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Board reviews warrant articles

By Paula Ouimette Editor pouimette@turley.com

HARDWICK - The Select Board reviewed warrant articles for the annual town meeting, to be held on Saturday, June 8 at 9 a.m. at Hardwick Elementary School, 76 School House Drive.

At the May 20 Select Board meeting, Town Administrator Nicole Parker said articles 1-14 were standard and that article 15 was a citizen's petition, asking to allocate \$8,000 from undetermined sources to the salary line of the Gilbertville Public Library.

Parker said she has reached out to town counsel for guidance, and said while it is illegal to fund private businesses, the library is free and open to the public. She added that the library does not submit its financial statements to the town, nor does it circulate materials to other libraries.

Parker said a previous audit had stopped the funding for the salary, but the town continues to fund the operating budget.

"I don't think it's good practice, but if it goes to a vote...we need to be able to fund it," Chair

Kelly Kemp said. Article 16 will clarify the structure of the Capital Planning Committee, to be comprised of seven members including one member of the Select

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The Literacy Project



The Literacy Project's high school equivalency graduates from the 2023-2024 academic year are shown front row from left, Tristyn Guertin and Emma McKee. Back row from left are Sean Littmann, Leah Dupuis,

By Paula Ouimette Editor

Alexis Kendall Del Rosario, Kelly St. Hilaire and Karen Coughlin.

pouimette@turley.com WARE - For the third year,

graduates of The Literacy Project who earned their high school equivalency degree were celebrated by their educators, community members, family and friends at Grenville Park.

On May 18, seven graduates received their certificates and had a chance to reflect back on their individual journeys.

Site Director RJ Ferullo said the students before him on the stage that day, had to pave their own way to those seats.

"That preestablished path was not there for them to follow," he

said, referring to the traditional high school experience. "Our program is designed to meet students where they are...we try to go

beyond teaching to the test."
Ferullo said this included getting out of the classroom (which is both online and in-person at The Literacy Project's West Main Street location) and exploring the world around them - from walks at the Ouabbin Reservoir, to visits to an art museum. They even watched instructor Andrew Roberts show off his sword skills during a perfor-

mance at UMass Amherst. "We hope that our teaching impacts the students," Ferullo said. 'We are thankful to be part of your journey."

Student speaker Leah Dupuis

said this day marked a significant milestone, not only in her journey, but for her fellow graduates as

"We've all been challenged to think critically, and embrace diversity and inclusion," Dupuis said.

She encouraged the graduates to remember the skills they have learned, both in class and while bonding over games of Wordle.

"Embrace the experience that comes your way. Let us carry with us the values and the principles instilled in us and strive to make a positive difference," she said.

For graduate Kelly St. Hilaire, her journey to graduation was 30 years in the making.

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ILITARY opreciation Day



Martha Cobb-Kelly stands next to one of the cars that service members and law enforcement personnel were able to ride along in during Military Appreciation Day at Palmer Motorsports Park this past Saturday.

Palmer Motorsports Park gives back to those who serve

By Paula Ouimette

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PALMER - Giving back to those who serve their country and protect our freedom is something that staff and club members at Palmer Motorsports Park look forward to every year.

This past Saturday, 152 veterans, service members, law enforcement personnel and their family and friends, made their way up to the Whiskey Hill track, to enjoy riding passenger-side in a variety of cars driven by a crew of volunteers.

"This is our gift back," PMP Club Director Al Sandy said of the annual event.

This is the seventh year that PMP has teamed up with Race Cars for a Cause, a nonprofit organization founded in 2015 by Jeff

Archambeault, dedicated to helping veterans and active military. PMP club members and instructors also donated their time and cars for the event.

This year's event fell on Armed Forces Day, which made Sandy reflect on his memories of his own father, and the gratitude he feels toward those who serve.

As he pinned his father's prop and wings to his lapel, he remembered how his father used to prepare for every patriotic event; carefully laying his uniform out the night before.

"He was so proud to be a veteran," Sandy said.

Veterans came from across New England, with some visiting Palmer and surrounding towns for the first time in their lives.

Martha Cobb-Kelly of Carver served over two decades in the U.S. Army, and decided to skip a scheduled motorcycle club ride to attend Military Appreciation Day and fulfill a childhood dream.

"I always wanted to be a racecar driver," Cobb-Kelly said.

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A group of attendees posed for a photo at the Community Watershed Celebration held at Hillside Village

Watershed celebration engages community

Staff Report

WARE - On Saturday, May 18, a Community Watershed Celebration was held at Hillside Village.

The celebration, hosted by a group of community partners, was spearheaded by the town's Planning and Development Department and the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

The project is focused on Barrens Restoration at Muddy Brook Wildlife Management Area in Hardwick.

The overall size of the area is 2,498 acres of which 1,937 acres are Wildlife Management Area and 561 acres of Wildlife Conservation Easement. The potential size of restoration area is approximately 950 acres with 515 acres currently being restored.

"The goal of today's event was to begin closing the gaps in social equity gaps by ensuring that the people and communities experiencing the greatest climate risks are informed, can help guide, and

define climate resilience solutions that meet the specific needs of their communities," said Angela Panaccione, Senior Planner with the PVPC.

The watershed celebration was a public event to provide an outdoor day of engagement highlighting the current watershed-based planning effort the town of Ware has undertaken to preserve the health of the muddy Brook Watershed. The location of Hillside Village was cho-

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Educators go 'Above and Beyond'

By Karen A. Lewis Correspondent

BARRE - Going above and beyond is nothing new for Quabbin Regional teacher Lizz Mallett, who embraces her role as the Therapeutic Classroom Special Education Teacher for middle and high school students.

"My goal is to help students learn how to be independent learners who know how to advocate for themselves and understand

their strengths and weaknesses," said Mallett, who along with over two dozen other Quabbin educators and staff were recognized on May 8 when the Quabbin Special Education Parent Advisory Council presented their 8th Annual Above and Beyond Awards.

"We hope the staff members who receive these awards feel special and rewarded for all their hard work during the school year," said SEPAC Committee Chair Stephanie Uguccioni. "Oftentimes, students might not be able to express just how much of a difference QRSD staff members have made in their education and lives. We believe this award speaks volumes."

All parents of students in the Quabbin District were given the opportunity to nominate Quabbin staff who they felt excelled beyond the daily job expectation, when a district wide email survey was sent out at the beginning of April.

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Ware Lions have first ever golf tournament

By Ryan Drago Staff Writer rdrago@turley.com

HARDWICK - The Ware Lions hosted a 9-hole golf tournament at the Hardwick Crossing Country Club in Gilbertville.

This was the very first golf tournament hosted by the Ware Lions Club. The tournament is an effort to raise money for the Ware Lions Scholarship Fund.

Ware Lions Club is part of Lions Club International. The club works in community services and volunteer work.

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Memorial Day Tribute Honoring All Who Served and

Remembering Those Who Made the Ultimate Sacrifice



Memorial Day ceremonies and events

Sunday, May 26

WARREN

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

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

WARE

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

No registration required and the public is

Like communities across the United States, the towns of the Swift River Valley commemorated their war dead each year on Memorial Day until the towns' demise in 1938. Since 1947, Quabbin Park Cemetery has been the center of Memorial Day services for the four

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

The Betty Allen Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution in collaboration with the Duxbury Chapter of the NSDAR is honored to take part in the Memorial Day Services conducted by the Veterans Council of Belchertown with support

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from Friends of Quabbin, Inc. and Department of Conservation & Recreation.

These DAR Chapters have a special part in this year's Memorial Day Services and will honor Revolutionary War patriots interred at Quabbin Park Cemetery by placing special markers. This year's event is part of the nationwide commemorative celebrations as we approach the 250th anniversary of America's founding.

The Ware Historical Society will present the annual Ware Remembers Ceremony at 6 p.m. at the Ware Center Meeting House.

This lovely and moving ceremony, at the first town hall and the first church in Ware, will be held on Memorial Day weekend to honor loved ones, military and civilian, residents from Ware and elsewhere, living and deceased.

HARDWICK

The town will observe Memorial Day throughout the various villages.

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

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

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

The ceremony will then continue to Gilbertville, meeting at St. Aloysius cemetery, Upper Church Street at approximately 11 a.m., ending at the World War I memorial, Route 32, Main Street around 11:30 a.m.

Monday, May 27

WARE

The parade will line-up at 12:30 p.m. at the American Legion hall, 45 Maple St., and step-off at 1 p.m. The parade will proceed to Veterans Park on Main Street for a ceremony.

Following the ceremony, parade participants are invited to return to the American Legion for a luncheon.

Veterans eat lunch free at Ware Senior Center

WARE – Beginning June 3, 2024, through May 31, 2025, veterans of the U.S. armed services can enjoy a homemade lunch for free at the Ware Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road.

This meals are provided by the generosity of former Ware Selectboard member John Morrin, the Ware Veteran Fund and the Ware Veterans Carnival.

Morrin explained his intentions in the following statement:

When I created the carnival, I decided to also create the Ware Veteran Fund to use the proceeds of the carnival to benefit the veterans of Ware. What better way to recognize and thank our older veterans than providing lunch for them in a welcoming place like the Senior Center," he said.

John Zienowicz Executive Director of the Ware Council on Aging said, "Knowing that the Town of Ware has such a large veteran population it is really exciting to know we can provide a lunch for all of them for all that they have done for us. On behalf of the Ware Council on Aging, I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to Mr. Morrin and the outstanding work he has done for our veteran community. We look forward to the next year with great enthusiasm."

For veterans to take advantage of this offer they must call the Ware Senior Center 413-967-9645 by noon the business day before they wish to come for lunch and place their name on the list. Meals are served daily, Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m.-

Menus and more information are available on the Council on Aging page of townofware.com or by stopping by the Ware Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Route 9 bridge dedication is May 26

BELCHERTOWN - The unveiling of the SPC Kenneth J. Iwasinski Memorial Bridge will be held on Sunday, May 26 at 5 p.m.

The bridge is located on Route 9 between Belchertown and Ware.

The ceremony will be held at the Quabbin Visitor Center at 100 Winsor Dam Road in Belchertown with state Senators Jake Oliveira and Peter Durant, state Reps. Aaron Saunders and Todd Smola and Belchertown Veterans' Agent Charly Oliva.

Kenneth was a resident of Belchertown and was Killed in Action in Baghdad, Iraq in 2007. He is laid to rest in Belchertown at South Cemetery.



SPC Kenneth J. Iwasinski



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'Ware Remembers' ceremony this Sunday

WARE – Bring your lawn chairs and join the Ware Historical Society, Veterans of Ware, Boy Scout Troop 281, and Ware TV on Memorial Day weekend when they present the 14th annual Ware Remembers.

The ceremony and the reading of names will take place in front of the Ware Center Meeting House on Sunday, May 26 at 6 p.m. behind a field of American flags placed on the historic Meeting House green where militia practiced for the Revolutionary War.

Be a part of Ware's history and a very special honor ceremony. For more information, leave a call back

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Veterans Inc. is a New England-wide organization the works to con-



Veterans were able to enjoy laps around the track in a number of different vehicles.



This BMW was a popular car last Saturday.



A member of Race Cars for a Cause talks with one of the drivers



Steven Richard, Steve Richard and Sean Ryll represented Race Cars for a Cause. The organization worked with Palmer Motorsports Park to give veterans the thrill of a lifetime.

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Originally from the Dominican Republic, Cobb-Kelly move to the U.S. and served 22 years, nine months and seven days in the military, even serving one tour in Iraq.

"It was very stressful," Cobb-Kelly said of that time. She added that she wanted to go back for another tour with her unit, but her mother didn't want her to go back.

Cobb-Kelly had already taken several laps around the track - in a Porsche, Subaru and a Mustang. While she enjoyed each experience, she said "there's nothing like a Mustang.'

Peter Selig of the Boston area was joined by his friends, Dawrin Geraldo and Mohamed Fofana, for his first Military Appreciation Day, as well.

Selig has served in the U.S. Army for two years and was waiting for a turn to ride in a blue BMW, after having lapped the mountain in several other BMWs.

Attending this event brought Selig closer to other servicemembers, and made him feel included. "It's just like you're recog-

nized," he said. Being in the military means that servicemembers spend a lot of time

with each other, and away from their families and support back home. This creates a bond that ties each and every veteran together.

