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Selectboard reviews RFP for water/wastewater assets

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WARE – Representatives from Aquarion Water Company presented details from the sole request for proposal received by the town to purchase its water and wastewater assets.

Nick LaChance, director of Business Development, accompanied by President Donald Morrissey and Vice-President of Engineering and Planning Daniel Lawrence, came before the Selectboard on Aug. 22 to review the offer.

“There’s been a significant amount of effort and consider-

ation that’s gone into the proposal that has been provided to the town and we feel that it provides a tremendous amount of value for the town as well as significant value to our existing customer base as well,” he said. “We very much believe that the opportunity before you is a ‘win-win’ for the town.”

LaChance said there are four significant areas to discuss, including the purchase price for the water and wastewater assets, at \$9.688 million; a rate freeze for at least 24 months upon the closing; retention of all employees; and transfer of all operation-

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Special municipal employee status removed from boards

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WARREN – Board of Selectmen Chair David Dufresne said the discussion about “special municipal employee designation,” came up at a previous meeting, with the question of why so many boards and committees hold the status.

At the Aug. 24 meeting, Vice-Chair Richard Eichacker said most of these designations date back to the 1990s, and the Board should review the need for such statuses each year.

Dufresne agreed that there should be a policy to review the statuses.

The Board reviewed current

special municipal employee designations, receiving requests to keep the designations from the Moderator, Plumbing Inspector and Town Clerk.

Town Clerk Laura Stockley requested the status for the town’s election workers.

The Board and Town Clerk were unsure if this was necessary, and the Board opted to have the request reviewed by town counsel.

Moderator Dario Nardi said he only made the request in the event that his job in another municipality would impact his position in town. After discussion, the Board determined that Nardi’s outside job did not

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Drew Obrzut, age 9, gets ready to take the winning bite in the pie eating contest at the 76th Annual Ware Grange Fair held this past weekend.

Ware Grange Fair celebrates 76 years

Weekend event showcases agriculture and community

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WARE – For 76 years, the Ware Grange #164 has held its annual end of summer fair, featuring a mix of entries ranging from agriculture to arts and crafts, photography, fancy-work, baked and canned goods and preserves.

This year, 70 people submitted entries to the Fair held Aug. 25-26, including 22 newcomers. Participants entered a total of 392

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Tristan Supka and Lori Perkins of Ware had fun at the Ware Grange Fair last Saturday.

Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

Medicine River Powwow returns

By Ryan Drago
Correspondent

HARDWICK – This past weekend in Gilbertville, the fields off River Run hosted many travelers who put together the annual Medicine River Charity Good Time Family Powwow.

The Medicine River Powwow is a charity powwow that welcomes everyone and showcases many traditions of Native American culture. Visitors come from all over to pitch their tents and park their campers

to enjoy the whole weekend of festivities.

The organizers for the annual Medicine River Powwow are locals, Tony Hay and Mya Hay. The Hays appreciate the amount of support, volunteers, and participation that goes into the Powwow every year.

Tony Hay mentioned the incredible turnout the Powwow gets every year, with Native American vendors and local artisans coming from all over the United States and Canada. Many vendors are local to

Massachusetts, but Hay mentioned vendors and visitors come from Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

One of the biggest benefits Hay alluded to while preparing for the first day was the amount of friendships he and his family have made throughout their time running the Powwow.

“For 15 years, we gathered a great group of friends...offering

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Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

Adhi Moonien Two Owls of Littleton, New Hampshire was a first time vendor at this year’s Powwow with her business, The New Global Shaman.

S.O.N.G. Stock 2023 rocks and rolls for kids

By Paula Ouimette
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BRIMFIELD – Since 1999, Supporting Orphans Nationally & Globally, Inc. has been working to help children across the world; bringing their focus in recent years to the crisis in Ukraine.

This past Sunday, S.O.N.G., Inc. hosted its annual S.O.N.G. Stock festival fundraiser at Brimfield Winery,

featuring three popular local bands, silent auction, raffle, face painting, games and more. S.O.N.G., Inc. co-founder Wally Connor even brought his famous “ring swing,” which has been a feature at S.O.N.G., Inc. fundraising events since the beginning, and sure to test your skills (and maybe even your patience).

Frisbees were given as prizes to those joining in the pie eating contest. Bearing the S.O.N.G., Inc. logo,

the frisbees were donated by a supporter, with printing provided by Dennis Craig of BT Copy & Printing Cetner.

While S.O.N.G., Inc. (formerly Socks for Siberia) was founded to help children living in orphanages in Siberia, it has expanded to include orphans in numerous countries, including South Africa and Pakistan. S.O.N.G., Inc. also works with Wonderfund of Massachusetts, providing essential items for chil-

dren involved with the Department of Childrens and Families.

S.O.N.G., Inc. co-founder Michele Connor said this event is the organization’s major fundraiser for this year. Money raised helps the organization’s mission as a whole, but this year’s event will also help continue to bring care to the Ukraine/Poland border.

“This is mostly for the kids

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Lisa Martin and her band kicked off S.O.N.G. Stock 2023, held at the Brimfield Winery this past Sunday. The all-day festival featured three bands, a food truck, raffles, face painting, games, silent auction and more, all to benefit the work of Supporting Orphans Nationally & Globally, Inc.

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Wedding Anniversary



Robert and Beatrice Ouimette celebrate 61 years of marriage

Happy 61st wedding anniversary to Robert and Beatrice Ouimette of South Hadley from their children: Denis (Janice) Ouimette of Ware; William (Dana) Ouimette of Long Beach,

California; Lisa (Frank) Campanelli of Avon, Connecticut; Robert (Debbie) Ouimette of Woolwich, Maine; and Peter (Kerry) Ouimette of Ludlow.



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Radio service for those with eyesight issues seeks volunteers

Valley Eye Radio, formerly Valley Radio Reading Service, started almost 50 years ago when a group of dedicated citizens wanted to help their family members, friends and neighbors who were struggling due to eyesight issues.

Since that time volunteer readers and passionate board members have continued what that small group started.

Valley Eye Radio provides accessible local news and information broadcasting service in the Pioneer Valley for those who can no longer read independently. Valley Eye Radio is dedicated to making sure that the lives of seniors, veterans and others who have vision challenges never feel

socially isolated, vulnerable, or feel like they are losing their quality of life because they can no longer read.

Today, Valley Eye Radio is using 21st century technology to be more accessible than ever, has more financial resources than ever, and needs new community members to join its board to help the radio define what its future growth should be for listeners and the growing numbers of people who will need the service in the next few years.

For more information about getting involved, please contact Executive Director Barbara Loh by calling 413-747-7337 or emailing bploh@valleyeyeradio.org.

Are You Old News?

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



File Photo
Last week's photo from 1991 showed Amy and Jennifer King, daughters of Dave and Val King of Main Street, Gilbertville, demonstrating their "Electric Youth" routine at a dance recital sponsored by Dance Inn Studio in Palmer.

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

Fall Fair returns to Meeting House Sept. 16

WARE – The annual Fall Fair will be held at the Ware Center Meeting House and Museum, 295 Belchertown Road on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Admission to the Ware Fair is free. All are welcome to enjoy food, crafts, artisans, and music from Lori Brooks. The rain date is Sept. 17.

Music by Lori Brooks is supported in part by a grant from the Ware Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Make a bid at the silent auction, peruse the tables with their unique offerings, check out the activities for kids at the nonprofit tables, and learn more about Ware's history in a tour of the museum.

The Proprietors of the Ware Center Meeting House and Museum are celebrating their 25th year of service to the community.

They were formed in 1998 to educate, entertain, and maintain this beautiful 1799 building. With the help of the Ware Historical Society and members of our community, the Proprietors have made many improvements, including replacing the roof, rebuilding the carriage shed with lumber from the Ware-Gilbertville Covered

Bridge, painting inside and out, repairing plaster walls and ceilings, maintaining and improving the interior, restoring and stabilizing windows, replacing steps at the kitchen door, resettling the steps in front, repairing the dais and north wall, restoring the belfry and bell, repairing all the windows on the top floor and two of the windows on the lower level, painting the entire building, and overall keeping the place in good condition.

The building's unique windows required attention and the Proprietors were blessed to get a donation from the Urban Foundation to complete the window project. Additionally, Pennington Painting donated time and materials in order to paint the entire building and Curaleaf donated \$3,000 to assist in the paint project.

The Fall Fair is another big fundraiser for the Proprietors, and all are welcome to attend.

This building is an integral part of the town's history: the first church, first town hall, first library, first cemetery. The Proprietors partner with the Ware Historical Society to give to the town free concerts on the green this summer, an educational day for third graders, the Ware Remembers event, and our open museum hours all summer long.

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Dancers participate in the morning stretch at Dance Unlimited's Annual Summer Dance Clinic.



Summer dancers are ready to perform.

Submitted Photos

Dance Unlimited

twirls, taps and leaps into 37th year

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WARE – As summer fun comes to an end, children are getting ready to embark on their next adventure by slipping into their dance shoes for the return of fall classes at Dance Unlimited.

