Handled
 3:20 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Main Street, Advised
 5:09 p.m. Vegetation/Wildland/Brush Fire, Cherry Street, Unfounded
 6:25 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Dispatch Handled
 7:28 p.m. Assault, Main Street, Advised
 7:51 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Unfounded

Thursday, June 15

1:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wrin Street, Citation/Warning Issued
 7:39 a.m. DUI/Impaired, West Main Street, Could Not Locate

1:13 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, North Street, Unfounded
 6:20 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Pleasant Street, Dispatch Handled
 7:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation/Warning Issued
 8:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation/Warning Issued
 8:52 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Storrs Street, Services Rendered
 9:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Main Street, Citation/Warning Issued
 9:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation/Warning Issued
 9:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued
 10:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued

Friday, June 16

12:12 a.m. Theft/Larceny, Otis Avenue, Report Made
 1:32 a.m. Assault, Walnut Street, Arrest Made
 Arrest: Keith M. Pontbriand, 39, Ware
 Disorderly Conduct; Resist Arrest
 8:30 a.m. Smoke Investigation, Bank Street, Investigated
 11:37 a.m. Theft/Larceny, Main Street, Services Rendered
 2:38 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 2:42 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Services Rendered
 3:57 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Dispatch Handled
 4:22 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Bond Street, Services Rendered
 6:14 p.m. Fraud/Deception, Church Street, Report Made
 8:14 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Dispatch Handled
 9:13 p.m. Assault, Webb Court, Services Rendered

Saturday, June 17

3 a.m. Suspicious/Wanted, West Street, Arrest Made
 Arrest: William P. Morrison, 36, Gilbertville
 Drug, Possess Class B; Drug, Possess Class B

Sunday, June 18

5:16 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Walnut Street, Services Rendered
 9:29 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, North Street, Services Rendered
 2:45 p.m. Safety Hazard, Mattson Boulevard, Dispatch Handled
 3:55 p.m. Electrical Hazard, River Road, Services Rendered

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4:07 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Beaver Road, Investigated
 5:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Doane Road, Citation/Warning Issued
 6:13 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Dispatch Handled
 7:03 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Church Street, Services Rendered
 8:14 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Appears Secure After Check
 8:19 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Main Street, Advised

Monday, June 19

4:02 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Belchertown Road, Services Rendered
 Summons: D'Andre E. Schubring, 21, Belchertown
 Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Leave Scene of Property Damage
 9:04 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, School Street, Advised
 12:43 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Church Street, Dispatch Handled
 2:19 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Greenwich Plains Road, Investigated
 6:47 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Gwen Circle, Investigated
 7:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued
 9:51 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Palmer Road, Advised
 11:26 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Unknown, Dispatch Handled

Tuesday, June 20

6:26 a.m. Safety Hazard, Maple Street, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 10:24 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Old Gilbertville Road, Dispatch Handled

Southbridge Road, Report Filed
 7:06 p.m. Overdose/Poisoning, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

Friday, June 9

1:19 a.m. Abdominal/Back Pain, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 11:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Citation Issued
 2:47 p.m. Falls, O'Neil Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 5:24 p.m. Abdominal/Back Pain, Spring Street, Transported to Hospital
 9:59 p.m. Trauma, Old West Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, June 10

4:03 p.m. Officer Initiated, Maple Street, Investigated
 8:20 p.m. Harassment, Reed Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 8:53 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned, Reed Street, Investigated

Senate and House mark Gun Violence Awareness Day with gun bills

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On National Gun Violence Awareness Day, Sen. Edward J. Markey, a member of the Gun Violence Prevention Caucus, announced a package of gun violence prevention bills.

According to a press release, this package would significantly decrease the threat of gun violence across the United States by putting an end to the 3D printing and distribution of ghost guns, strengthening accountability measures for irresponsible gun dealers, helping banks detect and report suspicious activity related to mass shootings, and strengthening state-by-state gun licensing regulations through federal incentives. "We've had more mass shootings in 2023 than days in the year," said Markey. "Every day, gun violence in our schools and on our streets steals lives and rips families apart. We can't keep liv-

ing like this, and Americans can't keep dying like this. Congress took an important step last year in passing the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, but the evidence is overwhelmingly clear that it's not enough. We have an obligation to pass commonsense solutions, like my gun safety package, so that not one more life is lost to this unnecessary, man-made public health crisis." Markey and his colleagues announced the reintroduction of four gun violence prevention bills, including: 3D Printed Gun Safety Act, Keeping Gun Dealers Honest Act, Gun Violence Prevention Through Financial Intelligence Act, Making America Safe and Secure (MASS) Act.