"You feel like you're part of something," Selig said. "Getting to be around other military members, we can all relate.'

Military Appreciation Day also gives veterans a chance to meet with various representative from organizations that work to support military members and their fami-



Dustin Ruby, Chicopee's Deputy Veterans Service Officer and Tina Brohman, Palmer and Monson's Veterans Service Officer, were on hand to provide information about Western Massachusetts Veterans' Service Officers Association and its services and opportunities for veterans and their families.

Representing the Western Massachusetts Veterans' Service Officers Association were Chicopee Deputy Veterans Service Officer Dustin Ruby and Palmer and Monson Veterans Service Officer Tina Brohman.

Both Ruby and Brohman work closely with the veterans in their communities, and other organiza-

Christian DiLuzio of Veterans Inc. said all of the organizations rely on each other to offer the best outcome they can for each individual veteran.

"We all work together, we all cooperate with each other," he said. Palmer-based HomeFront Strong was represented by its new

Casineau, a U.S. Air Force veteran. Military Appreciation Day was made possible with support from

Chief Program Officer, Melanie



HomeFront Strong's new Chief Program Officer, Melanie Casineau, enjoyed her first event at Palmer Motorsports Park.

U.S. Army veteran Peter Selig, left, enjoyed Military Appreciation Day



sponsors Stonewall Insurance Group Inc. and Dunkin'.

About Palmer Motorsports Park

Palmer Motorsports Park has been rated "One of the top 10 road courses in North America" by Road & Track Magazine. Its unique setting and challenging road course draw club members and visitors from New England and beyond for racing, research, recreational, and business-related activities.

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GUEST COLUMN

Life Together

April is time to raise awareness of the disease of alcoholism.

Some deny it is a disease, and say it is a matter of choice, the will to not drink. Alcoholics Anonymous is one of the most effective means of recovery.

In the conversation about alcoholism, we tend to focus upon the individual. But consideration needs to include the family and friends who are drawn into the vortex of self-destructive behavior.

Denial is very powerful, and some say we need to wait till the person "hits bottom," so they realize they have a problem. For some, intervention is the means by which we can push the bottom up; to face the reality of how powerless we are to the desire to drink.

But, too often we fail to understand the family dynamics and the effect upon Adult Children of Alcoholics.

As an Adult Child, I have spent many days over the past 50 years getting help and I have worked with groups of Adult Children as we share our "recovery" within the family system of addiction. We Adult Children of Alcoholics have our own

We may totally abstain from drinking, and that too is testimony to the power of the disease; we just decide not to touch it. Or, the pattern of use and abuse of alcohol is a seed planted within the family system, and often the child will follow the pattern of the addicted parent.

It is a progressive disease.

An excellent paperback book entitled, "Following the Yellow Brick Road", by Joy Miller and Marianne Ripper, uses the story of the Wizard of Oz, to describe the dysfunctional traits and the survival skills of the Adult Child of Alcoholism.

There are negative outcomes which impact our sense of self-worth, our ability to engage in trusting and intimate relationships, and deal with the anger buried deep within us. Fear and paranoia often damage otherwise functional relationships.

In their book, the authors show the negative and positive outcomes when Adult Children face their vulnerability and lay claim to that which heals and enables recovery. As one person said, everyone is recovering from something.

If you are having difficulty in relationships, and are an Adult Child of Alcoholics, seek support through individual therapy and better yet, a group for ACOA. Find a group with an experienced leader, and research materials, such as the book I recommend, and embrace your deficits and assets.

Know you are not alone.

Rev. Dr. Randy Wilburn Minister, Therapist, Consultant

Life Together is written by Rev. Dr. Randall K. Wilburn. With over 54 years as a parish minister, Wilburn is also an experienced marriage and family counselor. Life Together will deal with topics such as stress, grief, anxiety, healing and hope.

USACE reminds visitors to practice water safety

As millions of Americans plan visits to our nation's lakes and rivers, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District reminds visitors of the importance of practicing safe, sensible, and thoughtful activities in, on and around open water.

Tragically, people lose their lives while visiting USACE-managed lands and waters every year. Most of the tragedies are water

The public's help is needed to reduce the number of fatalities at the more than 400 USACE-managed lakes and river projects nationwide. USACE personnel stress the importance of water safety year-round when talking with visitors, but especially during the summer season because that is when most public recreation fatalities occur.

People of all ages are strongly encouraged to practice water safety this summer.

Before entering or being around open water (lakes, rivers, ponds, etc.), keep these things in mind because they could save your life or the life of someone you care about.

Expect the unexpected – Accidents can happen within seconds, so always be prepared for the unexpected. If you are ejected from a boat, fall, or jump into water that is colder than 70 degrees, you can inhale water from involuntary gasping, hyperventilation, panic, and sometimes vertigo that can cause you to drown. You can also be knocked unconscious if you are ejected from a boat or fall into the water from the shoreline while fishing.

Wear a life jacket - By providing time to be rescued, it will help ensure you survive an unexpected fall into the water. It can also save your life if you become exhausted due to fatigue, waves, or current while swimming. An adult can drown in 60 seconds, and it takes a strong swimmer 10

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Three of the eight areas of incompletion

There is a lot going on in my yard. That is a true statement.

Every fall I say I am going to be smarter about what I take on and then spring hits and I am obsessed with gardening. It is all I think about, and it has been this way since I was a

I guess I could get myself into worse trou-

Presently I am adding to the front border, redefining a perennial garden, making a permanent spot for dahlias, and waking up the raised beds and vegetable garden. Read on for a taste of what I've been up to.

I'd been on the hunt for a Pink Flowering Dogwood; and this year, because I wanted one, I seemingly saw them everywhere. What a year for the dogwoods!

My husband determined that said tree would be my Mother's Day gift if only we could find one. I made the acquisition early last week and had it planted in the front border within hours.

Cornus 'Rutger's Stellar' is a hardy, disease and borer resistant hybrid, with gorgeous

To plant the tree, I dug a hole bigger than the rootball and amended with nearby soil mixed with moist peat moss. I planted it at the

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same depth it was in its pot and I'll be careful not to let mulch build up around the trunk.

Now, what can I add to the part sun understory? Astilbe? Japanese painted fern? Hostas? Hmmm. Much to think about in terms of texture and color.

I have lots of perennial gardens here and there. There is a big one in my front yard, left from the original blueprint of the previous

For some reason it was made deep, very deep. Half of this bed is backed by a stone retaining wall, the other half by a white picket fence. I'd like to narrow it up a bit, only keeping a couple of specimen plants and some edgers on the side with the picket fence.

I have one gorgeous Peony plant seems incredibly happy there. It is staked in an extra large tomato cage and for the most part it's doing the trick to hold up what appears to be dozens of potential heavy blossoms.

To use the cage I had to put it in place when the plant was emerging from the soil to do so now would be disastrous!

If you need to stake your peony and haven't yet, try this method. Insert bamboo or wooden stakes into the ground on the outer edge of the plant to three-quarters of its height. Run two rows of twine or jute at one third and two thirds up the stakes, respective-

Simply start by tying a knot on one stake, wrapping around the next and tightening as you go. If green bamboo and jute are used the staking will hardly be visible, especially if you don't tighten so much that it looks unnat-

The search goes on for exactly what plants will finish up that half of the bed.

Dahlias will make their home in the other half. My collection is still fairly small – I think I have seven varieties, but I can feel the fever building.

They are just such an amazing group of plants in so many gorgeous color variations

get them in the ground.

Plant dahlias in full sun, in fertile soil amended sparingly with compost and organic fertilizers. Most tubers are planted about 3 inches deep and 1 to 3 feet away from one another, depending on plant size.

plants will help keep diseases at bay.

Most gardeners install a stake at planting time and attach the dahlia to it as it grows, beginning when it is a foot tall. Subsequent ties are made every 18 inches or so depending on variety.

will likely topple in the wind and rain, sometimes taking a good portion of the plant with

Pinching dahlias is another good practice. When the plant has three sets of leaves gently remove its growth tip. This will encourage more branching and inevitably more flowers.

Once blooming starts it is important to cut away spent blooms on a regular basis; tubers will grow stronger because of it. Dahlias thrive on sufficient moisture, especially since they are shallow rooted.

Furnish them with one inch per week during active growth.

the gist of my adventures. Chances are you have your own as well. Enjoy now; they'll be time to sit later.

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.

and sizes. From teenie pom-poms to "dinner plate" and every size in between, I am in awe. It's exciting to finally have an area devoted entirely to my collection and I can't wait to

Providing enough air circulation between

Without the use of stakes, large flowers

Well, there is more incomplete, but you get

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the

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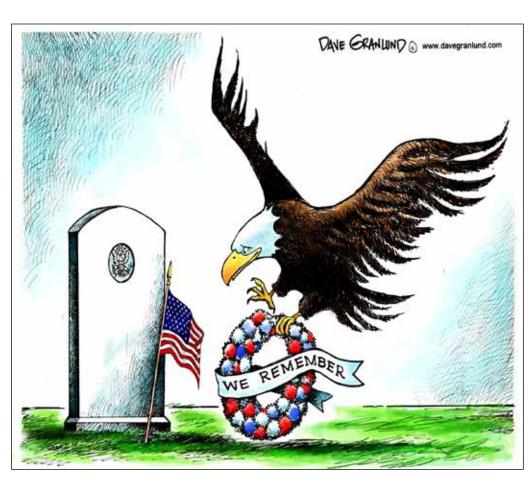
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Medicare increase results in loss of Social Security benefits

By Russell Gloor

Dear Rusty:

My wife and I have taken a Social Security "Cut," no 3.2% raise for us, due to something called Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount, based on our income.

We actually took, together, a \$400 a month cut. As far as I can tell from what they told me, we are means tested and were too successful, so our Medicare premiums were much higher, which resulted in our reduced Social Security for 2024. Have you sorted this out? And, if so, can I appeal this disgusting situation?

Signed: Baffled Senior

Dear Baffled:

We're very familiar with the Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount, not so affectionately called "IRMAA." IRMAA catches many Social Security beneficiaries by surprise, not only higher earners such as you, but also those who make large withdrawals from a tax-deferred account, who sell property, or who have any other kind of sudden large bump in their taxable income.

Essentially, if your income is over certain thresholds for your IRS filing status, you pay a higher IRMAA premium for your Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient services) and your Part D (prescription drug coverage). Since your Medicare premium is automatically deducted from your Social Security payment, your net monthly Social Security payment

Any COLA added to your Social Security benefit is often consumed by an IRMAA increase to your Medicare premiums. To further complicate matters, your Medicare premium for the current year is determined by your income from two years prior, which means your 2024 Medicare premiums were determined by your 2022 income.

The IRMAA thresholds are different depending on your income tax filing status, but assuming you file your taxes as married/ jointly, your combined 2022 income had to be more than \$206,000 to cause IRMAA to apply in 2024. With income between \$206,000 and \$258,000, each of your Part B premiums would be \$244.60 instead of the standard \$174.70 and your Part D premium, if you have Part D, would incur another \$12.90 on top of your regular Part D premium amount.

IRMAA premiums further increase on a sliding scale and those with income of \$750,000 or more would pay a maximum Medicare Part B premium of \$584/month and would incur another \$81 per month added to their normal Part D premium. Thus, as you have noted, Medicare premiums are, indeed, "means-tested."

Can you appeal "this disgusting situation?" Well, you can always appeal any Social Security determination, but appealing IRMAA will only be successful if you can prove that the income they used to determine your 2024 Medicare premium was incorrect or if you can convince them to use a more recent year with a lower income to calculate

your Medicare premium. If you believe you can be successful, you should call Social Security (1-800-772-1213) to formally appeal the IRMAA premium, or you can submit form SSA-44 to appeal based

on a "life-changing event." I know that understanding how IRMAA works won't soften your dismay, but I can only explain the rules and how they work. Your 3.2% COLA increase for 2024 was used to offset some of the IRMAA Medicare premium increase caused by your higher income and it is IRMAA which caused your net Social Security payment to go down.

FYI, your Medicare premiums are recalculated each year, so if your income goes down to below the IRMAA threshold for your tax filing status, then your Medicare premium will revert to the standard amount for each

I hope this clarifies why your Social Security payments went down and why you didn't see your COLA increase, but the AMAC Foundation is always available to answer any questions you may have about Social Security.