On Monday, Sept. 11, Dance Unlimited located at 23 West Main St., will kick off the 2023-2024 dance year, offering classes Monday through Saturday. Dance styles include ballet, tap, jazz, contemporary, modern, hip hop, acro, Irish step, pointe, preschool combination classes, as well as adult classes.

This year's dance season will feature a travel theme.

Now celebrating 37 years in the community, Dance Unlimited has been owned solely by Maribeth Royer since 2018.

Dance Unlimited's family tree can actually trace its roots back to 1962, when it was the St. George Dance Studio owned by the late Lauretta St. George Sorel, a teacher that passed on her love of dance to many generations in town.

"We treat all of our dancers the same," Royer said. "Pushing them hard and making sure they have fun. We encourage everybody to keep working...we're a pretty big family here."

Royer has been a dancer herself since she was 2 years old, and became a student teacher when she was in high school. When she went on to college, she didn't immediately have a major, but she had decided to minor in dance.

She went on to earn her associate's degree in dance from Dean College and is Dance Educators



Shown from left are the talented teachers at Dance Unlimited, Miss Mandy, Miss Jessica, Miss Linda, Miss Kristi, Mr. Brett, Miss Maribeth, Miss Jolene, Miss Kaylee and Miss Cora.

of America certified. Royer also earned a bachelor's degree in business.

Born and raised in Ware, Royer first started at Dance Unlimited as a teacher in 2002, and started the studio's first competition dance. At that time, Dance Unlimited was owned by Linda Kenyon and Jolene St. Onge.

Kenyon still teaches pointe on Tuesdays and St. Onge teaches Saturday classes, ranging from combination classes to tap and Irish step, Royer said.

Dance Unlimited has many teachers on staff in addition to Royer, Kenyon and St. Onge, including Cora Paul, Kristi Kenyon, Brett St. Onge, Mandy Gaudreau, Kaylee Hinckley and Jessica LaFountain.

Royer said the staff at Dance Unlimited are fully educated and licensed, with each one offering their own distinct style for choreography.

"We're all very well-trained and able to teach our kids anything they want to learn," Royer said.

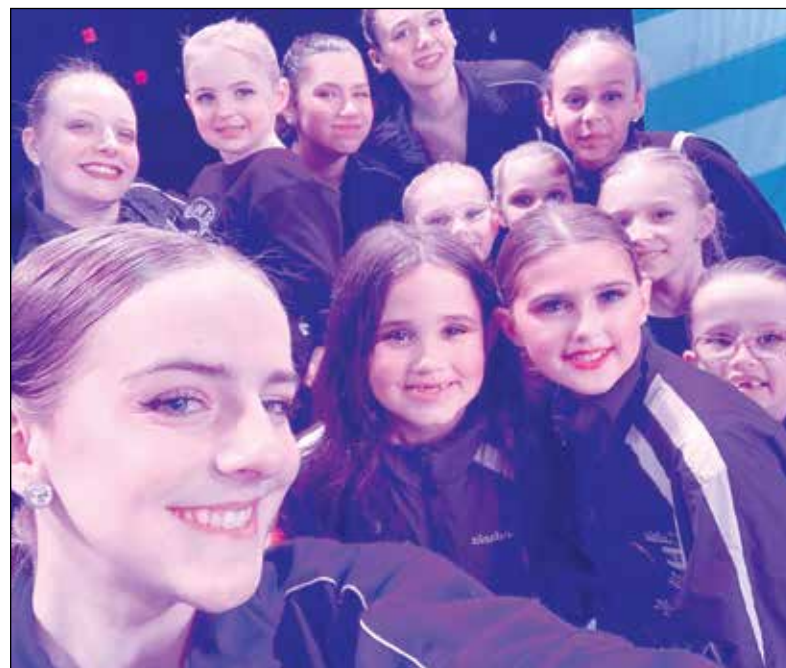
Paul is also a lifelong Ware resident, and has been dancing for 16 years, starting at Dance Unlimited when she was 13 years old. She earned her bachelor's degree in dance at Springfield College.

"It's so nice...I love it. It just feels like home," Paul said of teaching at the studio she grew up in.

Dance Unlimited is home to about 100 students, and has a 16-member competition dance team. Dancers come from Ware, Warren, Palmer, Belchertown and Gilbertville.

Auditions for the competition team are open to anyone, Royer said, with tryouts scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 6 from 4:30-6 p.m. at the studio.

All dancers need to do in order to prepare for auditions Royer said, is "stretch, come on down, and



Competition team dancers take a stage selfie.



Dancers hype each other up before hitting the stage at a dance competition.

smile."

"We put dancers where they shine the most," Royer said. "We're all here to just come and have a good time and do your best."

Royer said the competition team competes at three dance competitions a year, and also participates in external workshops.

"After auditions, we work out schedules [with the families] and see what fits," she said of the competition season. The students also get to help pick out costumes and families host fundraisers to help cover the costs of dancing and competing.

"The parents here are great," Paul said.

At the end of the dance season, a recital is held for all dancers the weekend before Memorial Day at Ware High School. Dance Unlimited also offers summer



The Dance Unlimited cast of the 2023 recital "Dancing Through The Pages."

dance clinics starting in July.

The studio also recently held its first ever shoe and clothing swap, where gently used and outgrown dance wear (or "Dance Ware" as the staff at Dance Unlimited calls it) was passed on to younger dancers to help keep the next genera-

tion's toes tapping.

If anyone has any questions or would like to register for fall classes, visit www.danceunlimitedma.com. You can also follow Dance Unlimited on Facebook and Instagram.

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Wild turkeys and poults

I had to stop to let a flock of three adult hens and over 12 poults cross a road recently. As they made their way across the road, I tried to get an accurate count.

However, the young turkeys moved quickly and often went behind another poult or a hen. This was the second time I saw the flock in the same general area.

Loon census

On July 15, the Loon Preservation Committee of New Hampshire held their annual loon census. In their newsletter they said, "During the Loon Census, a total of 440 volunteers took to 121 lakes across New Hampshire to count loons. In total, they documented 431 adult loons, 56 loon chicks, and 2 immature loons. This census coverage represents roughly 1/3 of the lakes that LPC biologists

monitor annually, and as such, our final population numbers for the season will likely be higher."

Loon fact

After the hatch of their first chick, adult loons often remove the membrane from the first hatched egg and any attached large pieces of eggshell from their nest. This behavior has been widely documented here in New Hampshire, both on LPC's Live Loon Cams and by wildlife photographers, as well as by biologists in the field.

In a recent newsletter from LPC an article said, "The removal of eggshell fragments from loon nests may occur in part due to the asynchronous hatch of the two chicks. Until the second chick hatches, the loons brood their first chick on and around the nest. While they may take it into the water for brief swims or to feed it, the first chick ends up spending a lot of time on the nest while the family waits for the hatch of the second chick."

The article continued, "Loon eggs and newly-hatched loon chicks are brown in color, and as such, they blend in with their surroundings on the nest. The egg membrane and the inside of eggshells, in contrast, are a creamy white color. That makes them much more conspicuous and, if left on the nest, could increase the chance of nest predation. Therefore, it is believed that in removing egg membranes and large eggshell pieces from the nest, adult loons may be protecting their chick and the second egg from being easily noticed by predators."

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

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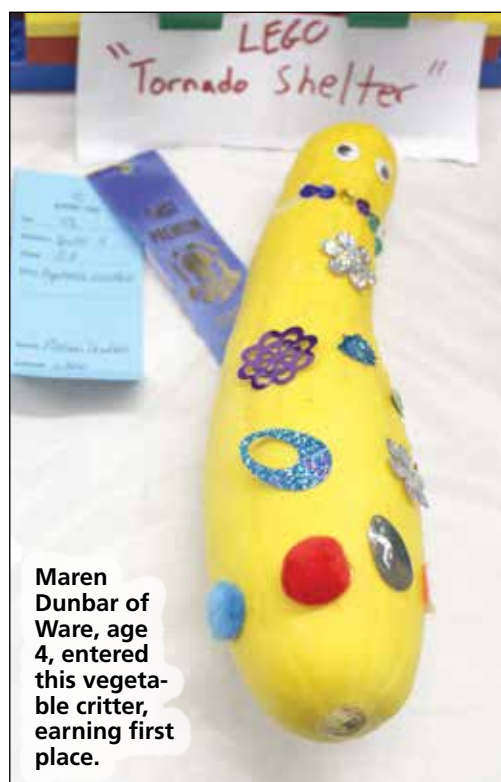
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Maren Dunbar of Ware, age 4, entered this vegetable critter, earning first place.



Lukka Hastings of Palmer, age 7, won first place for his chicken eggs. Hastings also earned the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resources – Special Agriculture Rosette – Youth.



Honey, jams, pickles and relishes all earned ribbons.

Ware Grange Fair

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entries; 281 for adults and 111 for youth.

