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A slice of history

Cake picnic featured during Historical Day

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WARE – The Historical Commission held a cake picnic this past Sunday during Historical Day as part of celebrating the

nation's 250th birthday.

This picnic featured cakes made by community members with some featuring historic references and designs inspired by the history of the U.S. and its incredible milestone as it reaches 250 years old this year.

As part of the cake picnic, visitors grabbed a voting card and selected cakes

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Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

The cake picnic at the Historical Day held on July 26 was well attended and guests grabbed some to-go boxes to take a slice of each cake.



Ware celebrates first ever Olde Home Day

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WARE – The first ever Ware Olde Home Day took place this past Saturday at Grenville Park.

This celebration was the start of the U.S. 250th Celebration Week in town organized by the 250th U.S. Celebration Committee. The

committee had a booth set up with merchandise information regarding upcoming events as part of the weeklong celebration.

Nicole Croteau of the 250th Committee said this was the first Ware Olde Home Day celebration.

"A fun filled day," Croteau said.

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Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

Above, Kids and adults participated in a sack race. Right, Kohen, 10, finished in third place in the children's pie eating contest.



Time capsule from 1961 revealed

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WARE – As part of the town's U.S. 250th Celebration Week, the Historical Commission opened a time capsule from 1961 in the Town Hall.

This was the Mary Lane Hospital/Gilbert Building time capsule that was placed in the wall behind the cornerstone, back in the 1960s. The actual time capsule was

put on display alongside items connected to the historic dedication ceremony.

The display featured an original invitation card to the ceremony back in 1961 and the gold shovel.

The same table also featured a poster

with a write up called "History of Town Meeting in Ware", by Kathleen H. Coulombe. This piece talked about the foundation of democracy in the Town of Ware and in the American

Revolution.

The earliest settlement in Ware is recorded to be around 1725. According to Arthur Chase's History of Ware (1911), Ware became a precinct, referred to as the Ware River. The precinct would soon be incor-

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Turley Staff Photo

The time capsule was on display during Historical Day at the Ware Town Hall.

Ready, set, sew!

Sewing classes offered at Trinity Episcopal Church

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WARE – About a dozen people joined the first sewing class offered at Trinity Episcopal Church last week, led by instructor Sandy Ulen with assistance from Loanne Flynn, Barbara Newton, Christine Jeffery and Suzanne Chagnon.

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Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

Barbara Newton helped Abbie use her sewing machine.



Schedule of Events

★ 5 to 8 p.m. Family Fun Zone,
Includes Bounce Houses, Obstacle Course, Dunk Tank

★ Face Painting, RockWall and MORE!!!!
All activities are free!

★ 5 to 6 p.m. Torie Jock & Damage Control 🎵

★ 7 to 8:30 p.m. Concert By Charlie Lask & Forever Diamond 🎵

★ 8:45 p.m. Donna Lee Honeywell - National Anthem & more 🎵

★ 9 p.m. Fireworks Spectacular

Concession Stand, Food Trucks, Kettle Corn and More!

For more information,
contact Dan Flynn at 413-297-5886
or Dustin Pennington at 413-813-7328

Ware
Fireworks
Spectacular
and Family Fun!!!
Saturday,
August 1st

Ware Public School Campus
237 West St., Gates open 5 p.m.

Rain date Sunday, August 2nd

RULES

No alcohol
No smoking or smoking products
No animals except for service animals
No chairs on football field
Bags /coolers may be checked

SPORTS

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Quabbin area Little League competes in 12U playoffs

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BARRE – Nine of the 13 players on the Quabbin Area 12U Little League AllStar roster are headed for the full-size baseball diamond next spring.

Even with two losses in the state sectional tournament, Quabbin walked away with moments the players and coaches won't soon forget.

Because neither Leominster nor Athol/Orange were able to field All-Star teams, the District 3 tournament wasn't held this year. Quabbin automatically advanced into the sectional tournament for the first time as the District 3 representative.

"We didn't get to compete in the District 3 tournament, but I think we have enough talented players to win it. We've been building to get to this point during the past couple of years," said Quabbin manager Matt LaPointe. "We received our championship banner a couple of days ago. We took a team picture with the banner before tonight's game. We hosted a sectional state

tournament game for the first time and I'm very proud of these kids."

Quabbin hosted Holden at Felton Field in a first round game of the double-elimination tournament on July 22.

Holden, who scored four runs in the top of the first inning, celebrated a 6-0 victory.

One of Quabbin's 12-year-old players is Richie Valcourt, who was the starting pitcher against Holden.

After allowing four runs on five hits in the opening frame, the righthander only allowed two runs (one earned) on seven hits during the final six innings he was standing on the mound. He struck out two.

"They're just a powerhouse team and they were able to take the lead in the first inning," LaPointe said. "I thought Richie did a fantastic job of keeping them off balance after the first inning. We also made a couple of very nice plays defensively."

Following the game, Valcourt, who's been playing baseball since the third grade, talked about playing in the state sectional tournament for the first time.

Turley photos
by Gregory
A. Scibelli



Deklan Sampson throws back to the infield after making a play.

Above, Dylan Mace makes a throw to third. Left, Jake Pimental hustles for first base after making contact.

"We're a very good team and it's very exciting playing in this tournament for the first time," he said. "I was nervous before the start of the game. I'm excited to be moving up to the bigger field next year, but it's going to be challenging."

The other 12-year-olds listed on the Quabbin All-Star roster are Clayton Cranston, Noah Currier, Lukas Lance, Michael Leslie, Dylan Mace, Hunter Mitus, Deklan Sampson, and Mateo Serra.

The other four members of the squad were Jack Bowen Murphy LaPointe, Jake Pimental, and Lukas Valcourt, who's the only ten



Hunter Mitus fouls off a pitch.



Richie Valcourt fires home with a pitch.



Turley photos by David Henry
Ally Fleury heads up the field.

Here for Beer earns first-round bye

SOUTH HADLEY – Here for Beer, a women's soccer team in the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League featuring women from all over the region, has continued to have successful summer campaigns.

They have earned the No. 1 seed in this year's playoffs. With that, they have a first-round bye to the semifinals.

If they get past their semifinal opponent, they would play in the finals on Friday, July 31 at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow.



Martine Worrall-Turgeon guides the ball near midfield



Rachel McKenna dribbles near the sideline.



Jake Jachym sends a ball to homeplate for the Bankers.



Tre Yesu, of Monson, fires home for St. Joe's.

Saints beat rival Bankers

HOLYOKE – Last Thursday night, the pennant race stepped up with rivals PeoplesBank and St. Joe's matching up at Mackenzie Stadium. While PeoplesBank trailed early in the game, they nearly came all the way back, but St. Joe's prevailed 9-7. The playoffs are on the horizon in the league with St. Joe's and PeoplesBank likely drawing top seeds for the six-team playoffs.