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Planning Board approves amended decision with Copart

By Ryan Drago Staff Writer rdrago@turley.com

WARREN - The Planning Board had a public remand hearing during their May 13 meeting.

The public remand hearing was on the Special Permit and Site Plan Approval applications that were filed by Copart of Connecticut, Inc., a company based out of Dallas, Texas. The applications proposed an extension of the preexisting nonconforming automobile junkyard and salvage use, which includes storage of scrap and junk vehicles and

This junk and salvage yard is located at 600 Old West Warren Road. The owner of the said land is Copart of Connecticut, Inc.

The Warren Planning Board previously voted to grant the applications with conditions of approval. The decision was filed with the Town Clerk on Dec. 15,

Pursuant to an agreement between Copart of Connecticut, Inc, and the Town of Warren, and in accordance with the the requirements of Mass. General Laws, Chapter 40A, Sec. 17, the Planning Board had agreed to hold a future public hearing on the applications for the purpose of issuing an amended decision.

Special Town Counsel David McCay was in attendance via Zoom to provide an overview of the hearing on the amended decision. This remand on the decision from 2021 has gone through

WE'RE SATISFIED WITH THE **CONDITIONS** AS THEY READ."

DAVID BERSON COPART OF CONNECTICUT, INC

a series of negotiations, peer reviews and mainly revised permit conditions for the applicant, Copart of Connecticut, Inc.

These negotiations and revision of permit conditions were between the applicant and the town of Warren.

McCay said one of the revisions involved groundwater monitoring. McCay suggested that the Planning Board consider and review the amended special permit and amended decision.

According to McCay, Copart's main issues with the negotiations between them and the town of Warren was the environmental and groundwater conditions of the permit they applied for.

"Copart is accurate in saying the primary issues in the negotiations between the parties was the groundwater to monitoring and environmental conditions of the permit," McCay said.

After a series of negotiations and revisions, Copart is agreeable to the conditions and the amended

Representing Copart and in attendance at the Planning Board meeting was David Berson. Berson followed up on McCay's comment and says Copart is in agreement with the new conditions of the amended decision.

"We're satisfied with the conditions as they read," Berson said.

Prior to closing the public hearing and the vote to approve the amended decision, the Planning Board allowed questions, comments and concerns from the public to speak on the

One resident on Zoom commented and believed this amended decision took way too long and was unnecessary. In addition, the resident believed that litigation was not needed.

The resident also thought this situation exemplifies the idea of the board not welcoming new businesses in town.

The resident would go on to ask how many orders of conditions are in place. Members of the Planning Board replied and said there are 57 orders of conditions. The resident had thought that maybe that amount is too high and alienates the possibility of a business wanting to open in Warren and instead locates to neighboring towns.

The Planning Board then closed the public hearing and began to vote on the motion to approve the amended decision and settlement agreement and would then grant the special permit. The motion passed unanimously.

BOH reviews annual fee costs

By Ryan Drago Staff Writer rdrago@turley.com

WARREN - The Board of Health discussed and reviewed costs for certain food permits and food service functions.

Food sanitation oversight is one of the most important activities of the Warren Health Department because of the potential for serious food-borne illness. The town has several food service establishments, including retail food stores, restaurants, seasonal farm stands, bars, bakeries, and schools.

Two inspections are done at each establishment each year, more if compliance issues are found or suspected. Temporary food service events add additional inspections each year.

The fee schedule was discussed along with the town inspector, Tricia Valiton. An annual food permit is \$120, but there are some food establishments that operate with a seasonal or semi-annual per-

Prior to this Board of Health meeting, it was discussed that the fees no matter the length of time, the charge was the same. Chair Donald J. Makowski wanted to ask the board if it would be appropriate to lower the fees for seasonal and semi-annual permits.

The board made a motion to lower the annual food permit rate to \$100. The Board of Health also decided to raise the permit fee to \$75 for soft serve permits.

Valiton brought up that establishments who serve soft serve ice cream must have their machines tested once a month.

Food trucks

The Board of Health discussed the operation of food trucks and other catering operations. Valiton explained the importance of inspecting food services such as food trucks.

"Its our duty and responsibility to make sure that people are not cooking out of their home and passing it off as a food truck," Valiton said.

Hot dog carts were brought up as an example mainly because the cart operates with a water system to keep food warm. Both food trucks and carts must follow their permits to where water is disposed

The Board of Health wants to find out if any local food trucks are mobile food trucks with their own mobile kitchens.

For the annual fee, food permits for food trucks will be \$120.

Village Market

The Board of Health received an application and documentation from the proprietor of Village Market and Deli which located in West Warren at 2240 Main St. Valiton reported to the Board of Health during the market's permit hearing at the March 20 meeting and had three pages of violations recorded along with over 100 photos obtained.

The Village Market owner chose to voluntarily close and correct all violations prior to a reinspection.

The Board of Health made a motion to pass the application of the Village Market to Valiton for review. Valiton will update the board once the application and documentation is reviewed.

Reorganizing

The board appointed Daniel Thibodeau to serve as vice-chair.

Weir River Jazz band presents 'Jazz in June'

HARDWICK - Weir River Jazz will present a big band concert on the grounds of the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St., Gilbertville on Sunday, June 9 at

Come join the band "under the tent" to hear the great sounds of a traditional Big Band. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and relax to some great sounds.

This concert is open to the public and there is no charge for admission. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held in the sanctuary section of the church building.

Sponsored in part by the Mass Cultural Council and Country Bank for Savings.

John Morello presents 'Dirt' on May 23

WARE – The Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance and the Northwestern District Attorney present John Morello and his one-man show, "Dirt" at Ware Jr./ Sr. High School auditorium on Thursday, May 23.

Pizza and resource tables will be available from 6-7 p.m. and "Dirt" followed by discussion with Morello will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. All are welcome. Morello gives voice to those who feel unheard, and offers hope to those who feel alone. His gritty performance connects with audiences of all backgrounds and

sparks honest conversations about

substance use and choices.

For more information about Morello and "Dirt", visit www. johnmorello.com.

Learn how to twist your own balloon animals

HARDWICK – Ed the Wizard and his Balloon Animal Twisting Workshop will appear at the Gilbertville Public Library, 283 Main St., Gilbertville on Tuesday, June 11 starting at 3 p.m.

Patrons will learn the art of balloon twisting as they create their own elephant, giraffe and more. No balloon twisting experienced required.

This program is free and open

to the public but may require pre-registration. Please contact the library for more information and registration by calling 413-477-6312.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council Cultural, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

WARE – The Town Wide Tag summer, during an educational Sale to benefit the Ware Center day for third graders, and during Meeting House, a 1799 historspecial events.

ic building in the first center of Ware, will be held Saturday, June 8 from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

The proprietors of the Meeting House have been working on the restoration of this building for over 25 years. It's open to the public on alternate Sundays in the

Participants wanted for Ware's Town Wide Tag Sale

Sign up at warecentermeetinghouse.org or send a check for \$15 to Ware Center Meeting House P.O. Box 1401, Ware, MA 01082. Payment must be delivered by

Once registered, put your number on your house for shoppers

to find you. Those shopping the tag sale can come pick up a list of streets having tag sales at the Ware Center Meeting House after 8 a.m. on June 8 and have fun

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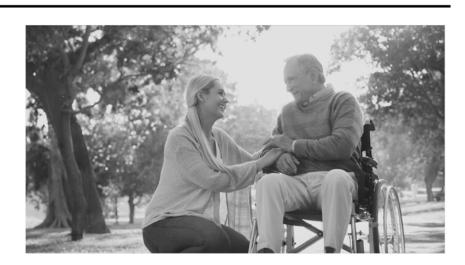
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Fire Department receives new ambulance



Shown with the Fire Department's new ambulance are from left, Fire Chief Jim Martinez, Founder and Vice-President of Specialty Vehicles, Inc. Al Hooper

and Deputy Chief Jeremy Boulrice.



features of the new ambulance.

WARE - This past Friday afternoon, the Fire Department received its new ambulance, which voters approved the purchase of at the 2022 town meeting.

Delivered by Specialty Vehicles, Inc., the 2024 Life Line ambulance will replace the department's 2018 ambulance.

Fire Chief Jim Martinez said the department used to replace its ambulances every eight to 10 years prior to Baystate Mary Lane Hospital's closure, but now with the additional distance to Baystate Wing Hospital in Palmer, they need to replace them every five to six years. A steady uptick in call volume has also increased the mileage on the department's ambulances.

"We have to do our best to maintain that level of service," Martinez

Martinez said the old ambulance will be traded in to Specialty Vehicles, Inc., and repurposed as a nonemergency vehicle.



strations, coloring) and refreshments were provided. "The event was to bring awareness

the importance of Muddy Brook to the Town and discuss the potential threats to the health of the watershed, and a presentation of highlights of the draft Master Plan," Panaccione said. Town Manager Stuart Beckley said

the town, with the help of PVPC, used a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness grant to create a plan for the Muddy Brook Watershed. These state funded grants assist communities to plan for and address environmental and climate

Muddy Brook, with headwaters near the Quabbin Reservoir that flows through forests and farms in Hardwick and Ware, then through residential and commercial areas before reaching the Ware River. The watershed plan presents recommendations for improving water quality, reducing storm water, and public education.

"The town will benefit from the planning and outreach such as today's events through implementation and future grants," Beckley said. "Grant proposals include water quality improvements to Snow's Pond and rain gardens the North Street neighborhood."

A committee of local civic leaders, residents and business owners support and provide feedback for the program. Committee member Reverend Carole Bull, Pastor of the United Church of Ware said the program was "amazing."

"A number of Snow's Pond abutters attended to share their feelings about the committee's work, and we listened well. Angela responded with honest and expert answers," Bull said.

MassWildlife was in attendance today as a partner in local conservation efforts. Patrick Conlin, Habitat Biologist

Fisheries and Wildlife said, "We value the collective impact we make within the community and take the opportunity to learn from one another. There are engaged community members who are eager to learn and take action to mitigate negative environmental outcomes."

Turley Staff Photos

Presentation of the Master Plan will be at the Planning Board meeting on June 6 at 7 p.m. and the Selectboard meeting on June 18 at 7 p.m. The public is welcome to attend the meetings.

"The Town of Ware will also be engaging in the MVP 2.0 process this fall. MVP 2.0 fills gaps from the original MVP planning process, builds on the work the Town has done to date and supports communities with new processes, tools, and resources for building resilience," Panaccione said.

Through MVP 2.0, communities can revisit resilience priorities with a focus on equity and translate those priorities into action through project development and implementation. This updated program has a greater focus on building social resilience and explores the factors that create vulnerability or resilience for people living or working in your com-

"The process will focus on connecting and collaborating with community members, and expanding the voices involved in climate resilience efforts," said Panaccione.

Bull reflected in her involvement with the day's celebration, starting when she first came to the United Church of

"One of the first things I did was to reach out to Stuart to talk about the church and offer my support for the work in the town. Sometime later, Stuart and his staff asked me to write a letter of support for the application for a Muddy Brook Sub watershed grant. I became a visible and engaged supporter," Bull said.

More information can be found at https://www.mass.gov/doc/muddy-Brook-wildlife-management-area-restoration-summary/download.



Nick Bousquet, Ware Planning Department intern, Pastor Carole Bull, United Church of Ware, Angela Panaccione, project coordinator, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission and Patrick Conlin of the Department of Mass Fish and Wildlife present the plan.



Al Hooper of Specialty Vehicles, Inc. explains the



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette The Fire Department received this 2024 Life Line ambulance last Friday.

Grange hosts next gardening workshop May 23

WARE - Ware Grange's next gardening workshop, "Equip Yourself for Success," will be held on Thursday, May 23 at 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall at 297 Belchertown Road.

Our presenter will be Roberta McQuaid, author of the weekly "In the Garden" column for Turley Publications.