Earning special rosettes for their entries were Roger Mlynarski of West Warren, Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resources – Special Agriculture Rosette – Adult, sweet corn; Lukka Hastings of Palmer, Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resources – Special Agriculture Rosette – Youth, chicken eggs; Roberta McQuaid of Hardwick, Massachusetts State Grange – Special Agriculture Rosette – Adult, floral arrangement; Scout Taricano of Brimfield, Massachusetts State Grange – Special Agriculture Rosette – Youth, wildflower “Save the Bees” arrangement; Kelly Trim of Ware, Ware Grange Fair – Special Rosette for an Outstanding Non Agriculture Entry – Adult, themed scrapbook; and Emma LaPointe of Ware, Ware Grange Fair – Special Rosette for an Outstanding Non Agriculture Entry – Youth, painting.

Established in 1888, Ware Grange is one of about 40 Granges across the Commonwealth, with members from Ware, Palmer, Hardwick and other surrounding towns; and even as far away as Florida.

Randall Vaill Jr., secretary of Ware Grange, said that even though the State and National Granges have seen a decline in membership over the years, Ware Grange is “holding steady.”

“We would love to get some more folks involved,” Vaill said of the family organization.

The Ware Grange Fair is a major fundraiser for the organization, and it provides affordable family fun, including games of chance such as “Lucky Duck,” “Balloon Pop” along with games of skill, like the bubble gum blowing contest and pie eating contest.

Running the games were Grange member Lauren Vaill and soon-to-be member John Ventura, along with dedicated volunteer Sara Fosberg, all from Palmer.

Tickets for the chicken barbecue, held on the second day of the Fair, always sell out quickly.

Offering a chance to plant some seeds and receive a dolphin-shaped multipurpose camping tool, was Girls Scouts of Central & Western Massachusetts Membership Service Specialist Angelica Rodriguez. She also shared information about Girl Scouts, and how people can get involved in the organization that aims to “make the world a better place.”

Winning his first ever pie eating contest this year, was 9-year-old Drew Obrzut of East Brookfield, who attended with his grandmother. He credits his victory to the deliciousness of the homemade blueberry pie, which is his favorite kind.

Hazzy McNally, age 16 of Brimfield, has been face painting for three years, offered free designs to fairgoers this past weekend. She has shared her talent at a number of parties, festivals and even Old Home Day in her town.

In addition to the Fair, the Ware Grange hosts a number of hands-on, educational programs throughout the year, made possible by a grant from the Massachusetts State Grange.

“Agriculture and education are the roots of the Grange,” Vaill said.

Coming up in October, the Ware Grange will sponsor its annual pumpkin carving night for local families, that includes a spooky Halloween story.

About Ware Grange

Ware Grange meets on the third Monday of most months at the Grange Hall located at 297 Belchertown Road.

The organization supports education by donating dictionaries to third grade students in Ware schools each year. It also sponsors a program for local children to learn about the history of schools and education in Grange Hall, which originally was the town’s two-room schoolhouse in the 1800s.

For more information, visit waregrange.org, email ware-grange@comcast.net or find them on Facebook at Ware Grange #164.



Tristan Supka and Lori Perkins of Ware had fun at the Ware Grange Fair last Saturday.



Sylvia Isham of Ware took second place with this stunning sunflower.



Marilyn Obrzut of West Warren took first place for her jolly holiday gourd.



Angelica Rodriguez of Girls Scouts of Central & Western Massachusetts was on hand with a seed planting activity and information about the Girls Scouts program.



Scout Taricano of Brimfield earned the Massachusetts State Grange Special Agricultural Rosette for her wildflower arrangement.



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Photography was a popular category for entries.



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Shown in front of the new sign at the Charles E. Shepard Municipal Building are from left, Board of Selectmen Vice-Chair Richard Eichacker; Warren Rural Improvement Chair Linda Cunningham; grandson of Charles E. Shepard, David Shepard; Board of Selectmen Chair David Dufresne and Board of Selectmen Clerk Derick Veliz.

Building marks 30 years with new sign and bench



WARREN – Today, Aug. 31, marks the 30-year anniversary of the original dedication of the Charles E. Shepard Building.

To honor this anniversary, an updated sign and a new memorial bench were recently installed at the Municipal Building.

Submitted Photos by Derick Veliz

Back row from left are Board of Selectmen Clerk Derick Veliz; Town Administrator Jim Ferrera; Vice-Chair Richard Eichacker; and Board of Selectmen Chair David Dufresne. Front row from left, Warren Rural Improvement Chair Linda Cunningham; and grandson of Charles E. Shepard, David Shepard

PVPC secures grant for preservation projects

This month the National Park Service named the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission's 501(c)3 subsidiary - the Pioneer Valley Regional Ventures Center, Inc. - as one of only 13 awardees nationally to receive a Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant.

The \$750,000 grant will allow the state-designated regional planning agency to work with the Ventures Center to develop a subgrant program and select individual projects in rural communities for physical preservation projects that will contribute to economic vitality.

It is the first time a Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant has been awarded to a Massachusetts organization.

Using its 501(c)3 subsidiary, the Pioneer Valley Regional Ventures Center, PVPC staff will provide subgrants to competitively selected preservation and rehabilitation projects on National Register-listed anchor historic buildings in 40 communities with less than 12,500 residents in Hampden and Hampshire Counties and West Central and Southwest Central Worcester County.

The PVPC's Perseveration Works in Western Mass Bruhn Competitive Subgrant Program's focus is on projects that will support the revitalization of National Register-listed anchor historic buildings that are significant to the community and, when rehabilitat-

ed, will contribute to local economic development.

Subgrant awards of up to \$100,000 will be given to work in compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Rehabilitation of Historic Properties to conduct pre-planning; roof repair or replacement; exterior rehabilitation such as painting, repointing, or historic siding restoration; structural repairs; window and door restoration; and life safety improvements to include fire suppression and ADA compliance.

Eligible owner-applicants will be private, public, or nonprofit. There will be no match required.

Applications will be evaluated based on population, regional distribution, variety of project type, community and economic development potential, pre-planning to determine project needs, and the capacity of the active, local working group.

A Preservation Restriction will be required on a property that receives funding.

These grants mark the fifth year of funding for the program honoring the late Paul Bruhn, executive director of the Preservation Trust of Vermont for nearly 40 years.

The Pioneer Valley is the state-designated regional planning agency for the 43 cities and towns of Hampden and Hampshire Counties.

Parks and Rec. host fireworks and tag sale

WARREN – The Parks & Recreation will host the annual fireworks at Quaboag Regional Middle High School, 284 Old West Brookfield Road, on Saturday, Sept. 9.

Musical entertainment will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the fireworks will go off at dark. Refreshments will be available to purchase, with the proceeds benefiting student groups at the High School.

The Parks & Recreation will also host a town wide tag sale on Sept. 9 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., rain or shine. Register by Sept. 1 to get your location on the map; the cost is \$10 per map location.

Maps will be sold for \$2 on the common starting at 8 a.m., the day of the tag sale.

People can register their location for the town wide tag sale online at unipaygold.unibank.com (search Warren Parks & Recreation) or mail checks payable to "Town of Warren/Parks & Rec" to Warren Parks & Rec, P.O. Box 609, Warren, MA 01083. If mailing a check, please also register at <https://forms.office.com/r/fyGawceS9T>.

For more information or notice of weather cancellations, follow Warren Parks Department on Facebook.

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Kennedy looks for new additions to Tri-County next season

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE—While Mike Kennedy was a three-sport athlete at Holyoke High School forty years ago, his favorite sport has always been baseball.

Kennedy was a member of Holyoke's 1985 state championship baseball team.

"We defeated Boston College High School in the Division 1 baseball state finals," said Kennedy, who played first base. "It was a fun experience, especially being a group of city kids. Baseball has always been my favorite sport."

Holyoke, who defeated B.C. High, 4-2, in the state championship game, finished the 1985 season with a 24-1 record. They squeaked a 1-0 victory over Minnechaug Regional in the Western Mass. finals.

After graduating from High School, Kennedy was a member of the PeoplesBank baseball team in the Tri-County League for the twenty four years. During that time, PeoplesBank won eight Tri-County League championship titles.

Kennedy recently completed his first season as the President of the prestigious Tri-County League. He took over the reins from Don LaValley.

"This is my first year as the league President," Kennedy said. "I think it was a very successful season."

Kennedy has received a lot of support and his right hand man is Eric Emet

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Indians working hard

WARE – The Ware High School girls soccer team was practicing this week as they get ready for an early season opener on Tuesday, Sept. 5. The girls will face Hopkins Academy as they look to rebound from a 3-12-3 season last year and get back to the tournament. Ware's home opener will be on Monday, Sept. 11 against Mahar Regional.

Turley photos by Jack Cascio NEARsmugmug.com
Girls soccer practices continue this week as the Indians prepare for the regular season.



Ware had a tough season last year with just three wins.



The Indians have a tough task in facing Hopkins in their season opener.



The girls hope to rebound with a better season in 2023.

Cougars host annual scrimmage session



Kendall Lariviere starts a drag after a whistle.



