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Fire Dept. teaches fire safety at open house

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WARE – This past Saturday, community members had the opportunity to tour the Ware Fire Department, from the bay floor to the sleeping quarters.

October is Fire Prevention Month, and the Department shared information about how to prevent fires and how to stay safe if a fire occurs.

The fire house was built in 2012 and provides 24-hour staffing to the town, as well as mutual aid to neighboring communities. When fully staffed, the Department has 20 full-time members, as well as a chief and deputy chief.

Firefighter/Paramedic Mark Lagimoniere comes from a long line of firefighters, with every male member of his family having devoted time to the fire service.

Having reached 20 years in fire service himself, Lagimoniere started as a call firefighter before joining the Department full-time.

Now, he along with the other full-time staff, work a rotating shift of two 10-hour days followed by two 14-hour nights, ensuring that fire and emergency medical



Wesley Therrien, age 5, watches as his brother Brantley Therrien, age 3, directs the hose toward the target with the help of Firefighter/EMT Dakota Harper.

Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

response happens rapidly. There are four shifts in total.

Upstairs in the training room is Rescue Randy, an adult-sized manikin firefighters can carry

when simulating a rescue. Rescue Randy has been training Ware firefighters for at least 50 years.

Lagimoniere demonstrated how the couplings of the fire hose

act as a safety tool for firefighters when visibility is poor, explaining that long lugs always point out of

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Experts testify during ReSource Waste hearing

BOH has until Nov. 10 to vote on site modification

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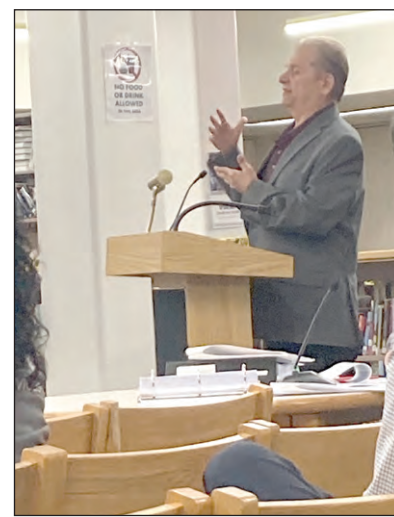
WARE – The Board of Health held a public hearing over two nights, for the proposed site modification of ReSource Waste Services of Ware, LLC, to determine whether or not the modification would present hazards to public health, safety or environment.

Representatives of ReSource Waste Services of Ware, located at 198 East St., are seeking to increase construction and demolition debris tonnage at the site in a two-stage project, from 750 a day to 1,400, bringing the yearly capacity to 393,200 tons. The modification also includes accepting and transferring street sweepings and catch basins residuals and bulky waste.

ReSource Waste Services of Ware currently processes around 500-550 tons a day of C & D.

Attorney Arthur Krieger acted as hearing officer the evenings of Sept. 27 and Oct. 2, in the library of Ware Junior Senior High School.

The first night of the hearing heard testimony about traffic, which included 15 written statements, one



Submitted Photo

ReSource Waste Services Vice-President of Business Management John Farese presents testimony during the Sept. 27 Board of Health public hearing regarding a proposed site modification to the facility at 198 East St., Ware.

of which was written by Church Street resident Kevin O'Regan. Krieger approved O'Regan's request to intervene during the hearing.

John Farese, vice president of business management for ReSource Waste Services said landfills are being systematically shut down

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Board OKs new hire; accepts grant for town's master plan

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WARREN – Town Administrator James Ferrera said Sarah Morin was selected by the interview committee for the full-time position of Building and Planning Department secretary.

At the Oct. 5 meeting, Ferrera told that Board of Selectmen that Morin currently works as an assistant to the assessor's office in a neighboring community and she also has 10 years of experience as a regional assistant administrator for business operations at a private company.

"Within that company, she handled notifications to towns, conservation commission...handled the notification to abutters, to other municipalities for the treatment of bodies of water," Ferrera said.

Morin also has experience placing legal notices, writing proposals and requests for proposals, generating and sending invoices to clients, reporting to the Department of Environmental Protection and managing an office.

Ferrera said she also has experience working within a municipality.