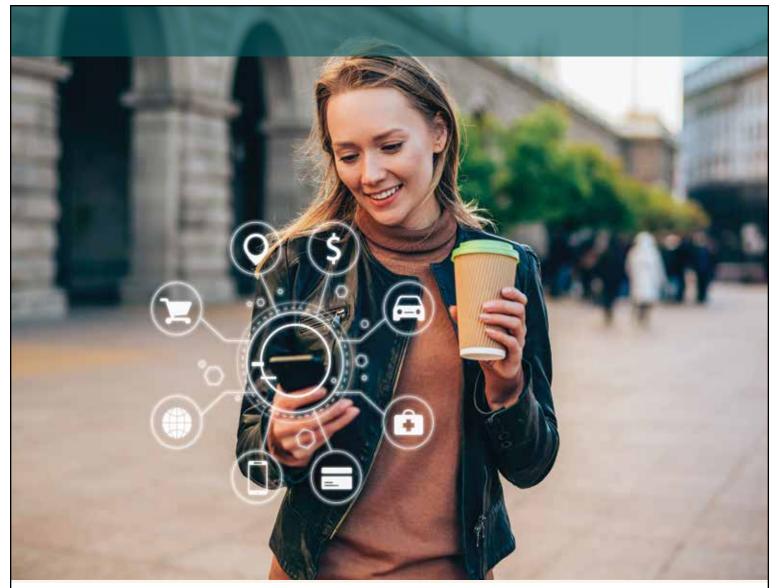
In this workshop participants will discuss some gardening tools to help improve garden success, including the scuffle hoe, circular weeder, black plastic, mulch, and insect netting. Bring your favorite tool, plant or other garden item to talk about with the group.

Visit us on Facebook or at waregrange.org for more information.

Flamand named a Presidential Scholar at Clarkson University

POTSDAM, NY – Ethan Tyler Flamand of Ware, a sophomore majoring in engineering and management, was named a Presidential Scholar for the spring 2024 semester at Clarkson University.

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Charity tournament will help pets in need

Chance Animal Services will be hosting their 12th Annual Charity Golf Tournament, set to take place at the world class Cold Spring Country Club in Belchertown on Monday, July 15.

This popular event promises a day of exceptional golf while championing the cause of providing essential care to pets in need.

Proceeds from the tournament will directly support programs that assist pets in underserved communities through Second Chance Community Veterinary Hospitals located in Springfield, Worcester, Southbridge and North Brookfield.

Lindsay Doray, Chief Development Officer at Second

EAST BROOKFIELD - Second Chance, encourages golfers to register early to secure a spot.

> "This is a fantastic day of golf for an even greater cause," said Doray in a press release. "In today's climate, offering accessible veterinary care is crucial in keeping beloved pets where they belongwith their families. Our Community Veterinary Hospitals serve as a critical resource in furthering this mission, ensuring that pets receive the care they need while alleviating strain on shelters. We urge golfers to stand with us in this mission."

Participants can look forward to a day filled with excitement, including a box lunch, banquet dinner, a bucket of range balls, and a commemorative gift.

The tournament will feature various challenges, including prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive, closest to the line, a yellow ball contest, and more. Attendees will also have the chance to win \$4,000 toward a pool or spa from Teddy Bear Pools in the hole-in-one con-

There will also be raffles and a silent auction that will launch online one week prior to the tournament, to add to the day's festivities.

Second Chance extends a warm invitation to local businesses to partner in the effort to combat pet homelessness by supporting access to veterinary care. The nonprofit welcomes sponsors for the Second Chance Golf Tournament and gra-



Submitted Photo

This photo shows participants in the 2023 Annual Charity Golf Tournament, held at Cold Spring Country Club in Belchertown.

ciously accepts donations for the events/golf/. tournament's silent auction and raffle. Information regarding sponsorships and item donations can be found at secondchanceanimals.org/

The 18-hole tournament will followed by a shotgun start at 10 events/golf/.

Individual golfers and foursomes be in a scramble format with four- can conveniently purchase tickets somes. Check-in will start at 9 a.m., online at secondchanceanimals.org/

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18th annual Tri-Parish Community Church event June 1 and 2



Community Church welcomes the public to their 18th annual plant, bake, tag and craft sale Saturday, June 1 and Sunday, June 2 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on the beautiful Hardwick common.

The sale will feature traditional, favorite, and connoisseur perennials, plus selected annuals, heirloom vegetable plants, and herbs. There is a wonderful variety of plants offered through Inishowen Farms of North Brookfield, Stillman's Farm and Howe's Farm & Garden, both of New Braintree, Tracie's Greenhouse of Ware, and "homegrown lovelies" from private gar-

baked desserts and breads will also be sold. The proceeds from the plant and bake sale support the operational expenses of the church.

The church will be holding a drawing featuring the "best" of the plant sale. No purchase is necessary to win.

Live music will be provided on Sunday though a grant to the Paige Memorial Library from the Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency which is Cultural Council, a state agency. Several activities will be available for children as well.

A number of tag and craft ven-

mon for the event. They will be offering a selection of home crafted goods, artwork, jewelry, maple syrup products, tag sale treasures and collectables, including Annalee

The Tri Parish Community Church's Pastor, Nathan Pederson, will lead a brief prayer service Sunday morning on the common in lieu of the 10 a.m. Sunday worship

Come spend the day enjoying supported by the Massachusetts all that Hardwick has to offer while supporting the fundraising efforts of

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National Grid is inviting you to an Informal Open House **Learn More: Palmer to Ware Improvement Project**

National Grid's Palmer to Ware Improvement Project is a proposed transmission line project that will upgrade a deteriorating electric transmission line. The upgrade will focus on portions of the 10.35-mile-long segment of overhead power lines that run through Palmer, Ware, and West Brookfield. Once upgraded, the newly rebuilt transmission line will provide enhanced electric reliability for the region.

> National Grid is hostingOpen Houses for the Palmer to Ware Improvement Project. We encourage you to join us to learn more about the project.

If you are unable to join us at the in-person event and are interested in learning more about the project, please email info@O15nproject.comto set up a meeting with a member of our project team.

Questions? Contact us!

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Turley photos by David Henry Josh Mulligan goes for a spike.

Indians close out regular season

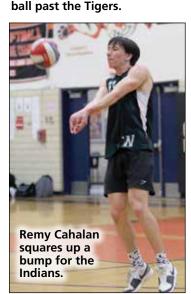
WARE - Last week, Ware boys volleyball closed out the regular season with a win over Chicopee 3-1. The Indians finished the regular season 12-6 and were scheduled to face Frontier Regional in the semifinals of the Class C Western Mass. Tournament.



Nathan Hamon sets up a potential.



Kyle Gordon tries to set the





Johnathan goes for a bump.

Ware wins wild one with Palmer

evening, Palmer and Ware avoided the heavy rain and instead ignited their own thunder with 10 runs in the seventh inning which ultimately resulted in a 17-14 win for behind early. Tied 7-7 after three, for Ware.

PALMER - Last Wednesday both teams continued to score, but Ware's six runs in the seventh inning made a bigger difference in grabbing the win. Lily White had four hits for the Panthers while Hannah Roy contributed two hits Ware. Ware scored seven times and an RBI. Abbie McQuaid and in the third inning after falling Mia DiRienzo had three RBI each



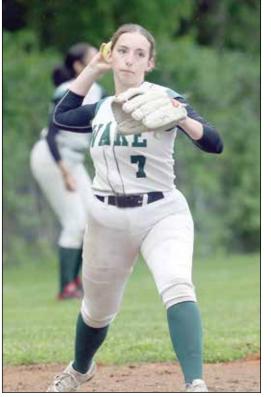
Mia DiRienzo catches the out at first.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Isabella Cotaj heads for first base.



Olivia DiRienzo fields a grounder.



Madisyn Slattery attempts to get an out at first. Abbie McQuaid pitches for the Indians.



Ware baseball edged by **Tigers**

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY—While Ware had already clinched a share of the Suburban Central League baseball title for the second consecutive year, South Hadley entered last Wednesday's contest needing a win to accomplish the same

The Indians held a slim 1-0 lead entering the bottom of the sixth inning.

With two outs in the frame, senior first baseman Jack Maziarz smacked a two-run double down the right field line, which wound up being the difference maker in the Tigers 2-1 victory over the Indians on a gloomy afternoon at Thomas B. Landers Baseball Diamond.

"This is the first time that I had a game-winning hit during my varsity baseball career," said Maziarz, who'll be attending Middlebury College in the fall. "It also feels great to win a piece of the league title again this year. We didn't play very well at the start of today's game, but we managed to put it all together at the end."

Ware and South Hadley finished the regular season with 9-1 league records.

"We've enjoyed playing Ware during the past couple of years," said South Hadley varsity baseball coach Matt Foley. "It was another fun game today. We battled them."

The Tigers (13-4 overall record) who lost the first meeting of the regular season against ware, 1-0, at Memoriai Field on April 8, won back-to-

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Pathfinder Pioneers fall to rival Palmer Panthers

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

PALMER—Eighth grader Grayson Griswold is the starting second baseman for the Palmer varsity baseball team. His older brother, Hunter, is wrapping up his outstanding athletic career down the street at Pathfinder Tech.

The two brothers faced each

in a varsity baseball game last

Tuesday night. It was a memorable evening for Grayson Griswold and his Panthers teammates who celebrated a 6-1 victory over the Pioneers before a large crowd at Legion

"It was a lot of fun playing a baseball game against my older

other for the first and only time brother's team for the first time," said Grayson Griswold, who joined the Palmer varsity baseball team as a seventh grader. "I'm going to be following in Hunter's footsteps next year. I'll be playing football, basketball, and baseball at Pathfinder."

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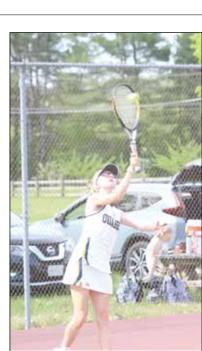
Teammates surround Kylie Casey, the lone senior celebrated on Monday following their match

Casey celebrated on Senior Day for Quabbin golf

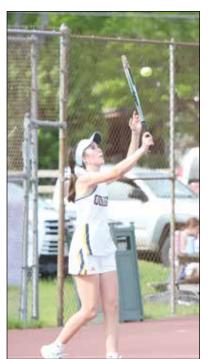
Golf Team concluded their regular season today at Quail Westborough/ Algonquin 20-28.

BARRE – The Quabbin Girls Senior Captain Kylie Casey was the co-medalist shooting a 46. Makenzie Casey shot a 47 and Hollow. The Panthers fell to the took home 7.5 out of 9 points. Sierra Lambert tied her match.

Quabbin ended their regular season 5-10-1. Quabbin was the youngest team in Central Massachusetts with five of the seven players being freshman.



Annabelle Magill starts off play with a good serve.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli Carmyn Orsini goes high to return the ball.



Carlee Rich gets the low hit to send the ball back over the net.

Quabbin girls tennis wins again

BARRE - On Monday afternoon, Quabbin Regional High School girls tennis scored another win, and another shutout of an opponent, defeating Leominster 5-0. Annabelle Magill had a big match as she scored a win in straight sets 6-0, 6-0. Not far behind her was Camryn Orsini, who won 6-0, 6-2. Carlee Rich and the second doubles team of Elizabeth Matheson and Madelyn Stauder both swept their matches. It took three sets, but Farrah Wojcik and Kalina Dyer won first doubles with a 7-5 win in the third set. Quabbin girls tennis is an impressive 14-1 overall with the playoffs looming.

Mutiny have solid opening win over Maine

Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW — Hope Santaniello was an All-American during her outstanding varsity soccer career at Agawam High School. She has been a key member of the New England Mutiny, who play their home matches at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow, since 2019.

The Mutiny lost to the Lancaster Inferno FC, 2-1, in the UWS East Conference finals in Santaniello's first season. They've also qualified for the playoffs in each of the past two seasons, but they still haven't reached the top of the mountain.

With several key returning players and a couple of talented newcomers, the Mutiny are hoping to win a national championship title for the first time since

The Mutiny kicked off the 2024 campaign with an impressive 3-1 home win versus the Maine Footy, last Saturday after-

"I feel like everyone is on the same page coming into this season," said Santaniello, who scored a second half goal. "We've only had a couple of practices, but all the players have been so encouraging and so positive. We played very well in today's game. I love playing for this team and I also love the atmosphere here. I'm hoping to win a championship title with this team, so we still have some unfinished business.'

Federico Molinari celebrated his first victory as the Mutiny head coach. He took over the



Avery Klingensmith dribbles for the Mutiny.

coaching reins from Mauricio "Toto" Coimbra.