Isabelle Burgess meanders toward the opposing goal.

WAREN – It has become tradition in recent years for Quaboag field hockey to host a small scrimmage set with four teams right after the preseason begins. Once again, Belchertown and Quabbin were among the participants in the event. The teams had short scrimmages as they all prepare for the regular season. Quaboag will host Notre Dame Academy to start the regular season on Thursday, Sept. 7.



Hanna Nemeroff sends a free hit away.



Turley photos by Jack Cascio NEARsmugmug.com
Amarie Martino converges with an opponent.

Panthers set to make an impact



Turley photos by Jack Cascio NEARsmugmug.com
Haley Ayer sends a pass away.

WARREN – Quabbin Regional field hockey has been one of the school's most successful programs in recent memory. Several of the players on the team won the Central Mass. summer league once again this season. The Panthers saw their first fall preseason action at Quaboag last Saturday morning. Their regular season opener is on Wednesday, Sept. 6 at Narragansett.



Violet Kelley is all focus as she watches her hit away.



Olivia Breault dribbles up the field.

Pioneers prepare for regular season



Gavin Peters tries to make a nifty play in the air.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Owen Pear chases down the bouncing ball.

PALMER – On Monday afternoon, Pathfinder boys soccer, which now co-ops with Palmer High, got one of scrimmages in with a matchup against nearby Granby. Pathfinder has been a regular contender for both Western Mass. and the state tournament since merging with Palmer. The Pioneers open the season on Sept. 6 at Hampden Charter at 4 p.m.



Kenny Broulette plays the ball off his knee with pressure coming.



Seth Mitchell slants away from an opponent.



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Robert Williams, Jr. winds up for tee off.



Silas Patel gets set to swing.

Pioneers practice

BELCHERTOWN – At Cold Spring Country Club in Belchertown, Pathfinder golf is getting ready for the regular season. The Pioneers are currently scheduled to open up the season on Thursday, Sept. 7 with a home match against St. Mary's at 3 p.m.

Fall VARSITY SPORTS SCHEDULE 2023

Ware High School

FOOTBALL

Table with football schedule for Ware High School, including dates, home/away status, opponent, and time.

BOYS SOCCER

Table with boys' soccer schedule for Ware High School, including dates, home/away status, opponent, and time.

GIRLS SOCCER

Table with girls' soccer schedule for Ware High School, including dates, home/away status, opponent, and time.

GOLF

Table with golf schedule for Ware High School, including dates, home/away status, opponent, and time.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Table with girls' volleyball schedule for Ware High School, including dates, home/away status, opponent, and time.

Quaboag Regional

FOOTBALL

Table with football schedule for Quaboag Regional, including dates, home/away status, opponent, and time.

BOYS SOCCER

Table with boys' soccer schedule for Quaboag Regional, including dates, home/away status, opponent, and time.

GIRLS SOCCER

Table with girls' soccer schedule for Quaboag Regional, including dates, home/away status, opponent, and time.

FIELD HOCKEY

Table with field hockey schedule for Quaboag Regional, including dates, home/away status, opponent, and time.

GOLF

Table with golf schedule for Quaboag Regional, including dates, home/away status, opponent, and time.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Table with boys' cross country schedule for Quaboag Regional, including dates, home/away status, opponent, and time.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Table with girls' cross country schedule for Quaboag Regional, including dates, home/away status, opponent, and time.

Quabbin Regional

FOOTBALL

Table with football schedule for Quabbin Regional, including dates, home/away status, opponent, and time.

BOYS SOCCER

Table with boys' soccer schedule for Quabbin Regional, including dates, home/away status, opponent, and time.

GIRLS SOCCER

Table with girls' soccer schedule for Quabbin Regional, including dates, home/away status, opponent, and time.

Table with football schedule for Quabbin Regional, including dates, home/away status, opponent, and time.

FIELD HOCKEY

Table with field hockey schedule for Quabbin Regional, including dates, home/away status, opponent, and time.

GOLF

Table with golf schedule for Quabbin Regional, including dates, home/away status, opponent, and time.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Table with boys' cross country schedule for Quabbin Regional, including dates, home/away status, opponent, and time.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Table with girls' cross country schedule for Quabbin Regional, including dates, home/away status, opponent, and time.

Pathfinder Regional

FOOTBALL

Table with football schedule for Pathfinder Regional, including dates, home/away status, opponent, and time.

BOYS SOCCER (CO-OP WITH PALMER)

Table with boys' soccer schedule for Pathfinder Regional, including dates, home/away status, opponent, and time.

Table with football schedule for Pathfinder Regional, including dates, home/away status, opponent, and time.

GIRLS SOCCER

Table with girls' soccer schedule for Pathfinder Regional, including dates, home/away status, opponent, and time.

GOLF

Table with golf schedule for Pathfinder Regional, including dates, home/away status, opponent, and time.

Owls picked fifth in preseason poll

WESTFIELD - Westfield State University football has been picked to finish seventh in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference in the league's annual preseason coaches' poll.

Westfield finished with 19 points. Defending conference champion UMass Dartmouth headed the poll with 63 points and seven of the nine first place votes.

The Corsairs were followed by Bridgewater State with 53 points, WestConn with 47 points and one first place vote, and Framingham State with 46 points and the other first-place vote.

Westfield ranked ahead of Worcester State (19) and Fitchburg State (10).

The Owls return a solid nucleus of veterans, which includes leading rusher Jordan Smith (Coventry, Conn.), quarterback Gabriel Fernandez (Holyoke, Mass.) and Colby Pires (Milford, Mass.).

On the defensive side, top tackler Tyler Cooley (Randolph, Mass.) and defensive lineman Cade Nelson (Shrewsbury, Mass.) headline a large group of returnees in the front seven.

The Owls have been in preseason camp since Aug. 11. They will kick off the regular season with a non-conference game at Anna Maria on Saturday, Sept. 2 at 12 noon.

Foursomes needed for charity golf tournament

AGAWAM - Registration and signups are currently open and underway for the Sixth Annual "Shoot For The Stars To Cure Cancer" Golf Tournament to benefit the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. In the first five years, the event has raised over \$15,000 for cancer research.

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"Eric has been a very big help to me," Kennedy said. "He has kept my head above water in my first year as President.

In his role as the T.C.L. President, Kennedy presented the 2023 championship trophy to PeoplesBank player/manager Joe Ferry.

Top-seeded PeoplesBank didn't have very much trouble sweeping second-seeded Chicopee Falls Tigers in the best of three championship series.

PeoplesBank captured the T.C.L. championship title for the tenth consecutive year, and for the 18th time since 1995.

While PeoplesBank has been the dominant team in the T.C.L. during the past 30 years, there were only five other teams in the league this summer.

Kennedy is looking to add a few more teams before the start of the 2024 season.

"My main goal is to add a few more teams," Kennedy said. "I would like to have at least ten teams in our league during the next couple of years. I want this league to get back to where it used to be."

The three teams that dropped out of the T.C.L. following the 2022 season were Pa'Lante, Easthampton and Teddy's Bear Pool.

On a positive note, 413ATC was a first-year member of the T.C.L. this summer. They finished in third place behind PeoplesBank and the Chicopee Falls Tigers in the regular season standings. They were swept by the Tigers in the semifinals.

"The 413 team had a bunch of young players," Kennedy said. "For being a first-year team in this league, I thought they had a very good season."

Kennedy is hoping more of the high school and Legion baseball players will join the Tri-County League during the next couple of years.

"What we really need to do is to get the younger baseball players from the area to play in this league," he said. "Most of our current players are older."

The other three T.C.L. teams this summer were St. Joseph's, DiFranco Realty, and the Longmeadow Cardinals.

The Tri-County League teams play their games on some of the best kept baseball fields in Western Massachusetts.

PeoplesBank homefield is MacKenzie Stadium in Holyoke.

The Chicopee Falls Tigers play their home games at historic Sztok Park.

The 413ATC home field was at Westfield State University and St. Joseph's has played their home games at St. Joe's Ballpark in Thorndike for many years.

"All of our baseball fields are high quality," Kennedy said. "Most of the fields have lights, which is always a bonus."

While PeoplesBank will be looking to add another championship title to their collection in 2024, all the other Tri-County League teams will be looking to knock them off the top of the mountain.

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Summer Jam takes the Great Hall stage

Local talent shines at all-ages open mic concert

By Paula Ouimette
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WEST BROOKFIELD – Seasoned musicians Wild Thyme set the stage as the opening act during West Brookfield Cultural Council's first ever Summer Jam concert this past Saturday.

Local musicians from West Brookfield, Ware, New Braintree, Rutland, Paxton and beyond performed a variety of music that spanned genres and decades.

Opening with a rendition of Bob Seger's "Mainstreet", Wild Thyme rocked the house with classic hits covering the 1970s to the 1990s.

For Ware resident Karen Gallant, performing for an audience has been a lifelong dream.

"It's kind of a bucket list thing," she said.