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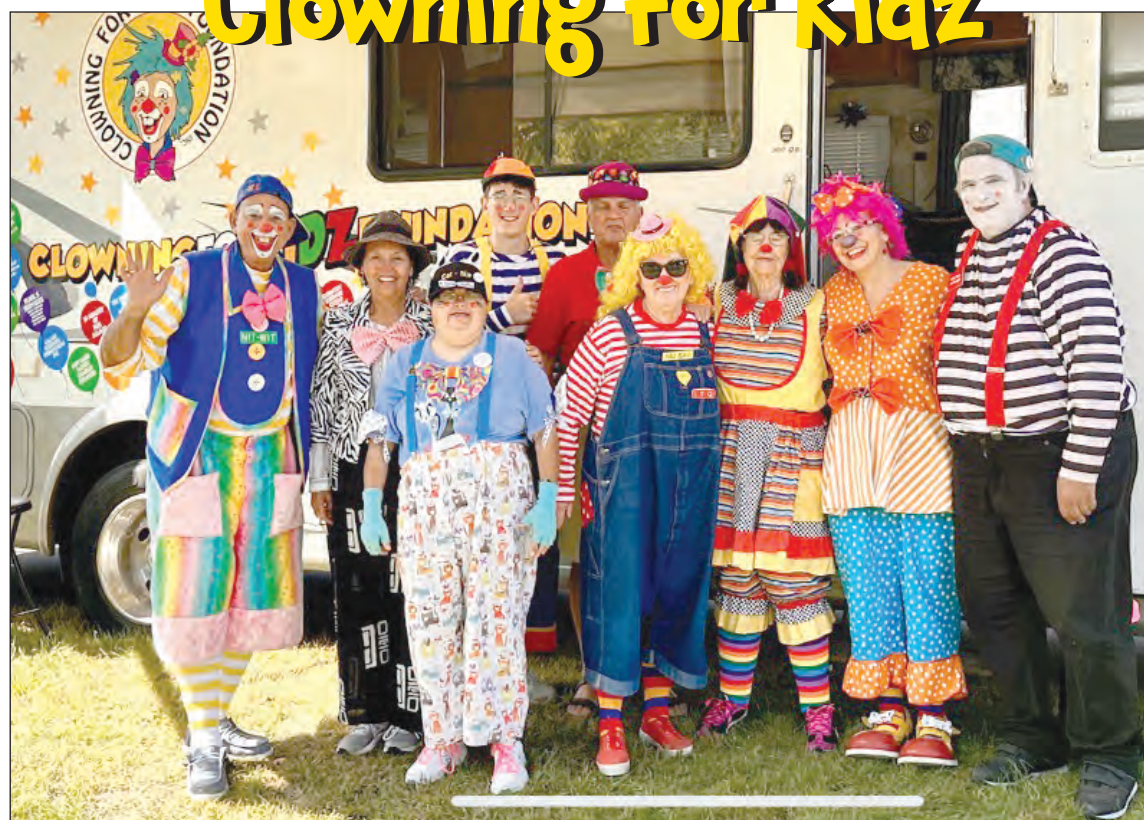


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WARE LIONS CLUB AWARDS MEAT RAFFLE WINNER

The Ware Lions Club presented a \$500 gift certificate from Arnold's Meats to lucky raffle winner John Roy recently, following the Sept. 30 drawing. Shown from left are Ware Lions Club Vice-President Jeanne Munsell, raffle winner John Roy, and Lions Club President Judy Fair.

Clowning For Kidz



Nonprofit organization offers smiles while helping youth

By Ryan Drago
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WARREN – It is through the art of clowning that sparks the motivation of the foundation, Clowning for Kidz, a West Warren nonprofit public charity that was formed in 2008 for the soul purpose of helping children in need under the age of 16.

The founder of the organization is resident Jim Allard, who is also known as Nitwit the Clown, and he believes the world runs on laughter.

"It's all about the kids. There are no boundaries and no borders to the help we provide to a child in need. We can help children anywhere around the world, however, much of our assistance is in the local community," said Allard.

Not only serving local communities, Clowning for Kidz has helped children in other countries, including Haiti and the Philippines.