"It feels very good to win my first game as the women's soccer coach," said Molinari, who also coaches the Western Mass. Pioneers. "I thought we played very well in today's game.

A year ago, the Mutiny finished the regular season in sixth place in the East Division standings with a 4-2-2 mark. They lost to the Lancaster Inferno FC, 4-3, again in the first round of the playoffs.

Santaniello, who's a forward, began her collegiate soccer career at the University of Rhode Island before transferring to UMass Lowell a year ago.

"I have one more year

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Laci Lewis makes a throw-in.



through on a pass.



Maddie Fried hustles past mid-



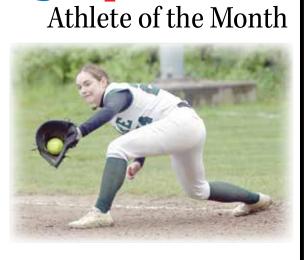
Turley photos by David Henry Hope Santaniello hustles up the

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Mia DiRienzo Ware High School

Mia DiRienzo had three RBI in a wild win for Ware over Palmer High School last week.

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Hunter Griswold, who's planning to play college football at Mass. Maritime Academy in the fall, also attended Palmer High School before transferring to Pathfinder tech as a freshman.

"It definitely stinks that we lose a lot of our very good athletes to Pathfinder," said Jacob Graveline, who's the current varsity baseball coach at Palmer High School. "I know that they're only doing it because they want to learn a trade. Grayson is a very good baseball player who can play several different positions."

Last Tuesday's contest was the fourth boys' game between the two high schools during the 2023-24 school year.

The Pioneers football team didn't have very much trouble defeating the Panthers, 33-6, in the season opener last September at Legion Field.

The Panthers boys' basketball team posted a 53-37 victory inside the Pathfinder gymnasium three days after Christmas. The two hoop teams also met in a Division 5 state preliminary round game at the end of February. The Panthers won that

contest, 79-51, on their home court. The two schools also co-op in boys' soccer, field hockey, wrestling, cross country, and swimming.

The Panthers, who don't have any seniors listed on their roster, had a 5-11 overall record followtory. They were scheduled to play Class. D quarterfinal game on Monday night.

The Pioneers (10-7) didn't qualify for the Western Mass. Class C tournament, but they'll be competing in the MIAA Division 5 state tournament, which starts next

Tuesday's non-league game was sophomore righty Brendan Hess, who's the ace of the Panthers pitching staff. Hess allowed a run on only two base hits. He finished the contest with nine strikeouts and only two walks.

"I thought Branden pitched a great game tonight," said Graveline, who was an outstanding pitcher at Palmer High School a little more than ten years ago. "He just needs to keep throwing

It wasn't very much fun for Hunter Griswold, who was the Pioneers starting pitcher.

Because of the MIAA pitch count rule, the righthander was

ing their fourth consecutive vicat rival Ware in a Western Mass.

The winning pitcher in last

strikes.'



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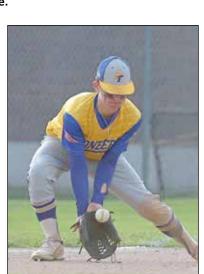
Dayne Shanley slides into third base.

limited to only 25 pitches against the Panthers.

After throwing out a baserunner trying to steal in the top half of the first inning, Palmer sophomore catcher Theo Haley blasted a triple to right field leading off the bottom half of the frame. He would score the first run of the non-league game on a wild pitch.

Griswold managed to get out of that inning without allowing any more runs with the help of an inning ending double play.

However, the Panthers put three



Brayden Mega smothers a grounder to third.

more runs on the left field scoreboard in their next at-bats.

With one-out, seventh grader Zack Marciniec, who was the DH, lined a single to center and



Hunter Griswold sends a deliver

Tim Russell hustles on the basepath.

Hess followed with an infield hit. Then Grayson Griswold faced his older brother for the first time in a varsity game. He hit a ground ball to the first baseman which

moved both runners into scoring position. Marciniec scored the Panthers second run on another wild pitch. Then freshman centerfielder Taydem Haley drew a walk, which was the final batter Hunter Griswold faced. He was replaced on the mound by junior righty Zander Auffrey, who started the game in left field. Griswold stayed in the game as the catcher.

Theo Haley greeted the Pioneers relief pitcher with a two-run single to left field giving the home team a 4-0 lead.

"Theo is our leadoff hitter, and he has scored more than 20 runs this season," Graveline said. "He has also done an outstanding job replacing Dom Allen as our starting catcher. It's a position that he hadn't played before this season."

Auffrey managed to keep the Panthers off the scoreboard during the next two innings.

With two-outs in the bottom of the fifth inning, back-to-back RBI singles by Grayson Griswold and Taydem Haley gave the Panthers a comfortable 6-0 advantage.

Hunter Griswold beat out an infield hit leading off the sixth inning. After stealing second base and advancing to third on a throwing error, he scored on a sacrifice fly to center by senior right fielder Branden Hnitecki.

Pathfinder senior centerfielder Ethan Nompleggi-Hawk was hit-by-a-pitch leading off the seventh inning. Hess struck out the next two batters before Grayson Griswold caught a pop-up for the final out, which gave him the bragging rights in his family.





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Bonsignore grabs third-place finish at Riverhead Raceway

RIVERHEAD, N.Y. – Justin Bonsignore continued his streak of top-six finishes to open the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour season on Sunday afternoon at Riverhead Raceway. Bonsignore brought the No. 51 Phoenix Communications machine home in third in the Miller Lite 200 presents Wayne Anderson. The New York native posted his 24th top-five finish in 28 career Whelen Modified Tour starts at

Bonsignore started fifth on Sunday, one day after a heavy mist in the air postponed the Miller Lite 200 Salutes Wayne Anderson. He would fall just outside the top-five early, but then charge back inside and remain there for the duration of the race. He was up to second at one point, but Austin Beers slid by late, eventually finishing second to winner Ron Silk.

"We were a little off today but all in all, a good day for our Phoenix Communications team," Bonsignore said. "We will get back to work on continuing to work on our cars and be ready for Seekonk in a few weeks.'

Justin Bonsignore will return to the track at Seekonk Speedway for the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour Seekonk 150 on Saturday, June 1.

New exhibit to open May 31 at HoopHall

SPRINGFIELD – The grand opening of The Vault: Boston Celtics Unlocked, the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame's newest and most innovative exhibit, will be on Friday, May 31, the Hall of Fame announced Friday.

Visitors will step into an immersive bank vault for a one-of-a-kind journey through the history of the NBA's most storied franchise. Current and former Celtics legends will be the guides for a unique celebration of Celtic Pride, from Walter Brown to Jaylen Brown, through artifacts such as authentic game-worn jerseys, championship rings, the original '81 NBA championship trophy, long-lost footage and much more. Celtics legend and Class of 2021 Hall of Fame enshrinee Paul Pierce will cut the ribbon to let the first visitors into

The Vault has been made possible through the generosity of MassMutual.

"The Boston Celtics name is known around the world, and we are excited to give basketball fans of all ages this state-of-theart exhibit featuring the most sought-after Celtic memorabilia, said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. "We are thankful to MassMutual for their dedication to the city of Springfield and their support of this historic expansion, which promotes our mission of preserving and honoring basketball's history."

Visitors will be able to enjoy this exclusive display of Celtics memorabilia for a limited period of time. Tickets for the museum can be purchased online at etix.com or at the door.

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remaining at UMass- Lowell. Then I'm hoping to play for a professional soccer team," Santaniello said. "Playing at UMass-Lowell was an adjustment for me at first, but I really like playing there now. It's a great group of girls and coaches. I really love it there."

It took the Mutiny less than five minutes to score their first goal of the season.

The goal was scored by midfielder Avery Klingensmith, who graduated from Belchertown High School.

After receiving a pass in the third minute, Klingensmith fired a shot from the top of the box into the right corner of the net past Maine Footy goalie Sally Rainey for an unassisted goal. "I've been practicing that

shot and it felt very good," Klingensmith said. "We do have a bunch of talented players up top, and I never expected to score the first goal of the season. We're hoping to go all the way this year."

Klingensmith is beginning her third season playing for the Mutiny. She'll also be a junior on the women's soccer team at American University in Washington D.C., in the fall.

The other Mutiny players, who are from the communities served by the Turley Publications newspapers, are Alexis Legowski (McDuffie School/South Hadley),



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Cat Barry tries to outrun an opponent.

Aida Name (Belchertown High School/ Chicopee), Maddie Theriault (Palmer), and Kendall Bodak (Monson).

"I grew up playing soccer with a couple of the local players on the FC stars," Santaniello said. "I'm hoping a few of the current talented high school soccer players from Western Mass. join the Mutiny in the future."

Laura Gouvin, who's from Monson, was one of the Mutiny key players during the past couple of years. Gouvin won't be returning this year because she has transferred from Boston College to the University of Colorado.

The Mutiny had several other very good scoring chances during the first 45 minutes of the opening half, but they still had a 1-0 lead at the break.

During the 57th minute, Santaniello received a pass from Chioma Okafor, who's one of the newcomers, before putting a shot into the back of the net making the

Okafor, who's a forward from Blantyre, Malawi, led the UConn women's soccer team with six

goals and she also had three assists as a sophomore last season.

"I met her for the first time a couple of days ago, but we already have a good connection," Santaniello said. "She's a very good player and it was a lot of fun playing with her for the first time in today's game. She isn't a selfish soccer player. She's always looking for the open player. She made a great pass to me before I scored my goal."

The visitors from Portland Maine ended the shutout hopes of Mutiny goalie Katrina Chorzepa three minutes later following a corner kick goal.

Megan Scholten booted the ball from the left corner, and it sailed into the far corner of the net cutting the Footy deficit in half.

"We dominated the game from start to finish," Santaniello added. "I thought their corner kick goal was lucky. The score doesn't really show how well we played in today's game.'

The Mutiny's third and final goal was scored by forward Cat Berry, who plays college soccer at the University of South Carolina Gamecocks with five minutes remaining in regulation.

The Mutiny, who'll be playing five of their eight regular season matches at the friendly confines of Lusitano Stadium, are scheduled to host Sporting CT at 7pm on Friday

Quabbin League wants to fill remaining roster spots

Rosters spots are dwindling, but there are still some spots available as the Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball has begun it season. There are still several open spots to get filled despite the season being underway.

Registration for the 2024 season is now open and any interested players can go to www. quabbinvalleybaseball.org to get registered, or to seek more information or make inquiries about the league.

The league plays most Sunday from late April through late August with playoffs following that. The league plays a 15-game schedule and typically fields six teams each year. Games are usually played at 10 a.m. with fields in Easthampton and South Hadley

used as well some expansion to the surrounding area this season. The league does not play on Mother's Day or Memorial Day weekends.

The Quabbin Valley league is an all-abilities league and all are welcome to join. Eligibility is players who are age 28 and over. You must be 30 to be eligible to pitch in the league. Your age for eligibility is whatever age you will turn in 2024. The league is also able to entertaining taking in an entire group as a team to add to the league. Please email the league board for to inquire about entering a team. The league can also pro-rate registration at this point. Simply contact a league board member. Contact information is located at the registration link.

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back league titles for the first time since 2016 and 2017.

The Indians (12-6) haven't won back-to-back league titles since 2009 and 2010.

"It stinks having to share the league title again," said Ware varsity baseball coach Scott Slattery. "We have nobody to blame but ourselves. We just didn't hit in today's game."

South Hadley senior righthander Matt Drobiak, who was the losing pitcher in the first meeting of the regular season between the two rivals, wound up as the winning pitcher in last Wednesday's game. He went the distance allowing one unearned run on five hits with four walks and five strikeouts.

"It just feels amazing to win another league title," Drobiak said. "We made a couple of huge defensive plays and Jack won the game

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for us with his base hit.

Ware senior righty John Mumper, who allowed just one base hit in the home game against the Tigers, pitched very well during the first five innings of the second meeting. He didn't allow any runs on just three base hits during that

Mumper retired the first two batters that he faced in the bottom of the sixth inning. He then issued back-to-back walks to Drobiak and senior third baseman John Viola, which set the stage for Maziarz, who was called up to the varsity baseball team as a sophomore.