Gallant has only been performing on stage for a year, starting at an open mic hosted by Cultural Council member Amy "A.J." Kiernan at Lost Towns Brewing

in Gilbertville. Gallant is part of Water Bear with Kiernan.

"We play at Lost Towns all of the time," Gallant's bandmate Richard Kszaszcz, also of Ware, said. "It's just a lot of fun and it's nice to play out."

Kszaszcz has been a musician for 50 years and he was happy to sit in with Wild Thyme alongside Gallant for the Summer Jam, and even joined them at a concert on Lake Wickaboag the week before.

Playing at an open mic like the Summer Jam is a lot more fun than playing professionally Kszaszcz said, who used to be a wedding singer.

Next to take the stage was Paxton-based band Invisible Ink.

Made up of 12-year-olds Charlie Palumbo, Nick Beaudoin, Jake Erickson and Jack Cross, Invisible Ink has only been performing together since January. This was their sixth performance in front of an audience, having also played at a talent show, a party, and a few events.

Invisible Ink performed a mix of grunge to pop-punk, with songs like "Smells Like Teen Spirit" by Nirvana and "All the Small Things" and "Dammit" by Blink-182.

High school sophomore Cecelia



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette
Karen Gallant and Richard Kszaszcz, both from Ware, sit in on percussion with Wild Thyme.

Potts of New Braintree may only be 15 years old, but her powerful vocals rivaled the artists she covered, from Adele to Kelly Clarkson and Evanescence.

A member of her school's chorus since eighth grade, this was Potts' first time performing alone on stage.

Potts is planning to go into musical theater for her career and she said her dream role would be JD in "Heathers" the musical.

"It is so good," she said.

Longtime friends and West Brookfield residents Janet Baskowski and Jeff Robbins have been playing together for "years and years," or at least a quarter of a century.

With Robbins on mandolin and Baskowski on guitar, the two performed a mix of folk and bluegrass, including "Wichita", "Buckskin Baby" and "Steel Rails".

The two friends have performed together on the bandstand on the Common, as well as at the Asparagus Festival, and they were eager to join Summer Jam.

"We just wanted to encourage others and show our support," Robbins said, adding that it's not the music that makes an open mic event great, it's the community.

Several more acts took the stage, each one bringing their own

unique style and talent to Summer Jam well into the evening.

About the Cultural Council
The Cultural Council is made up of Rebecca Fay, Amy Kiernan, Susan Rowden, Diane Vayda, Jane Higgins and Amy Dugas, and more community involvement is welcomed.

The Cultural Council has sponsored more than 30 events and programs for the current grant cycle, ranging from poetry to drumming circles to gardening. The Cultural Council is also sponsoring musicians at the Farmer's Market on Wednesdays on the Common.

The Cultural Council has sponsored a yo-yo show, a juggler, a poetry and jazz series, and has recently kicked off a Coffee and Wood Concert Series at the Merriam-Gilbert Public Library.

The Coffee and Wood Concert Series continues Sept. 21 with Rod Abernethy; Oct. 19 with Kemp Harris; and Nov. 16 with The Sea, The Sea.

For more information about the West Brookfield Cultural Council and other upcoming programs, find them on Facebook at "West Brookfield Cultural Council of MA," visit massculturalcouncil.org/local-council/west-brookfield, email [wbroomfieldlcc@gmail.com](mailto:wbrookfieldlcc@gmail.com) or call 508-867-3610.



Campsites were set up for the weekend.



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

Medicine River was ready to host the two-day annual Medicine River Charity Good Times Family Powwow.

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something a little different, a little special," said Hay.

The Medicine River Powwow features many traditional events including the women's cast iron skillet toss, potato dance, Mother's Honor Dance, Red Road Meetings, community fire and storytelling, and drumming.

Drum shows are very popular at the powwow with numerous groups participating. This year, three groups of drummers attended the annual Powwow.

Out of New Hampshire is the group Heavy Rain. Out of Massachusetts and Canada is Sacred Earth Singers. Out of Quebec, Canada is L'Esprit Des Vents- Spirit of the Winds, an all-female drum group.

Along with the entertainment, a new addition to the Medicine River Powwow is a food truck provided to serve their visitors.

When the Powwow arrives, the most important idea the Hays hope to share is to have everyone feel welcome and grow their community.

"Our event is all inclusive, everyone is equal, and we're interested in building our community," said Hay.

The Powwow is a fun gathering event to learn about many Native American traditions and cultures. Tony and Mya plan to continue their tradition by having the event in what they believe is a kind community.

"The local public has been very kind to us," they said.

One regular vendor at the Powwow was Glenn Bentz and his Haudenosaunee living history. Bentz of New York is a sage, a teacher of old ways. His program, Haudenosaunee involves the teachings of his native culture that he has been doing for 25 years.

One of his main subjects of the program includes teaching about the first five native nations that date back to 1124 A.D. The confederation brought together the tribes of Seneca, Cayuga, Onondaga, Oneida, and Mohawk.

Bentz is of the Seneca tribe and has ancestors going back seven generations.

Along with his teachings, Bentz displayed many old trade items. These items including furs, weapons, and tools were items traded with European settlers.

The teachings by Bentz involve a lot of history and life lessons; many Bentz hopes his students will take into consideration.

"Always take into consideration every decision you make, think of the seven generations ahead. What effect will it have on them," said Bentz. A great learning experience that is part of the Medicine River Powwow.

The Powwow also supports funds for Angel's Answer, Inc. out of Ware. The annual Powwow takes place every fourth weekend in August and will be back in Gilbertville next year.

Medicine River can be found on Facebook and can be contacted via email at Medicineriver@comcast.net.



West Brookfield musicians Jeff Robbins and Janet Baskowski have been performing together for at least 25 years.



Invisible Ink performed songs by Nirvana and Blink-182.



Cecelia Potts from New Braintree sang some powerhouse ballads.

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require the status and moved to remove it.

The Board decided to have town counsel review whether or not the Plumbing Inspector would need the designation.

Fire Chief Adam Lavoie presented a request as well. He said on-call firefighters could need the designation, as some serve on boards or committees also, or they may have an outside business.

Lavoie said the designation would not apply to full time staff.

Town Administrator James Ferrera said town counsel confirmed that the designation should not be granted to the town's full time employees.

The Board will have Lavoie's request reviewed by town counsel as well, to see if the designation can cover just on-call firefighters, rather than the whole department.

The Board removed special municipal employee status for the Moderator, Planning Board, Sewer Commission, Cemetery Commission, Board of Health, Building Inspector, Dog Officer and Council on Aging.

Maintaining special municipal employee status until further review by town counsel are the Plumbing Inspector, Fire Department and election workers.

Dufresne said any board or

committee in need of the status should present the request to the Board in writing.

Board of Health vacancy

Ferrera read a response from town counsel, that said the vacant position on the Board of Health could be filled by James McKeon, who also holds positions on the Highway Department, Emergency Management and the Community Emergency Response Team.

He said there is a process to follow in order for this to happen, but the town counsel's opinion was that this person was qualified to serve.

Dufresne said there is another application for the vacancy, received from Joseph Kondrat.

Dufresne said he doesn't want to take away from any of McKeon's other roles in the town, which he dedicates a lot of time and effort to.

"Jim does a ton in town," Eichacker agreed, adding that Kondrat has shown continued interest in becoming involved with the town.

The Board agreed that both would be good candidates to fill the vacancy and thanked them for showing interest.

The Board voted to appoint Kondrat to fill the vacancy until the next election, at which time anyone can run for the position.

Police report

Police Chief Gerald Millette said the Department received 2,362 calls for service, including 109 incident reports, 18 total arrests, three protective custodys, 172 motor vehicle stops and 65 citations, during the month of July.

He said July also saw a string of motor vehicle break-ins. He recommended that residents lock their doors, and urged them not to leave their keys in the vehicle.

Millette said he took a tour of Behavior Health Network's Family Resource Center on Main Street in Ware.

"They provide a lot of services," he said, including support groups, parenting programs, assessment and referral services. He said they will also help secure food and clothing for families.

On Sept. 9 from noon-3 p.m. the Police Department will host a car seat inspection and installation on the Common. There will also be a prescription drug take-back that day.

Town Administrator's report

Ferrera said a previous resignation from the Board of Health (received during the Aug. 17 meeting) was rescinded as of this meeting day. He said the office hours will be modified, and will now be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

He said the town's financial team has been working with VADAR Systems to get the software program up and running in the next few months.

"It will be just an ongoing process," he said.

Ferrera said the financial team is also working to close out fiscal year 2023.

Ferrera is also meeting with Rural Affairs Director Anne Gobi about the needs of Warren as a rural community.

Ferrera updated the Board on possible grants the town could apply for, including regional grants, Community One Stop for Growth, Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association and more.

Levee compliance

Dufresne said the berm to the levee was not reestablished as required by the Army Corps of Engineers. A letter will be sent to the mill complex owner requesting that the work be completed in a set timeframe.

He said the asphalt will need to be removed, and loam applied to the barrier, matching the rest of the terrain.