The gun violence prevention bills are endorsed by Brady, Giffords, March For Our Lives, and States United to Prevent Gun Violence.

In March, Markey and Rep. Elissa Slotkin, Mark Takano and Marilyn Strickland reintroduced legislation that would fund research at the CDC to better understand and address the United States' ongoing gun violence epidemic, a public health crisis that has taken more than 180,000 lives across the nation.

In May 2022, Markey led his Senate colleagues in a letter to 28 shipping companies expressing concern over lax shipping security measures leading to firearm theft and making it easier for criminals to get their hands on lethal firearms. Markey also led 10 Senate colleagues in a letter to the Federal Trade Commission urging the agency to open an investigation into the marketing of lethal firearms, including assault-style rifles, to children.

Second Chance helps domestic violence survivors, pets

EAST BROOKFIELD – Second Chance Animal Services, a leading animal welfare organization, is proud to announce the launch of "Project Keep Me," a groundbreaking pilot program aimed at addressing the critical need for companion pet shelter resources for survivors of domestic violence.

This program will provide temporary housing for the beloved pets of domestic violence survivors, enabling pet owners to seek safe housing arrangements while ensuring the well-being of their animal companions. The unfortunate reality in our area is that emergency housing resources for survivors of domestic violence often cannot accommodate their companion animal, Second Chance announced in a press release.

As a result, many victims find themselves trapped in dangerous living situations, afraid to leave their pets behind. Recognizing this pressing issue, Second Chance has developed Project Keep Me as a compassionate solution to help break this cycle of fear and abuse.

Second Chance's Project Keep Me will offer temporary boarding and care, lasting up to 90 days, for pets whose owners are seeking support from domestic violence assistance programs. Upon successful transition to safe, permanent housing, survivors will be reunited with their pets.

The presence of a beloved animal companion has been proven to enhance healing and recovery for individuals who have experienced trauma.

Sheryl Blancato, Second Chance CEO and founder, notes that the program has some limitations. "We can't take in aggressive animals, and we have limited space at this time, but we are committed to helping as many as we can. We have already assisted several pet owners, but we are seeking addi-

tional funding so we can help more as the need arises."

Second Chance Animal Services invites the community, businesses, and philanthropic partners to support Project Keep Me through donations. "Together, we can make a meaningful impact in the lives of domestic violence survivors and their pets, providing hope and safety when it is needed most," she said.

For more information about Project Keep Me and how you can help, please visit www.secondchanceanimals.org/project-keep-me.

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence or abuse, there is help. Call SafeLink, a 24/7 Crisis Hotline at 877-785-2020, (877) 521-2601 (TTY) or the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 24/7 Crisis Hotline 800-799-7233.

Warren Police Log

During the week of June 4-11, the Warren Police Department responded to 94 building/property checks, 57 community policing, 12 traffic enforcements, one radar assignment, 16 emergency 911 calls, one fraud/forgery, one harassment, three animal calls and 17 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

Sunday, June 4

12:55 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Milton O. Fountain Way, Report Filed

Monday, June 5

10:14 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Bridge Street, Transported to Hospital
 12:35 p.m. Unwanted Party, Milton O. Fountain Way, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:28 p.m. Vision Changes, High Street, Transported to Hospital
 5:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled, Maple Street, Report Filed

Tuesday, June 6

10:21 a.m. Falls, Mechanic Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 6:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 6:58 p.m. Officer Wanted, Main Street, Report Filed
 8:26 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Crouch Road, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, June 7

9:13 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, West Brookfield, Report Filed
 4:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:04 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Brimfield Road, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, June 8

3:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 6:09 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned, Reed Street, Information Taken
 6:46 p.m. Officer Wanted,

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obituaries

Ware receives \$500,000 grant for brownfields cleanup

BOSTON – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced \$13,790,000 from President Biden’s “Investing in America” agenda to expedite the assessment and clean-up of brownfields sites in Massachusetts while advancing environmental justice.

The EPA selected 14 communities in Massachusetts to receive 14 grants totaling \$8,740,000 in competitive EPA Brownfields funding through the Multipurpose, Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grant programs. Thanks to the historic boost from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, this is the largest funding ever awarded in the history of the EPA’s Brownfields MARC Grant programs.