"Matt and John walked before I came to bat in the sixth inning, which was huge," said Maziarz, who's a lefthanded batter. "The pitcher threw me a couple of curveballs before I pulled a fastball down the line scoring both run-

The Tigers head coach gave his

thoughts about his team's sixth

inning rally. "Drobiak and Viola both saw a lot of pitches during their at-bats, and both of them drew walks," Foley said. "That was probably the biggest hit of Jack's varsity baseball career. I'm very happy for

Mumper struck out the next batter ending the sixth inning.

Running around the bases didn't seem to bother Drobiak very much. He retired the first two batters in the top of the seventh inning on a strikeout and a groundout to third.

Ware senior catcher Dylan Sutkaitis, who blasted a solo home run over the center field fence at Memorial Field in the April game against the Tigers, kept his team's comeback hopes alive with a linedrive single to center. The Indians dreams of winning the league title outright came to an end when the next batter hit a flyball which was caught by senior centerfielder Burke Belsky.

"Drobs did another great job on the mound," Foley said. "He always pitches well under pressure. It never felt like we were ever out of the game. Everyone contribut-

The visiting team took a 1-0 lead with two outs in the top of the second inning.

The Indians rally began with junior centerfielder Jason Mumper hitting a ground ball which was bobbled by the third baseman and his throw across the diamond was late resulting in an error. Then junior third baseman Trevor Millet hit a comebacker to the pitcher. Instead of get-

ting the force out at second base, Drobiak threw the ball to the first baseman. It turned out to be a costly mistake as sophomore right fielder Jack

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Gaudreau hit a groundball that glanced off the shortstop glove into shallow left field for a base hit allowing Mumper to score the game's first run.

Ware failed to extend their lead during the next two innings as they left four runners on base.

The Indians had another scoring opportunity in the fifth.

John Mumper, who drew a walk leading off the frame, advanced to third base when junior leftfielder Nathan Kaczuwka belted a double to the gap in left center. With first base open, Foley decided to intentionally walk Sutkaitis, which loaded the bases.

"Sometimes coaching decisions

work and sometimes they don't," Foley said. "We decided to walk him and load the bases in that inning. The move worked out for us this time."

Sophomore first baseman Kyle Kaczuwka, who's the Indians clean up batter, then grounded into a 5-2-3 double play, which was the turning point of the game.

"We really needed a base hit there, but we hit into a double play," Slattery said. "We had a lot of scoring chances.'

The next batter struck out on a foul tip and the home team was

able to take the lead for the first time in the bottom of the sixth



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I public safety

Ware Police Log

During the week of May 12-21, the Ware Police Department responded to 29 miscellaneous calls, 40 administrative calls, eight traffic violations, 21 emergency 911 calls, two thefts/larcenies, three frauds/deceptions, three harassments, one breaking and entering/burglary, four trespasses, seven motor vehicle accidents, seven animal calls and 21 motor vehicle stops in the town of

Sunday, May 12

1:01 p.m. Traffic Incident/ Crash, Upper North Street, Report

8:52 p.m. Assault, Pleasant Street, Services Rendered

10:23 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Could Not Locate

Monday, May 13

a.m. Breaking and Entering/Burglary, Valley View, Investigated

8:53 a.m. Traffic Incident/ Crash, Palmer Road, Could Not Locate

10:27 a.m. Fraud/Deception, Shoreline Drive, Services Rendered

11:24 a.m. Outside Fire, North Street, Extinguished

12:41 p.m. Traffic Incident/ Crash, West Street, Report Made 1:02 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call,

East Street, Dispatch Handled 2:11 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Services Rendered

3:42 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Mattson Boulevard, Services Rendered

Tuesday, May 14

1:18 p.m. Traffic Incident/ Crash, Sczygiel Road, Services Rendered

2:59 p.m. Traffic Incident/ Not Locate Crash, Church Street, Report

5:40 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Valley View, Services Rendered 6:41 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Dispatch Handled

Wednesday, May 15

4:06 a.m. Traffic Violation/ Hazard, Pleasant Street, Citation/ Warning Issued

5:34 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Warren Road, Citation/ Warning Issued

7:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasant Street, Citation/Warning

11:02 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/ Threat, North Street, Services Rendered

Thursday, May 16

11:25 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Canal Street, Dispatch Handled

12:25 p.m. Fraud/Deception, Main Street, Services Rendered

9:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Main Street, Citation/ Warning Issued

10:16 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Main Street, Investigated

Friday, May 17 9 a.m. Assault, West Street,

Services Rendered

10:43 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, East Street, Dispatch Handled

10:58 a.m. Trespass/Unwanted, South Street, Services Rendered 3:24 p.m. Theft/Larceny,

Palmer Road, Report Made 4:35 p.m. Traffic Violation/

Hazard, West Street, Citation/ Warning Issued

6:33 p.m. Disturbance/ Nuisance, Palmer Road, Could

Arrest: Albert Berthiaume, 62, Palmer

Accost/Annoy Another Person (Sexually); Trespass; Disorderly Conduct

8:21 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Coffey Hill Road, Dispatch

11:16 a.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Walnut Street, Advised

8:34 p.m. Traffic Incident/ Crash, Pleasant Street, Services Rendered

Sunday, May 18

10:24 a.m. Traffic Incident/ Crash, Upper Church Street, Services Rendered

1:54 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Palmer Road, Report Made 6:10 p.m. Fraud/Deception,

North Street, Services Rendered 9:33 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Horseshoe Circle, Dispatch

10:35 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Investigated

Monday, May 20

7:48 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Street, Citation/Warning Issued

5:28 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Monson Turnpike Road, Dispatch

9:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning

10:18 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/ Threat, Eddy Street, Advised

Tuesday, May 21

7:36 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/ Threat, North Street, Services Rendered

10:36 a.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Church Street, Services Rendered

Warren Police Log

During the week of May 12-18, the Warren Police Department responded to 108 building/property checks, 30 community policings, 14 emergency 911 calls, one harassment, two complaints, one larceny/ theft, one threat, three safety concerns, two motor vehicle accidents, four animal calls and 42 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

Sunday, May 12

11:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint 12:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued 12:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Maple Street, Citation Issued 1 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Boston Post Road, Citation Issued

1:32 p.m. Threats, Southbridge

Monday, May 13

Road, Peace Restored

6:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

11:16 a.m. Harassment, Carpenter Street, Report Filed 12:27 p.m. Complaint, Old West Brookfield Road, Call Transferred 1:49 p.m. Falls, Bemis Road,

Transported to Hospital 1:49 p.m. Falls, Bemis Road, Transported to Hospital

3:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 7:11 p.m. Sick/Unknown,

Milton O. Fountain Way, Transported to Hospital 9:44 p.m. Allergic Reaction,

Crescent Street, Transported to Hospital

> Tuesday, May 14 11:14 a.m. Falls, Main Street, Unresponsive/Syncope, Crouch

Transported to Hospital 11:17 a.m. Safety Concern, Main Street, Officer Advised 1:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

Wednesday, May 15

10:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

11:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 2:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

2:28 p.m. Welfare Check, Southbridge Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

3:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ware Road, Citation Issued 10:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Thursday, May 16

8:25 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Keys Road, Transported to Hospital

10:38 a.m. Unconscious/ Unresponsive/Syncope, Bridges Avenue, Transported to Hospital 2:53 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Brook

Road, Transported to Hospital 3:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint

Friday, May 17

12:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Nelson Street, Written Warning 6:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Main Street, Report

8:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint 8:49 p.m. Unconscious/

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Road, Transported to Hospital 10:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation issued

12:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint 2:29 p.m. Complaint, Milton O.

Fountain Way, Officer Advised 3:14 p.m. Falls, Brimfield Road,

Ambulance Signed Refusal 3:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old West Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

8:33 p.m. Safety Concern, Comins Pond Road, Investigated

Saturday, May 18

6:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

7:20 a.m. Larceny/Theft, Milton O. Fountain Way, Information

8:16 p.m. Safety Concern, Cronin Road, Negative Contact

9:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Main Street, Officer

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of May 13-20, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 59 building/property checks, 21 directed/area patrols, five radar assignments, 15 emergency 911 calls, five citizen assists, four complaints, two brush fires, one motor vehicle investigation, two frauds, one safety hazard, three animal calls and five motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, May 13 10:02 a.m. Parking Complaint,

Main Street, Officer Handled 10:02 a.m. 911 Animal Call, North Street, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

11:48 a.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Officer Handled

12:37 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Petersham

Road, Officer Handled 1:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Citation Issued 11:44 p.m. Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Services Rendered

12:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Lower Road, Officer Handled

9 a.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled

12:07 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital 12:26 p.m. 911 Elevator Call/

Alarms, Old Petersham Road, Services Rendered 1:36 p.m. 911 Fire/Brush,

Thresher Road, Extinguished 3:23 p.m. 911 Hang-up/ bandoned, Turkey Street, Negative Contact

4:13 p.m. 911 Assist Citizen, Lower Road, Dispatch Handled 5:29 p.m. 911 Fire/Brush, Thresher Road, Extinguished

Wednesday, May 15

1:33 a.m. Medical Emergency, North Street, Transported to Hospital

6:26 a.m. Medical Emergency, Upper Church Street, Transported to Hospital

8:07 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Petersham Road, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, May 16 7:35 a.m. Safety Hazard, Mellon Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

9:19 a.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Spoken To

1:21 p.m. Fraud, Hardwick, Taken/Referred to Other Agency 5 p.m. 911 Misdial, Lower Road, Services Rendered

Friday, May 17

8:50 a.m. Fraud, North Street,

Spoken To 12:59 a.m. 911 Misdial. New Braintree Road, Investigated 2:09 p.m. Complaint, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled

Saturday, May 18

11:05 a.m. Assist Citizen, Petersham Road, Officer Handled 1:16 p.m. Parking Complaint,

Main Street, Officer Handled 8:35 p.m. 911 Welfare Check, Jackson Road, Report Taken 10:16 p.m. 911 Misdial, Old Petersham Road, Officer Handled

Sunday, May 19

4:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Tuesday, May 14

SAFETY from page 4 minutes to put on a life jacket after entering the water. Statistics show that numerous drownings could have been prevented if a life jacket

would have been worn. Wear engine cutoff device while boating – If thrown out of a boat, there is always the danger of being struck by a spinning propeller, especially since an unoccupied boat can often start traveling in circles after the operator is ejected. Wearing an engine cut-off switch lanyard or electronic fob immediately stops the engine after ejection so that the operator can regain con-

trol of the boat. Know your swimming abilities – Be aware that swimming in open water is different from swimming in a pool, and your swimming ability decreases with age. It is never too late to take swimming lessons and learn to swim well. Several people every year drown while swimming to retrieve boats, hats and toys things not worth losing your life

Alcohol and water are a deadly combination - Alcohol induces an inner ear condition (caloric labyrinthitis) that can cause you to become disoriented when underwater and not realize which way is up. If you jump or fall in the water, you can become disoriented and swim down instead of up to safety, causing you

to drown. This is more likely to happen if you have been consuming

Understand "boater's hypnosis" – It is a condition brought on by the effects of sun, wind, noise, vibration, and motion experienced during a day of boating. Boater's hypnosis can slow your reaction time almost as much as if you were legally intoxicated. Adding alcohol to this condition intensifies the

Be aware of carbon monoxide poisoning while boating - Carbon monoxide poisoning is not limited to boats with enclosed cabins. It has proven to be deadly on open motorboats too. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless toxic gas produced when a carbon-based fuel burns, such as gasoline, propane, charcoal, and oil. Carbon monoxide can kill you while you are on or in the water near a boat, so use a marine carbon monoxide detector; always maintain fresh air circulation; seat children in the forward-most seating on a boat; shut off boat motors to avoid unnecessary idling; be aware of emissions from other boats; and seek medical attention immediately if you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning.

Watch your children -

Constantly supervise your children

whenever they're in, on, or near

open water. Always keep them

within arm's reach. To keep them safe keep yourself safe by ensuring you and they wear properly fitted life jackets whenever enjoying your favorite outdoor water recreational activity.