The Board approved sending a letter requesting the work be completed within 90 days.

Drinking on gazebo

Dufresne said while attending

an event, his attention was drawn to a number of empty alcohol bottles around the gazebo on the Common. He said that himself and McKeon removed the bottles.

Dufresne said there may be a need to add more lights, or motion lights, on the gazebo to prevent drinking. He also requested more police surveillance of the area at night.

Draft of job description

Ferrera presented an updated job description for the Building and Planning secretary's position, which hasn't been updated since 2004.

"It's quite old, and definitely needs some updating," he said.

Ferrera looked at comparable positions in other towns and created an updated draft for the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board to review.

The Board approved the draft, and authorized the position to be posted.

Articles 28 and 30

Ferrera said the Town Clerk received a letter from the Attorney General's office regarding bylaw changes approved at the town meeting.

He said the Attorney General suggested that articles 28 and 30 be reviewed by town counsel. He said town counsel saw no reason for any changes to the articles.

Tax taking

Ferrera said the town has received ownership of 71 Pine St., through tax taking. The parcel does not have a house on it anymore.

Ferrera said there are a number of properties in tax taking that the town could potentially auction off.

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public safety

Ware Police Log

During the week of Aug. 22-29, the Ware Police Department responded to 29 miscellaneous calls, 40 administrative calls, 13 traffic violations, 17 emergency 911 calls, nine animal calls, five harassments, four thefts/larcenies, four assist other agencies, eight motor vehicle accidents, four frauds, one safety hazard and 14 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

Tuesday, Aug. 22
 10:17 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Advised
 1:06 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Osborne Road, Services Rendered
 2:03 p.m. Abandoned/Found Property, East Street, Investigated
 2:47 p.m. Theft/Larceny, West Main Street, Services Rendered
 4:54 p.m. Fraud/Deception, Church Street, Advised
 Summons: Caseyleigh Winot, 25, Spencer
 Larceny Over \$250 from +65/Disabled
 5:19 p.m. DUI/Impaired, Palmer Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 5:38 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Richfield Avenue, Advised
 6:27 p.m. Suspicious/Wanted, West Street, Investigated
 6:40 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Highland Village, Advised
 7:04 p.m. Fraud/Deception, Hillside Terrace, Advised
 7:31 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Parker Street, Services Rendered
 9:03 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Knox Street, No Action Required
 9:05 p.m. DUI/Impaired, Belchertown Road, Could Not Locate
 9:45 p.m. Safety Hazard, West Main Street, Investigated

Wednesday, Aug. 23
 1:53 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Gould Road, Advised
 12:46 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Palmer Road, Services Rendered
 3:47 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Old Belchertown Road, Investigated
 4:44 p.m. Animal/Injured/Hunted, Pleasant Street, Services Rendered
 Summons: Italo Passos, 22, Ware
 Animal, Cruelty to; Animal, Cruelty to
 5:13 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Services Rendered

9:23 p.m. Suspicious/Wanted, North Street, Vehicle Towed
Thursday, Aug. 24
 10:13 a.m. Smoke Investigation, Monson Turnpike Road, Could Not Locate
 5:52 p.m. Warrant Service, Otis Avenue, Arrest Made
 Arrest: Darrion Bucknam, 19, Ware
 WMS Warrant
 6:21 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Dale Street, Advised

Friday, Aug. 25
 1:55 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Palmer Road, Report Made
 4:37 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Main Street, Report Made
 5:42 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Storrs Street, Dispatch Handled
 6:42 p.m. DUI/Impaired, Belchertown Road, Unfounded

Saturday, Aug. 26
 10:50 a.m. Administrative, North Street, Services Rendered
 Arrest: Kaylee Brown, 18, Vernon, Connecticut
 Breaking and Entering for Misdemeanor; Trespass
 Arrest: Rockeem S. Handfield, 20, Ware
 WMS Warrant; Breaking and Entering for Misdemeanor; Trespass
 3:03 p.m. Suspicious/Wanted, West Street, Report Made
 7:54 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Otis Avenue, Advised
 9 p.m. Warrant Service, North Street, Arrest Made
 Arrest: Jeremy A. Huston, 48, Ware
 WMS Warrant
 10:56 p.m. DUI/Impaired, Main Street, Arrest Made
 Arrest: Angela L. Valle, 47, Ware
 OUI-Liquor or .08%, 2nd Offense; Leave Scene of Property Damage; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With

Sunday, Aug. 27
 2:47 a.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, Highland Street, Investigated
 4:27 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Osborne Road, Dispatch Handled
 4:48 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Spring Street, Dispatch Handled
 8:24 a.m. Theft/Larceny, Third Avenue, Advised
 9:51 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Otis Avenue, Advised

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

1:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Street, Citation/Warning Issued
 1:26 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Services Rendered
 4:13 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Walnut Street, Services Rendered
 4:31 p.m. Drugs, Main Street, Report Made
 Summons: Cassandra R. Kelly, 32, Ware
 Unregistered Motor Vehicle; Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID
 5:28 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Hardwick, Verbal Warning Issued

Monday, Aug. 28
 2 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Springs Street, Could Not Locate
 3:28 a.m. Traffic Violation, West Street, Vehicle Towed
 Summons: Sherry J. Bateman, 54, Hardwick
 License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With
 11:46 a.m. Fraud/Deception, Pulaski Street, Services Rendered
 1:50 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, North Street, Services Rendered
 2:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Palmer Road, Citation/Warning Issued
 4:31 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Assist Given
 6:22 p.m. Fraud/Deception, North Street, Advised
 8:55 p.m. Assist Other Agency, West Main Street, Services Rendered

Tuesday, Aug. 29
 2:07 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Services Rendered

Warren Police Log

During the week of Aug. 13-20, the Warren Police Department responded to 253 building/property checks, 132 community policing, 20 traffic enforcements, two radar assignments, 30 emergency 911 calls, three frauds/forgeries, one complaint, one threat, one harassment, one property dispute, one missing person, one vehicle fire, three motor vehicle accidents, three animal calls and 50 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

Sunday, Aug. 13
 10:39 a.m. Complaint, Milton O. Fountain Way, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 8 p.m. Landlord/Tenant Dispute, Main Street, Report Filed

Monday, Aug. 14
 12:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Walkeen Koziol Road, Citation Issued
 1:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 5:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation Issued
 6:39 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 9:40 a.m. Neighbor Dispute, Brimfield Road, Referred to Other Agency
 11:32 a.m. Threats, A Street, Information Given
 12:44 p.m. Follow-up Investigation, Old West Brookfield Road, Report Filed

1:11 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Southbridge Road, Transported to Hospital
 2:51 p.m. Unwanted Party, Winthrop Terrace, Report Filed
 2:52 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Reed Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:08 p.m. Lost/Disoriented Person, Brimfield Road, Returned to Family/Guardian
 3:30 p.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Brimfield Road, Transported to Hospital
 3:50 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned, Old West Brookfield Road, Information Taken
 6:42 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Winthrop Terrace, Transported to Hospital
 7:50 p.m. Landlord/Tenant Dispute, Winthrop Terrace, Report Filed

11:13 p.m. Bleeding, Pleasant Street, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, Aug. 15
 4:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 4:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 7:32 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Milton O. Fountain Way, Report Filed
 7:58 p.m. Hypertensive, Brimfield Road, Transported to Hospital
 9:21 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Brimfield Road, Report Filed

Wednesday, Aug. 16
 4:09 a.m. Abdominal/Back Pain, Spring Street, Transported to Hospital
 6:12 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Crouch Road, Transported to Hospital
 9:36 a.m. Vehicle Fires, Mill Street, Investigated
 2:01 p.m. Swollen Liver, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 5:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Citation Issued
 5:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/Fire, North Street, Report Filed
 7:34 p.m. Swollen Leg, Winthrop Terrace, Transported to Hospital
 7:53 p.m. Falls, Old West Brookfield Road, No Fire Service Necessary

Thursday, Aug. 17
 4:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Citation Issued
 7:54 a.m. Medical Alarm, Old West Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital
 8:16 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/Fire, Parkview Street, Report Filed
 9:21 a.m. Harassment, Winthrop Terrace, Report Filed
 9:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 9:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 10:37 a.m. Missing Person, Brimfield Road, Located/Found
 11:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 12:06 p.m. Property Dispute, Carpenter Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 12:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Boston Post Road, Criminal

Complaint
 Summons: Jon J. Rose, 38, Brookfield
 Unregistered Motor Vehicle
 12:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/Fire, Main Street, Report Filed
 3:17 p.m. Allergic Reaction, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 5:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning
 7:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Boston Post Road, Citation Issued

Friday, Aug. 18
 6:44 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Main Street, Report Filed
 11:52 a.m. Bleeding, River Street, Transported to Hospital
 2:36 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Winthrop Terrace, Officer Advised
 3:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Pursuit, Main Street, Information Taken

Saturday, Aug. 19
 12:56 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Brook Road, Transported to Hospital
 4:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Central Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: Daniel Silva, 21, Clinton
 Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle
 8:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Pursuit, West Brookfield, Referred to Other Agency
 9:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:18 p.m. Disorderly Conduct, Washburn Avenue, Report Filed
 11:45 p.m. Headache/Cancer Patient, Chapel Street, Transported to Hospital

Sunday, Aug. 20
 12:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 2:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: Marshall I. McCord Jr., 40, Ludlow
 License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; License not in Possession

Community Newspaper EDITOR WANTED

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

The editor will need to cover local government and events while representing the newspaper at public venues. The successful candidate will have strong community journalism skills and is also expected to gather news and write stories for the two papers as well as for other occasional companywide publications.