In addition, the agency is announcing \$5,050,000 in non-competitive supplemental funding to two successful existing Revolving Loan Fund Grant programs to help expedite their continued work at sites in their area by extending the capacity of the

program to provide more funding for additional cleanups.

The Town of Ware has been selected to receive \$500,000 for a Brownfields Cleanup Grant.

Grant funds will be used to clean up the former Ware Manufactured Gas Plant located on Monroe Street, which is contaminated with cyanide, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, petroleum, and heavy metals. Grant funds also will be used to conduct community outreach and engagement activities.

“Congratulations to the 16 Massachusetts organizations who will receive these new Brownfields this year,” said EPA New England Regional Administrator David W. Cash. “Thanks to the Biden-Harris Administration, EPA will be making the single largest investment in Brownfields in history. This funding will revitalize communities across New England, and jump start economic redevelopment and job creation in many of New England’s hardest hit and

underserved communities.”

“I’m grateful to the EPA and the Biden-Harris administration for their significant investment in Massachusetts’ infrastructure. This unprecedented level of federal brownfields funding will help our administration partner with local communities and regional planning agencies to clean up polluted and contaminated properties that are often in environmental justice communities. Together, we can transform these sites for beneficial uses like housing and renewable energy generation,” said Massachusetts Gov. Maura Healey.

Thanks to the historic \$1.5 billion boost from President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, EPA’s Brownfields Program is helping more communities than ever before begin to address the economic, social, and environmental challenges caused by brownfields and stimulate economic opportunity, and environmental revitalization in historically overburdened communities.

Roland R. Kosla



GILBERTVILLE – A Military Graveside Service with Prayers of Committal for Roland R. Kosla will be held on Friday, June 30, 2023, at 10 a.m. in St. Aloysius Cemetery in Gilbertville. Roland passed away on March 8, 2018.



He was a United States Army, Vietnam War veteran. He served from Dec. 7, 1965, to Sept. 9, 1967, and was Honorably Discharged with the rank of SP4.

Roland received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and the Expert Rifle M-14 Badge. He was a member of the AMVETS, American Legion and the

VFW. Roland gave 34 years of service to the Town of Hardwick as a part time police officer and was employed by the Town of Hardwick, as an assistant operations manager for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Roland left behind his wife, Diann (Pierce) Kosla, his son Edward Kosla, and his grandchildren: Trevor, Dustin, Danilyn, Landon and Brayden.

Sadly, since he passed in 2018, his son, John, also passed away in 2019.

Cebula Funeral Home of Ware is directing the burial service. For more information and original obituary with guest book, please visit: www.cebulafuneralhome.com.

Death notices

Kosla, Roland R.
Died March 8, 2018
Services June 30, 2023

Styspeck, Ronald Frank
Died June 15, 2023
Services June 26, 2023

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Respiratory therapist Paul Fuller recognized with PHIL Award

PALMER – Baystate Wing Hospital announces the first ever Pulmonary Health and Illness of the Lungs Award was given to Paul Fuller, Respiratory Therapist who has provided care to Baystate Mary Lane and Baystate Wing Hospital patients for over 20 years.

According to a press release, Fuller was recognized for the outstanding care he provides to his patients throughout the Med/Surg Unit and in the Emergency Department at Baystate Wing, for his compassion and knowledge and for always having his patients’ best interest at the heart of all he does.

The PHIL Award is a nationally recognized hospital-based program that honors respiratory therapists who provide outstanding care and treatment for patients with life-threatening pulmonary illnesses.

It was created in 2006 by the family of Philip C. Lamka, who was diagnosed with interstitial lung disease and courageously battled his condition for three years. Their foundation, FACES, aims to give hope to patients facing life-threatening lung diseases,



(Courtesy Photo)

Shown from left to right: Shirley Carrington, interim director of Patient Care Services; Angela Perez, RN, Med/Surg Unit; Paul Fuller RT, Respiratory Therapist and PHIL Award Recipient; Cameron Tylek, RN, assistant nurse manager Med/Surg Unit; and Karli Barrett, vice president and Chief Nursing Officer/Chief Administrative Officer, Baystate Health Eastern Region.

while celebrating the respiratory therapists who bravely care for them.

In the spirit of the PHIL Award, the sculpture, “Appreciation,” was created. The sculptor, MK Shannon, adapted it for the PHIL Award.