> Air temperature and water temperature are not the same - The water temperature in rivers and lakes can be significantly colder than the air temperature and jumping or falling into cold water can be a dangerous shock to your body, so it's important to wear a properly fitted life jacket to increase your chances of survival. Keep in mind that although the air temperatures are rising, water temperatures are slow to rise, and some lakes and rivers have cold water temperatures year-round.

Learn more water safety tips by visiting www.PleaseWearIt.com and following Please Wear It on Facebook and Instagram.

USACE is one of the nation's leading federal providers of outdoor and water-based recreation, hosting millions of visits annually to its more than 400 lake and river projects. It's estimated that 90% of the USACE-operated recreation areas are within 50 miles of metropolitan areas, offering diverse outdoor activities for all ages close to home.

For more information on USACE recreation sites and activities, visit www.CorpsLakes.us.

Touch-a-Truck coming to Brimfield on June 1

sorts will be rolling into Brimfield on Saturday, June 1 not for construction, but for the town's first Touch-a-Truck event to be held at the Brimfield Winery, 35 Main St.

from 10 a.m.-noon. The morning will consist of over 20 different vehicles including fire trucks, tow vehicles, police cars and even a helicopter converging in town for the day. Attendees of all ages will be able to climb on, in, and around the many different vehicles as well as meet the crews

BRIMFIELD - Trucks of all ask plenty of questions of the drivers and operators.

> Held on the 13th anniversary of the tornado that came through the area in 2011, it is being organized by the Friends of the Brimfield Library and the Brimfield Fire department. The day is planned in honor of Toto the Tornado Kitten, a tiny cat who was found in the storm's debris and whose subsequent books and travels raised over

\$78,000 for local animal shelters. Toto passed away last November and his legacy is being celebrated by the community with Children and adults alike will be this special Touch-a-Truck event. com. able to look up close at the many A special table will be on disdifferent pieces of equipment and play that is being donated to the

Brimfield Library in Toto's honor and donations will be accepted by the Friends of the Library for fund-

ing future activities. The event is free for all; however, attendees are encouraged to bring a bag or can of pet food to be distributed to local animal shelters. Snacks will be provided by the

Sturbridge Coffee House. This is one of many community events sponsored by the Brimfield Winery. Anyone interested in participating by bringing a truck are welcome to contact the event organizers at toto2024event@gmail.

HARDWICK from page 1

Board, one member of the Finance Committee, one member of the Planning Board, one member of the Board of Assessors, one at-large member, Town Treasurer and Town Administrator. The Town Treasurer and Town Administrator are non-

voting positions. Currently, the Capital Planning Committee has a member of the School Committee rather than the Planning Board. Parker explained that the committee felt it would be more appropriate to have a member

of the Planning Board instead. "The Planning Board typically knows about all of the development

and things like that," she said. Article 17 will allow the Moderator to use handheld electronic devices, secret ballot or other

means to make and tally votes. Article 18 was submitted by new Select Board member William Tinker, to amend an existing bylaw related to posting approved meeting minutes.

additional 45 days after approval," he said. "Basically, I'm taking that language out and we'll just follow the open meeting law.' He said with his article, everyone will be required to take avail-

able training including open meet-

ing law, conflict of interest and

'There's a clause that says, 'an

record keeping. "It's worded so the board itself, or committee or subcommittee... once they approve the meeting minutes, they put it to whatever town website we use that's approved, and then they send a copy to Ryan [Town Clerk]," he

said. Parker said all members are required to take open meeting law and conflict of interest training already.

Vice-Chair Eric Vollheim and Kemp said they both believed the amendment to the bylaw was unnecessary, but Vollheim and Tinker voted in favor of adding the article to the warrant, with Kemp

opposed. Finance Committee member Christopher Culross said there is a \$50,000 discrepancy between the committee's recommended budget

and the Select Board's budget. He said the committee has fully funded department budget requests, but four items including IT services (\$6,000), all board expenses (\$6,000), administrator's salary (\$8,000) and Town Clerk (\$31,000)

are not. "Those are the items we have discrepancies with that we have to

figure out how to fund," he said. Culross said the Town Clerk is seeking to move to a full-time position. He said one way to fund the Town Clerk's salary increase would be to eliminate the Town

Administrator's assistant position. Kemp said not having the assistant's position wasn't a good thing. Culross said he can't see how the town can afford an assistant, or

why the Town Administrator would

"We're going to spend \$90,000 to fund a position for a \$2.6 million budget...I just don't know how we get there," he said.

Parker said in small towns like Hardwick, the Town Administrator carries a lot more responsibility than they do in larger towns. Both Kemp and Tinker said the Town Administrator role is an important position to keep the town compliant and to also secure and report

grants. "If you hire a competent person...do you think they're going to need an assistant?" Culross asked Kemp.

Kemp said, "yes I do." She said creating the assistant's position was something the town fought for to help meet the demands of the Town Administrator's workload. The Select Board and Finance

sion of the budget on Wednesday, June 5 at 5 p.m. **Private roads**

edged private roads, Pioneer Path and Gracias Way, on the Eagle Hill

response, by including the roads on town maps. The roads will remain private, and be maintained by Eagle Hill

School campus. Acknowledging

the roads will help with emergency

School.

Lost Towns Brewing The Select Board held a public hearing on an application for multiple amendments to Lost Towns Brewing Co.'s operation, including change of stock interest and man-

Pam Spurrell of Lost Towns Brewing said the brewery is now majority women-owned, after the business's third stockholder and brewer had to step away from the company due to personal reasons.

'We bought back his stock and that's been reallocated to myself,"

Spurrell said the former stockholder also held the pour license and was the manager. She will assume both of these roles.

The Select Board approved the

amendments.

Ambulance agreement

The Select Board approved an intermunicipal agreement to borrow an ambulance from the town of Rutland. Parker said West Brookfield Rescue Squad is down one ambulance after a tree fell on it while driving back to the station. Morss Scholarship essays

any essay applications for the Elizabeth Morss Scholarship. The board agreed to extend the application deadline until their next meet-

ing.

Parker said she has not received

Pond treatment SOLitude Lake Management will conduct treatment of invasive aquatic plants on Hardwick Pond on May 30. There will be no swimming, no livestock watering and no drinking until May 31, and no

Committee will continue discus-The Select Board acknowlirrigation until Aug. 14.

Turley Photo by Karen A. Lewis

Recipients of the 2024 SEPAC Above and Beyond Awards from the Quabbin Regional School District.

SEPAC from page 1

"We encouraged nominating any and all QRSD staff including, but not limited to teachers, administrators, office managers, custodians, van and bus drivers, related service providers, paraprofessionals, interventionists and tutors," said Uguccioni.

Categories of the awards included Fostering Community, Differentiated Learning, Preparation Under Pressure, Increased Family Engagement, Exceeding Expectations and Making Learning Fun. Surveys were due back at the beginning of May and from there, a list of deserving teachers and staff was created along with special certificate recognitions.

In the case of Mallett, this year she was the recipient of two awards, both were for Exceeding Expectations. Prior to 2024, she received an award last year and one at the end of her first year at Quabbin.

"The best part of my job is building relationships with kids," Mallett said, who was grateful to be recognized. "The students in my classroom are like part of my family, and we are all very close. They are all so unique and each contribute so much in their own way to our classroom community. I love watching them learn how to take care of themselves and each other."

Quabbin seventh grade English teacher Nancee Roy received her second award this year.

"It is quite an honor to be recognized," Roy said, who was first awarded five years ago. "My goal as a teacher is to make connections

with my students and provide them with an environment where they feel safe and supported. When students know that you care about them as a person, they are more likely to take academic risks, which leads to greater success for them."

Recipients find out on the evening of the ceremony who nominated them.

"It is incredibly important for our educators and staff to be recognized especially in this way," said Quabbin Superintendent Colleen Mucha. "Children are complex and while we have data to tell us if students are making academic progress and we receive feedback about our instruction, it can be challenging to know if you're having an impact on the whole child. These awards represent both the academic impact and the personal impact. That's the intersection where the magic happens, and our educators work so hard to make that happen."

Mucha praised the work of SEPAC and encourages all families to check the organization out, as they are all inclusive and supportive to all students and families.

"Our (SEPAC) members are passionate about education and they are here to help families navigate some of the celebratory and challenging moments that may arise," said Mucha. "They strive to break down barriers for students and families with diverse learning needs. It's a great group."

SEPAC offers monthly meetings with a variety of guest speakers covering topics relevant to a wide range of students and their families. Over the current school year, SEPAC has hosted presentations with Quinsigamond Community College, Q-Drug, Worcester Talking Book Library, Making Opportunities Count (MOC), Quabbin Unified Sports and others.

Those interested have the option to either attend in person or by zoom. Further information can be found on the Quabbin school website at https://www.qrsd.org/departments/student services.

"SEPAC meetings are built around support available for families and the QRSD community," Uguccioni said. "In becoming involved in SEPAC, you will have a direct insight into the district's special education programming. Also, it will provide you with an additional resource group to help your child in the district."

Recipients of the 2024 Above and Beyond Awards include from Ruggles Lane School: Kristi Bliss, Kristi Haupt, Nikki Rice, Emma Madsen, Kristen Perrault, Alex Narkevicius, and Melissa Hobson, who received two awards for Differentiated Learning and Fostering Community; from Oakham Center School: Caroline Ludwig, Cait Foster, Brooke Graves, Chrissy Robillard, Karen Varney, Brianna Biggs and Casandra Stagias; from Hubbardston Center School: Carla Medeiros and Debi Tyler; from Hardwick Elementary School: Kylie Wilson and Mary Fleming; and from the middle and-or high school: Mike Groner, Nancee Roy, Melissa Hart, Jesslyn Lapati, Steve Nicora, Beth Olson, Nycole Majka, Shannon Harris, Katie Gaspar, Diane McMorrow and Lizz Mallett, recipient of two awards.

Robert "Bob" K. McLean, 84

WALES - Robert "Bob" K. McLean and Tony, and his grandchildren Brian, was born in his grandmother's house in Cassie, Ellie, Alexis, Hailey, Fen, Southbridge, Sept. 26, 1939.

He spent the majority of his childhood years in Wales, graduated from Tantasqua Regional High School and attended UMass Amherst and Quinsigamond College. He served in the U.S. Army from 1963-1965, Nike Air Defense, 4th Missile Battalion 62nd Artillery in Fort Bliss, Texas.

When he was discharged from the army in 1965, his sergeant told him he could apply for unemployment, where he was immediately told there was an opening at Wilton's.

Wilton's became a great point of pride for Bob, and is now a 133 year old business. He has been with the company for 59 years – since 1965 – when it produced knitted athletic uniforms for sports teams.

He bought the company in 1978, and has now owned it for 46 years. It was during his first summer at Wilton's that he met Elaine Konicki, and after knowing each other for just a few months they jumped headfirst into a marriage that has lasted them 58.5 prosperous years together.

Bob always had a lot of love for and took the best care of - his family. He leaves behind his wife Elaine, daughter Nadina Pendleton of Ware, son Stephen McLean of Lithia, Florida and daughter Abby Wood of East Sandwich, as well as their spouses Brian, Jocelyn

Finian and Sam. He also leaves behind his sisters, Phyllis Nichols and her husband Roland, and Barbara Comptois, along with several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his mother Marion (Naylor) McLean, father Robert McLean, and sister Marion Eames. He also leaves behind his lifelong friend

Roger Felton and a staff of the most dedicated employees who help to run Wilton's.

Bob was happiest on his farm in Wales. He loved spending time hiking in the woods, cultivating the land, walking the beach in Florida, and watching wildlife pass by, especially when accompanied by family.

He was an endless source of wisdom during life's greatest challenges and often reminded us that, "there is nothing new under the sun," and "this too shall pass."

Services have been entrusted to Lombard Funeral Home of Monson. Visiting hours will be held Monday, May 20, 2024, from 4-6 p.m. at the funeral home, burial will be held pri-

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to the Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary or the American Heart Association. For online condolences please visit www.lombardfunealhome.com

Death notice

McLean, Robert "Bob" K. Died May 15, 2024 Services May 20, 2024

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

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PLANT SALE from page 8

Browse the plants and vendor booths, connect with old friends, visit the Hardwick Historical Society that will be open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. both days, and the 1906 Paige Memorial library which will be open from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday. The library is holding an

on-going book sale on their lower the Mandell Hill property located level.