Qualifications should include:

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

Please send resume and writing examples to:
 Eileen Kennedy, Executive Editor
 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069
 or email directly to
 ekennedy@turley.com

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This group will be held in zoom, is educational, confidential, and free. Please contact **Pat James 413-726-8661**.

JOB OPENING STAFF WRITER

Turley Publications, based in Palmer, is seeking a storyteller who is curious about everything, and who understands how town government works to join our team of weekly reporters. Experience in covering town government is a huge plus, and any experience in community journalism is as well. Staff writers cover all aspects of communities from features to municipal meetings to crimes and fires. Successful candidates must have people skills, plenty of curiosity and able to tell a story. If you're a self-starter who enjoys community journalism and who can envision themselves connecting with our communities, we encourage you to apply for this position. Not a remote position.

Qualifications should include:

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience
- A determination to get the story, whatever it might be
- Equally comfortable writing hard news, features and event coverage
- Ability to write clean copy in a fast-paced, deadline-driven environment
- Proficiency in Associated Press style

Please tell us in a cover letter why you would be a good fit for this position and send it along with a resume and three writing samples to:
 Eileen Kennedy, Executive Editor
 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069
 or email directly to
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affected by the conflict in Ukraine, now in Poland," Michele said. Michele said her husband Wally has been to the border three times on his own, and they've gone once together. Wally said a fifth trip is being planned for Oct. 1, to bring immediate relief for children whose parents were killed in the war or bombed out of their homes. Thanks to previous efforts, the children in Poland's orphanages are "pretty settled," he said.

Making the trip from Florida for the event were Michele's sister and S.O.N.G., Inc. supporters Kathy Small and her husband Perry Small. When the organization first started out, Kathy could be found "clowning" around along with her puppet, wearing a clown suit sewn by her late mother.

Now, Kathy and Perry make the trip each year for this event, often-times accompanied by a spider-web-slinging superhero. "It's really awesome to see all of the changes," Kathy said of the growing organization and the event. The three featured bands at the event have all helped support S.O.N.G., Inc.'s mission for a number of years, some right from the start.

Peter J. Newland and RadioX have been there since the beginning, Newland said. "I grew up in a family that believed in community service," the Monson-based songwriter said. Newland said he met the Connors through his brother, who worked with Wally. When he first heard about S.O.N.G., Inc.'s mission, he knew he had to be part of it, donating his band's performance every year. Newland and Radio X performed an original set of songs which he described as a "cross section of American music." Newland is also a founding member of the band FAT, which just celebrated 55 years of making music. Also donating their time at S.O.N.G. Stock were the Lisa Martin Band and Secret Sage. Martin is a Ludlow songwriter who performs a variety of folk, rock,



Shown are Supporting Orphans Nationally & Globally, Inc. board members Maureen Caramiello and Carlo Caramiello.



Megan Stapleton of Monson gets ready to paint faces. Stapleton has supported this event for many years.

country and blues and Secret Sage is a central Massachusetts group that has been performing for over a decade. Secret Sage got its start with S.O.N.G., Inc., Wally and Michele said, with some of the band's members performing with the organization for 16 years. All of the bands at S.O.N.G. Stock have gifted their tunes and talent to the organization, as they have every year. "They donate their time and help raise money for the kids," Wally said. Wally thanked Brimfield Winery for being "big supporters" of S.O.N.G., Inc. and providing the venue for this event for the past four years. "It's a beautiful venue and we appreciate them a lot," Wally said.

About S.O.N.G., Inc.
 For more information about S.O.N.G., Inc., its mission or ways you can help, visit supportingorphans.org, email info@supportingorphans.org or call 413-813-8100. You can also find them on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, or stop by S.O.N.G., Inc., located at 13 North St., Ware. Monetary donations can be mailed to S.O.N.G., Inc., c/o North Brookfield Savings Bank, 9 Gilbert St., North Brookfield, MA 01535.

Legislators hope to head off more attempts to ban books

By Michael Harrison
Correspondent

LUDLOW — A proposal that could have created a book banning policy in local school libraries may have stalled last spring, but a pair of state legislators with shared roots have introduced a bill intended to stay ahead of any future attempts.

The legislation, SD.2679, titled “An Act protecting against attempts to ban, remove, or restrict library access to materials,” was referred to the Joint Committee on Rules on July 6. Its sponsors, Sen. Jake Oliveira and Rep. Aaron Saunders, both said they are confident it will proceed on a track that will lead to an eventual public hearing.

“The situation in Ludlow was unfortunate to say the least, but we shouldn’t have to wait for the next time opponents of First Amendment freedoms attack another one of our towns,” Saunders said.

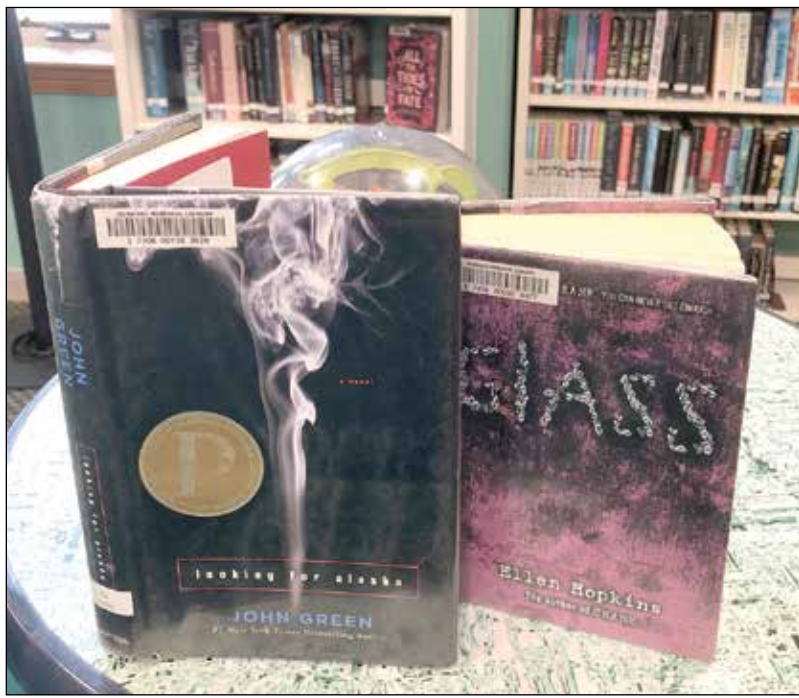
“The real value of this library protection bill is that it is a proactive measure that will provide our public libraries with a measure of protection against book banning efforts.”

According to Oliveira, “I’ve found attempts to put in place policies that could lead to book bans growing across the country for some time, but once it arrived here in Ludlow, I knew it was time to take immediate action.”

Last spring, after prior public discussions over the appropriateness of certain books in Ludlow schools, School Committee member Joao Dias made a motion during a meeting to enact a new policy that could have removed a pair of young adult novels — “Crank” by Ellen Hopkins and “Looking For Alaska” by John Green — and possibly dozens of other titles from school libraries.

The motion did not receive a second and never came to a vote.

Neither Dias nor any other Ludlow School Committee member responded to a group email sent to all of their official accounts seeking comment. Committee member and



Turley Photo by Michael Harrison

Copies of “Crank” by Ellen Hopkins and “Looking For Alaska” by John Green borrowed from shelves at Hubbard Memorial Library last week. Those are two of the books that could have been removed from Ludlow school libraries if a proposed policy was approved last spring.

Secretary Jeffrey Stratton, reached by text, declined to comment.

Committee Vice Chair Sarah F. Bowler did not respond to a text. Ludlow Superintendent of Schools Frank Tiano did not respond to a voice message left on his extension at the district office.

During discussions earlier this year, Dias said he modeled his policy proposal on one he read about online when it was enacted by the Central Bucks School District in Pennsylvania. That policy has since been challenged in a federal lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union.

“These attempts, like the proposed Ludlow School Committee policy ripped off the internet from a school district in Pennsylvania, could censor age-appropriate materials because of a political or xenophobic viewpoint,” Oliveira said.

“What’s happening in our public schools could easily happen in our public libraries. I am proud to partner with Rep. Aaron Saunders to protect our libraries from these attempts to censor books. It’s a

strong bill that I’m incredibly proud to sponsor. I’m prepared to champion it until we get the results needed to protect our literature and free thought from extremists pushing a fringe political agenda.”