The sole standing figure includes in its encircled arms a fully opened butterfly, recognizing the unfailing and often background support of a Respiratory Therapist, always looking for

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CAMPUS NOTES

QCC announces Dean’s and Merit Lists

WORCESTER – Quinsigamond Community College announces its spring 2023 semester Dean’s and Merit Lists.

Local students making the Dean’s List are: Luke Harmon of Ware, Melissa Lauzier of Ware and Andrew Edick 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 Ware, Daniel Peristere of Warren and Alexis Ring of Warren.

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THENCE westerly on line of land formerly of said Murphy to the east line of South Street;

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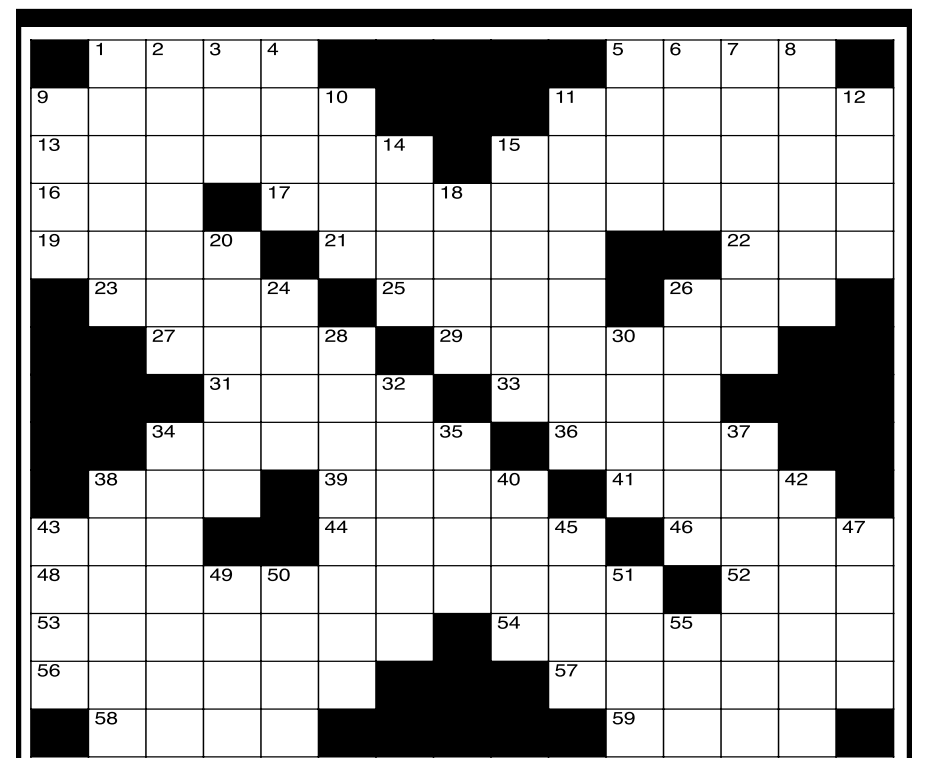
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1. Understand intuitively
5. Two of something
9. Not involving computer tech
11. Acclaimed
13. Undermine
15. The condition of being concealed or hidden
16. Irritate
17. The process of developing a theory
19. Ceramic jar
21. Not fresh
22. Dad’s fashion accessory
23. Popular review site
25. New Mexico county
26. ‘_’ death do us part
27. Fees
29. Takes with force

CLUES DOWN

1. Mangled
2. Ruffled some feathers
3. Not young
4. Lakers legend
5. Nocturnal S. American rodent
6. Direction (Scottish)
7. Intestinal inflammation
8. Spring back in fear
9. Owl genus
10. Girls
11. Unbeliefs
12. Force unit
14. Expired trade agreement
15. Went alone
18. Animal noises
20. Woman who graduated from a specific school
24. The very top