Both buildings are located near the common, a short walk from the plant sale venue. Bring your bicycle and tour some of the great riding routes in the east Quabbin area and scenic vistas preserved through the East Quabbin Land Trust such as

just one mile east of the Hardwick common (the church members will hold your plants for you), and top it all off with a bite to eat at Mimi's Coffee House overlooking the com-

All are welcome. This is a rain or shine event.

public notices

Notice of Public Hearing Planning Board

LEGAL NOTICE

SP-2024-08 NOTICE is hereby given that the Ware Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority, will hold a Public Hearing on THURSDAY, June 6, Medeiros for a Special Permit (SP-2024-08) for the use of Residence for a Customary Home Occupation for the online sale of automobiles under section 4.4.F.2, of the Zoning Bylaw, and pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A. Pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, this hearing will be conducted in person and via remote means, in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the Planning Board as well as members of the public may access this meeting in person, or via virtual means. In person attendance will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Town Hall, Ware, MA. It is possible that any or all members of the public body may attend remotely, with in-person attendance consisting of members of the public. The meeting may be accessed remotely via zoom. Go to https:// zoom.us/join or join by phone. Phone Number: 929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 784 604 1861; Password: 01082.

SITE LOCATION: 146 West Main St, Ware **MA**. Said premises being further described in deeds recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 14776, Page 112. Property is also identified as Assessor's Parcel # 55-0-29. Zoned: Suburban Residential (SR).

A complete copy of the application can be found at the Town Clerk's office and on the Planning & Community Development Department website under Recent Filings. Anyone interested or wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the time and place designated.

WARE PLANNING **BOARD** Kenneth Crosby, Chairman 05/16, 05/23/2024

Hardwick **Planning Board Notice of Public Hearing**

Notice is hereby given that the Hardwick 2024 at 7:05 PM on the Planning Board per application of Johnny Hardwick Zoning Bylaw, Sections 3.2.2.e and 5.0 will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 6:45 PM at the Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville, MA 01301

> This Hearing is regarding the application for Site Plan Approval by Kathryn Hosley to add an accessary apartment and three car garage to the residence at 158 Clapp Road, Hardwick. All interested parties are asked to attend.

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

Hardwick Planning Board Jenna Garvey, Chair 05/23, 05/30/2024

TOWN OF WARE **MASSACHUSETTS CONSERVATION** COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC **HEARING**

The Ware Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 6:30 PM pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. 131 c40. The hearing will include consideration of a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) filed by the Ware Housing Authority, for Buffer Zone activities associated with parking area, driveway, and walkway improvements at the 161 West Street apartment complex in Ware, Massachusetts. Said hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082. To view the application and related plans, contact the Conservation office at

413.967.9648.

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 4, Section 13, a copy of this legal notice can be found on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association's (MNPA) website: http:// masspublicnotices.org. 05/23/2024

(SEAL)

THE COMMONWEALTH **OF MASSACHUSETTS** LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT **Docket Number:** 24 SM 001927 ORDER OF NOTICE To: Danielle Souza;

Christopher Souza and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (*et seq*):

U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Specialty Underwriting And Residential Finance Trust Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Ware, numbered 5 Crescent Terrace, given by Danielle Souza, Christopher Souza to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Wilmington Finance, Inc., dated April 18, 2006, and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 8695, Page 44, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil

If you object to foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court

Relief Act.

at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before July 1, 2024, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on May 17, 2024. Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson Recorder 25818

05/23/2024

Hardwick **Planning Board Notice of Public Hearing**

Notice is hereby given that the Hardwick Planning Board, acting as Special Permit Granting Authority for the Town of Hardwick, will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville, MA 01301.

Pursuant to Hardwick Zoning Bylaw Sections 3.2.6.1-3 and 4.0, this Hearing is regarding the application by Sunrun Installation Services for a Special Permit to install a ground-mounted 11.20KW Photovoltaic Array system at 1167 Lower Road, Hardwick. All interested parties are

asked to attend. Interested parties can also view this Legal Notice at http://masspublicnotices.org Hardwick Planning Board

Jenna Garvey, Chair 05/23, 05/30/2024

Town of Warren Board of Selectmen NOTICE OF **PUBLIC HEARING**

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 87, Sections 3 and 4, a public hearing will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2024, at 6:00 pm regarding an application from National Grid to remove fifteen (15) public shade trees located on Cronin Road.

The hearing will be held Thursday, June 6, 2024, at 6:00 pm in the Selectmen's meeting room 48 High Street, Warren, MA. Any person interested or wishing to be heard on this matter should appear at the time and place designated or may submit a letter to the Board of Selectmen before the hearing so that it may be read into the hearing record. Correspondence should be sent to the Board of Selectmen at PO Box 609, Warren, MA, 01083.

Or join the meeting via Zoom at:

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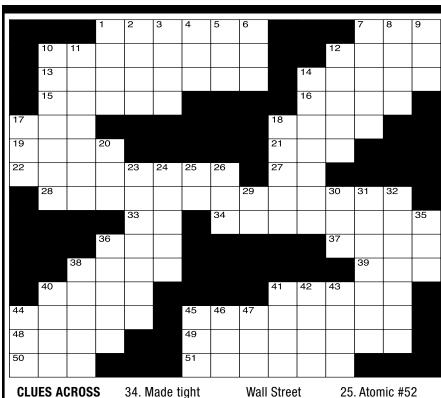
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designated for removal are as follows: located on Cronin Road located between National Grid utility poles numbered 7 & 8, a 14 inch oak and a 32 inch oak; located between National Grid utility poles numbered 10 & 10-5, a 17 inch oak and a 12 inch birch; locat-Grid utility pole 17, a 20" locust; located between National Grid utility poles numbered 18 & 19, a 14 inch maple; located between National Grid

utility poles numbered 19 & 20, two 8 inch cherry and a 30 inch maple; located between National Grid utility poles numbered 20 & 21, a 12 inch oak and an 8 inch maple; located between National Grid utility poles numbered 21 & 22, two 36 inch maple; located ed across from National between National Grid utility poles numbered 22-5 & 23, a 40+ inch oak and a 14 inch pine. 05/16, 05/23/2024

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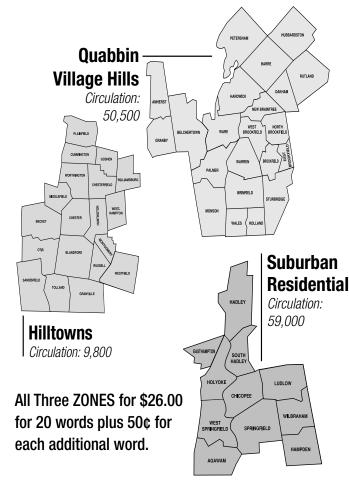


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LIONS from page 1

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with more than 1.4 million members in approximately 46,000 clubs in more than 200 countries.

On an annual basis the Ware Lions Club gives a scholarship to a graduating senior. This tournament will help raise money through the tournament and raffles during the banquet.

Running the tournament was Ann Marie and Marc St. Germain.

Both Marc and Ann Marie were excited to have a substantial turnout for the golf tournament. A total of 18 teams signed up and participated in the tournament. The format was 9 holes, best ball and scramble format.

The teams consisted of a total of four players and the teams were competing for gift certificates from Hardwick Crossing. St. Germain hopes to make this golf tournament an annual event for the Ware Lions.

"Making an annual tournament considering the success," St. Germain said. "Continuing it is the goal and to expand the scholarship fund."

During the golf tournament the players had an opportunity to win a big prize. The Hole in One jackpot was up for grabs and was worth \$10,000. Each player had a chance to go for a hole in one at one of the holes of Hardwick Crossing Country Club.

After the tournament the players got to enjoy a nice banquet with a meal and a chance to play and win some raffles.

Finishing in first place is the team of Donna Ryel, Tami Audette, Emily Williamson and Jim Ayotte. The second place team was Ben Lanier, Marc St. Germain, Ben Jack Lanier and Chris Gorman. Third place was the team of Diane King, Matt King, Kathleen Soltys and Gary Soltys. Fourth place was the team of Chris Midura. Brian Hopkins, Adam Kettles and Rick Rearick.

The Ware Lions would like to thank Hardwick Crossing Country Club for hosting their first ever golf tournament. This event was a big success thanks to not only the high quantity of teams, but the high quantity of sponsorships.

Hole in One Sponsor was Brad Matthew Jewelers, Longest Drive Sponsor was Monson Savings Bank and Closest to the Pin Sponsor was Patriots Plumbing.

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The tournament consisted of four person teams and had a total of 18 teams.



Many participants were excited to have a day of fun at Hardwick Crossing Country Club.



This team represented B'leaf Wellness Centre in



During the tournament, golfers got to participate in the Hole in One contest.

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All the supporting sponsors had a poster displayed just outside the

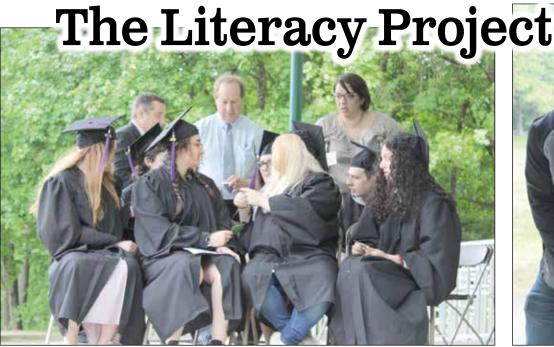
Crossing.

The Ware Lions appreciate all the support from the tournament's sponsors and the participants of their first ever golf tournament. The Ware Lions have every intention of hosting the tournament next year.

To learn more about the Ware Lions Club, visit the website e-clubhouse.org/sites/ware/ index.php. Other activities and updates can be found on the Ware Lions Facebook page, Ware Lions We Serve.



Posters of the tournament's sponsors and supporters were displayed in front of the field of Hardwick Crossing Country Club.



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette Graduates work to solve a puzzle with Site Director RJ Ferullo, Town Manager Stuart Beckley and instructor Colette Lefebvre-Davis.



lot to celebrate, including the upcoming arrival of their first child.

Kucinski said she can see pride

and hope on each graduate's

face and commended them for

"But most importantly, I see

Other people will be inspired

"You achieved something that

Each graduate received their

by the graduates' stories,

Kucinski said, and she encour-

aged them to share those stories.

at one time, you didn't think you

certificate from Town Manager

Stuart Beckley before enjoy-

ing refreshments with all who

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from Monson Savings Bank,

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This graduation ceremony

working so hard to be there.

role models," she said.

could," she said.

attended.

GRADUATES from page 1

St. Hilaire said she dropped out of high school at the end of her sophomore year and lived with that regret ever since.

"Not having this piece of paper made the world so much harder," she said. "I'm so proud of myself and all of you for having the determination to keep going."

Instructor Colette Lefebvre-Davis said the graduates clicked, typed and video called their way to success.

"You have proven that learning has no age limit," she said.

Lefebvre-Davis said the graduates have earned their degree from the "University of Life" and encouraged them to use this achievement as a launching pad for new opportunities.

"Your potential is limitless," she said.

Instructor Andrew Roberts said at each graduation ceremony, he talks about love, and how it is the most important thing in

With the love of their family



Karen Coughlin was proud of her accomplishments.

and friends, each student is supported along their journey, but without self-love, they wouldn't have the drive to succeed.

"None of you would be here if you didn't pull yourself up," Roberts said.

Roberts talked about a billboard message he saw while driving, and challenged the



one of the student speakers, to represent her class.

graduates to one final word game. Handing them an assortment of cards with words written on them, Roberts asked them to solve that message he saw.

message the graduates found after arranging the cards.

Leah Dupuis was selected as

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eracyproject.org.

"You are enough," was the

Executive Director Colleen



The staff and teachers at The Literacy Project support learners of all ages to achieve their



Alexis Kendall Del Rosario poses for a photo with



Kelly St. Hilaire receives a flower from Graduate Leah Dupuis gave a **Advisor Darcy Gauthier.**



moving speech about her jour-



Kelly St. Hilaire had the support of her daughter, sister and friend.



The Literacy Project's Executive Director, Colleen Kucinski, congratulates the students for their achievements.



Instructor Andrew Roberts warms up the crowd with his stand-up comedy routine.



Site Director RJ Ferullo welcomes family and friends to the graduation.

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