The two legislators behind SD.2679 are Ludlow natives. Oliveira still resides there while Saunders resettled his family in Belchertown. Both said they want to head off any statewide movement toward censorship in school and public libraries.

Oliveira, who served 12 years on the Ludlow School Committee before he was elected as a state representative in 2020, also has a background in higher education, serving as assistant executive officer of the Massachusetts State Universities Council of Presidents.

Saunders is a former Ludlow Select Board member, former chief of staff to state Sen. Gale Candaras and is a co-founder of Loophole Brewing. He also served on the staff of former U.S. Senator John Kerry.

Oliveira, who was first elected



Jake Oliveira Aaron Saunders

to the School Committee in 2009, said he recalls past discussions over books.

“During my time on the committee, removal of books in school libraries started to bubble up in Ludlow when national politicians began making this a wedge issue,” he said.

“When a challenge to certain books in a school library was brought to the attention of the school committee, we followed our district politics and formed a review committee with parents, teachers, administrators and librarians to review the challenged books. I sat on that committee and read personally the challenged material and shared it widely with friends with children and the committee determined unanimously that most materials were age-appropriate.”

Oliveira said his background in education “certainly informs my position, but this goes far beyond education.”

The bill he filed with Saunders “focuses on our public libraries,” he said.

“I have been working with colleagues in the legislature on other legislation focused on our public-school libraries. This legislation is needed across the commonwealth because it’s about protecting not only our students’ education but also free thought, freedom of expression, diversity and marginalized communities that the proponents of the proposed book bans can’t accept.”

Both said they have received positive feedback from constituents and fellow legislators.

“The book banning effort in Ludlow was a wake-up call to

ensure that the Legislature is doing everything it should to protect our public libraries,” Saunders said.

“The bill Senator Oliveira and I filed will help provide those protections.”

According to Oliveira, “Since these aggressive attempts to put in place narrow-minded policies have been proposed, I have received messages of concern from parents, students, teachers, community members and colleagues from across the state. I have received an overwhelmingly positive response from constituents and from members of the State Library Board of Commissioners. They want to see books kept on the shelves at our public libraries and schools.”

He added that, “Book bans are nothing new. They are ways to suppress free thought and have been employed by Communist China, the Soviet Union, and Nazi Germany.”

Kristin Santos, youth services assistant at Hubbard Memorial Library, said she’s aware of the proposal the school committee ultimately did not vote on and the controversy over “Crank” and “Looking For Alaska”, which she said have been increasingly checked out by local adults.

“People do come into the library to check out books that are being questioned to see what’s going on inside and decide for themselves if they are appropriate for their own children,” Santos said.

The mother of a local middle school student herself, “I didn’t read ‘Crank’ — I listened to ‘Crank’ because I didn’t have a lot of time to sit down and read the novel, but I listened to it to make my own decisions on the book,” Santos said.

“You can read a part of a book but that doesn’t mean you understand the whole book. I need, by myself, to make those decisions for my child.”

She declined to share her personal opinion of the book.

Quabbin Visitor Center lists free upcoming events

BELCHERTOWN — The Department of Conservation and Recreation’s Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center will offer several free programs in September and October.

The Quabbin Interpretive Services program operates the Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center, offering public and school education programs, teacher workshops, and general information about DCR’s water supply resources and watershed management, the history of the Quabbin Valley and wildlife of the area.

Staff members are available to assist with visitor information and services. An automated telephone system, 413-323-7221, provides 24 hour access to current information on fishing, hunting, programs, rules and regulations, and public access.

All ages are welcome to these events. Email QuabbinVisitor.Center@mass.gov with questions or to be added to the mailing list.

Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring water and snacks. Dogs are not allowed anywhere on the Quabbin Watershed. Space is limited.

To register for any of these events, visit www.mass.gov/locations/quabbin-reservoir/events.

Late Summer Meadow Visit

An easy 1-mile Late Summer Meadow Visit will be held at Quabbin Park on Thursday, Sept. 7, from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

This hike will walk along the Spillway Road to a small meadow across from the Boat Cove. The walk is easy, but the road along the Spillway is heavily trafficked, so caution is advised.

Participants should meet at the Middle Entrance Parking

Please see **QUABBIN**, page 15

public notices

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION CARE AND PROTECTION TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS DOCKET NUMBER: 21CP0233SA Trial Court of Massachusetts Juvenile Court Department, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS Essex County Juvenile Court 56 Federal Street Room 2001 Salem, MA 01970 (978)745-9660

TO: Adam E. Inman:

A petition has been presented to this court by DCF Lowell, seeking, as to the following child, Ariel L. Coelho, that said child be found in need of care and protection and committed to the Department of Children and Families. The court may dispense the rights of the person named herein to receive notice of or to consent to any legal proceeding affecting the adoption, custody, or guardianship or any other disposition of the child

named herein, if it finds that the child is in need of care and protection and that the best interests of the child would be served by said disposition.

You are hereby ORDERED to appear in this court, at the court address set forth above, on the following date and time: 10/12/2023 at 09:00 AM Hearing on Merits (CR/CV)

You may bring an attorney with you. If you have a right to an attorney and if the court determines that you are indigent, the court will appoint an attorney to represent you.

If you fail to appear, the court may proceed on that date and any date thereafter to a trial on the merits and adjudication of this matter.

For further information call the Office of the Clerk-Magistrate at (978)745-9660.

WITNESS: Hon. Kerry A. Ahern, FIRST JUSTICE. DATE ISSUED 08/03/2023

Judith M. Brennan, Clerk Magistrate 08/24, 08/31, 09/07/2023

TOWN OF WARE Notice of Public Hearing Planning Board LEGAL NOTICE SP-2023-05

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ware Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit

Granting Authority, will hold a Public Hearing on THURSDAY, September 7, 2023 at 7:05 PM on the application of James Mosher, for a Special Permit for the construction of a two family home under section.4.1.1, 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 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: Lee Rd., Ware, MA. Said premises being further described in deeds recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 14474, Page 54. Property is also identified as Assessor’s Parcel # 35-10-8. Zoned: Rural Residential (RR).

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
Ed Murphy, Chairman 08/24, 08/31/2023

Legal Notice Town of Ware Board of Health Site Assignment Modification Public Hearing

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 111, Sections 150A and 150A½ and the regulations promulgated thereunder, 310 CMR 16.00 “Site Assignment Regulations for Solid Waste Facilities,” the Ware Board of Health will commence a public hearing on **Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 7:00 PM** in the library of the Ware Junior Senior High School, 237 West Street, Ware, MA 01082 for the proposed modification of the existing site assignment of the facility located at 198 East Street, Ware, MA 01082. It is expected that the hearing will continue over multiple dates.

The existing site assignment for 8.9 acres of the 25.1-acre parcel is for a C&D Recycling/Processing Facility at a maximum rate of 750 tons per day and 214,500 tons per year operating from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday and 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturdays. The proposed modification to the site assignment is for a

C&D Transfer Facility at a maximum capacity of up to 1,400 tons per day and 393,200 tons per year, and to accept and transfer street sweepings and catch basin cleaning residuals and Bulky Waste. The proposed hours of operation are from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM Monday through Friday. No changes are proposed to the existing Saturday operating hours of 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

The proponent and operator is: ReSource Waste Services of Ware LLC. Its address is 198 East Street, Ware, MA 01082.

The Department of Environmental Protection has issued a Report in which it determines that the above described place is a suitable place for the proposed facility modification.

Copies of the Department of Environmental Protections Report on Suitability and the suitability criteria (310 CMR 16.00) are available for copying and examination along with the application at the office of the Ware Board of Health at the Ware Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM and from 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Copies are also

available at the Library at 37 Main Street, Ware, MA. The documents are also available on the Town of Ware website at townofware.com.

The Board of Health will accept written comments on this application and Party and Participant Registration Forms for this hearing until September 22, 2023. Comments and Registration Forms may be mailed or delivered to the Board of Health Office at 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082 or emailed to acrete@townofware.com. The written comment period may be extended at the discretion of the Hearing Officer or Board of Health.

Per Order of the Ware Board of Health

Jennifer McMartin, MSN, FNP-C
Michael Juda
John Desmond, MSE 08/31/2023

Town of Ware Notice of Public Hearing Planning Board LEGAL NOTICE SP-2023-06

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ware Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority, will hold a Public Hearing on

THURSDAY, September 7, 2023 at 7:30 PM on the application of Melink Solar Development, for a Special Permit for annual renewal (SP-2022-08)

of an approved large scale solar facility under Section 4.8.3, 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 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: 45 Greenwich Plains Road, Ware, MA. Said premises being further described in deeds recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 13457, Page 159. Property is also identified as Assessor’s Parcel 22-0-12 & 22-12-1. Zoned: Rural Residential (RR).

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
Ed Murphy, Chairman 08/24, 08/31/2023

EARLY DEADLINES
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PUBLIC NOTICES
EARLY AD DEADLINE
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no later than 2 pm
Friday, September 1
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