26. Organs in males
28. Earnings
30. Z Z Z
32. Reddish browns
34. A salt or ester of acetic acid
35. A place to get off your feet
37. More disreputable
38. Kidney condition
40. Cease moving
42. Quick
43. Extra seed covering
45. “Survivor: Panama” winner
47. Six
49. One who inspects lamps
50. Small parrot
51. Primordial matter of the universe
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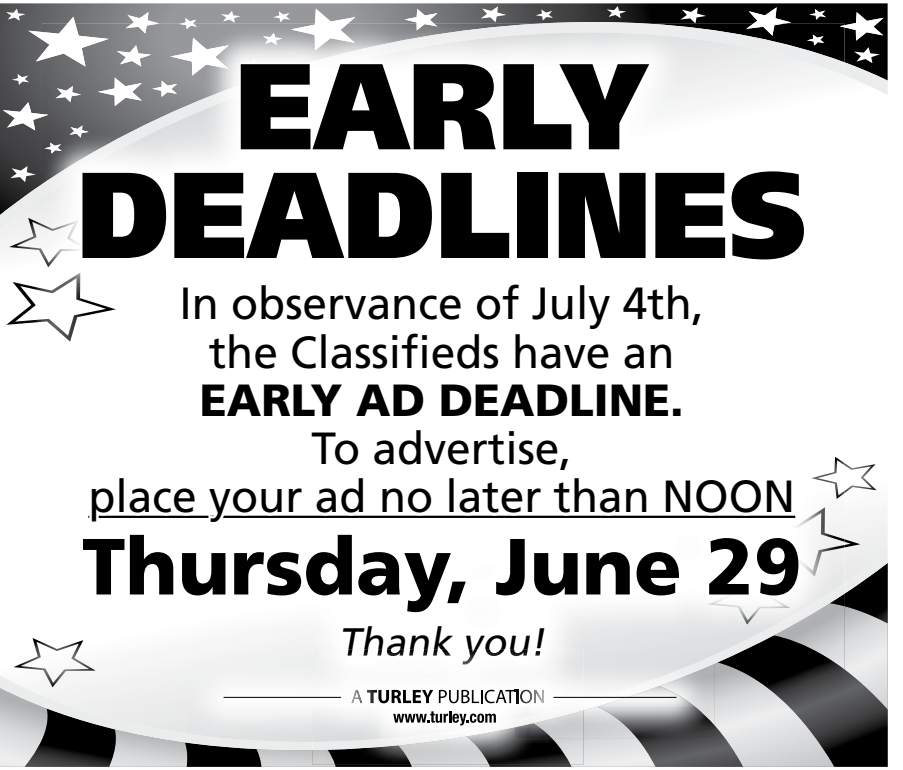
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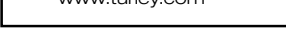

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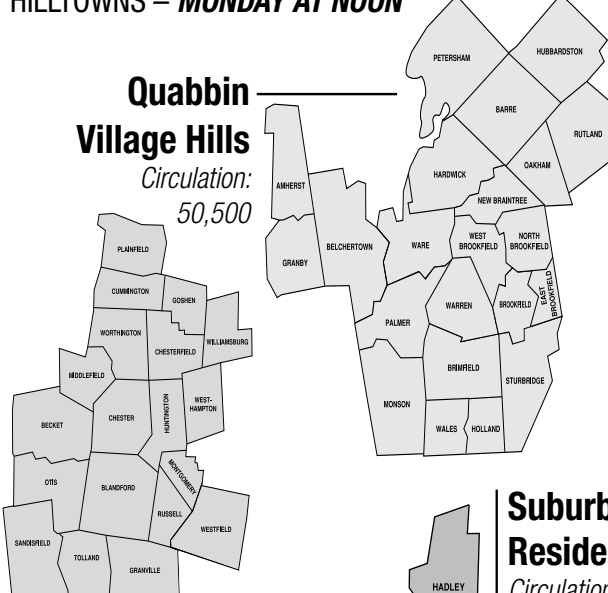
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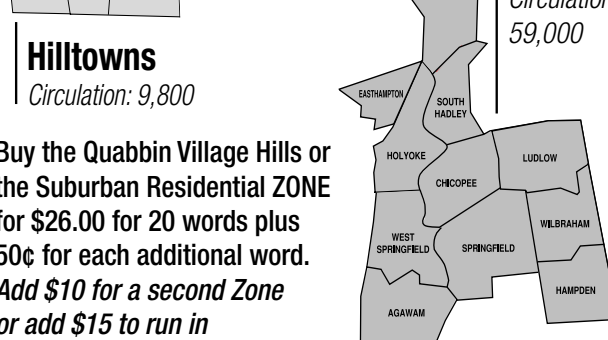
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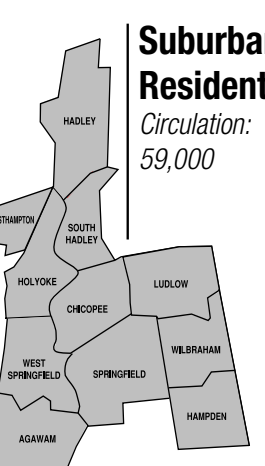
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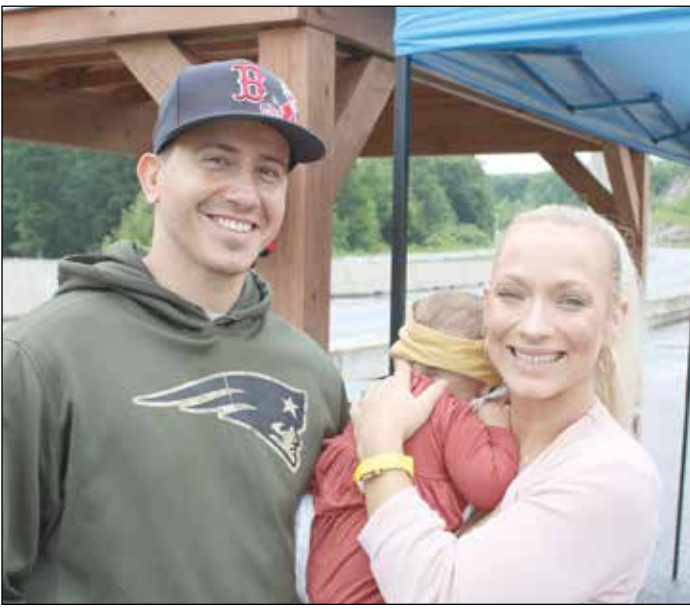
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Bruce Cordero and Rebecca Jackson pose with their daughter between laps on the track.



One of the drivers takes his turn as a passenger in Palmer Motorsports Park's Mustang



Mitchell Bourque of Brookfield was one of the drivers for the event. Bourque is an instructor at Palmer Motorsports Park.

RACE from page 1

The 2.3 mile track has several unique features, including a 190-foot vertical evaluation and some of the most breathtaking views in the northeast.

About 50 veterans showed up for the event, despite the weather, according to Race Cars for a Cause Founder and President Jeff Archambeault.

"In the first 45 minutes, we had 35 signed in," he said, with more continuing to arrive throughout the afternoon as skies cleared.

A total of 16 drivers volunteered their time and skills on the track, including many members of Palmer Motorsports Park. Porsche/Audi of Norwell also supplied cars and drivers for the event.

Dunkin' of Western MA was one hand with plenty of fuel to keep drivers and passengers going.

Attending Military Appreciation Day for the first time was Westfield veteran Bruce Cordero, who serves in the Air National Guard out of Barnes Air National Guard Base in Westfield.

Having served in the U.S. Air Force for 20 years, Cordero has spent eight years in the Air National Guard.

"I'm a lifer," he said.

Cordero said being on the track at Palmer Motorsports Park is like nothing he's ever been able to do before.

"To actively get out and be able to see the track as the drivers do, being able to experience it in a different way than being on the side," Cordero said.

Joining him was his girlfriend Rebecca Jackson, and their 7-month-old daughter, Myla. Jackson was also able to ride along on the track, as the event serves both veterans and their family members.

Cordero said his favorite car he rode in was a Mazda Miata, while Jackson said her favorite was the 2004 Subaru STI owned and driven by Brookfield resident Mitchell Bourque.

Bourque is an instructor at Palmer Motorsports Park, and the STI is his daily driver, but it's also seen a lot of action on racetracks.

"This car has seen every track in New England," Bourque said.

This was his first year driving at Military Appreciation Day and something he enjoyed doing.

"It's just awesome that I can give back...these guys did things I never did," Bourque said.

West Brookfield U.S. Air Force veteran Ryan Quigley said Bourque's car was his favorite ride of the day and he talked about how important this event was for him.

"It's great...it's nice to have something like this to meet other veterans," Quigley said. "It means a lot."

About Race Cars for a Cause

Race Cars for a Cause was founded by Archambeault in 2015, and has already served close to 600 veterans, active military and their families at its events. Race Cars for a Cause is a nonprofit dedicated to helping veterans and active military.

Held at racetracks all over New England, the Military Appreciation Day in Palmer is their biggest event of the year.

For more information, visit cars4acause.co, email jeffgt3@cars4acause.co or call 855-346-7223.



Veterans signed this tire at the event. *Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette*



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