The foundation involves an all-volunteer group of clowns who give their time and talent to entertain and help children. The

Submitted Photo by Tracey Mazur
Members of the Clowning for Kidz Foundation standing in front of their new RV that drives in parades throughout New England.

most common events the foundation participates in are parades all around New England, fundraisers such as the Annual Clowning for Kidz Foundation Car Show and Family Fun Day.

Although this year's car show was cancelled due to the weather, the foundation still has their plans set for future events. Parades are the most popular events Clowning for Kidz participate in all year round and enjoy interacting with the crowds.

The laughter and enjoyment

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United Church hosts Holiday Craft Fair

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WARE – The United Church of Ware hosted their Holiday Craft Fair, featuring fall, Halloween, and Christmas themes.

For the first time since their last craft fair in 2021, the church was ready to welcome community members to witness all the great work being done by members of the church. Many faithful volunteers have put in a lot of time to contribute to putting the craft fair together.

Pastor of United Church Carole Bull appreciates all the dedication members of the church and the community has. The fair only happens once every two years and the creations and contributions behind them take a lot of time and effort. "Many have worked hard for weeks in putting this fair together," said Bull.

Whether it is crafts, food, donations, deliveries, and set up the proponents of the craft fair make it all happen for a weekend long event. Proceeds from the craft fair are to

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Turley Photo by Ryan Drago
Seashells and glass beads add color and shine to these mosaics.

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Children from Little Tumblers Daycare in Ware pose for a photo with Firefighter/EMT Sean Flynn (left) and Firefighter/EMT William Adams.



Daycare has field trip to fire station

WARE – Children at Little Tumblers Daycare have been learning about fire safety this month. On Oct. 5 they had a fire station tour by two Ware firefighters. The children were able to check out the ladder truck and the water tank truck.

Little Tumblers Daycare visited the Ware Fire Department to learn about fire safety during a field trip.

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 Alec Simoneau and Jean Piechota as they sample the chicken at the Mount Carmel Church barbecue. If you recognize the folks in this week's photo, please send their names and your full name to pouimette@turley.com.

Friends of Ware Town Hall announce start of annual giving campaign

WARE – “We are very excited to announce our fundraising schedule for the upcoming fall season – the first is our annual Giving Campaign, which will begin in late October” Pat Skutnik, President of Friends of Ware Town Hall said in a press release. “The Campaign is our biggest fundraiser each year, thanks to the generosity of our community. We hope this will be another successful year.”

“This year, we finally reached our most ambitious goal to date; we were able to have the beautiful wood floor in the great hall repaired and refinished,” said Skutnik. “The result of our efforts is absolutely beautiful; we’ve gotten nothing but positive remarks about it. It feels very rewarding to see such a big project completed and we feel privileged as a group to make such a difference in the building’s restoration.”

Skutnik also mentioned that the Friends will be holding a “Winter Porch Pot” fundraiser through Bemis Nursery again

this year. The event will be held Dec. 3 at 1 p.m. at the Ware Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road, just in time for outdoor decorating for the holiday season.

The cost of the workshop is once again \$40 per person and the workshop usually lasts about one hour. Checks payable to Friends of Ware Town Hall and a note with the name(s) of those attending and a contact phone number can be sent to the address below.

The deadline for reservations is Nov. 24.

“These events are so much fun and have always been successful in the past. The porch pot should last throughout the holiday season and beyond, and by having the workshop held right here in Ware at the Senior Center, it will be easily accessible for everyone with plenty of parking available. Bring your family, friends or come by yourself, it’s really a great group fun event, so save the date!” said Skutnik.

Giving Campaign flyers will

be included in complimentary copies of the Ware River News in the Oct. 26 and Nov. 2 issues.

The Friends welcome donations throughout the year, anyone wishing to contribute to the Giving Campaign or reserve a place for the Porch Pot workshop can mail a check payable to “Friends of Ware Town Hall” to: Friends of Ware Town Hall, P.O. Box 692, Ware, MA 01082.

4th annual Steven Hawk Cars & Coffee show

WARE – The 4th annual Steven Hawk Cars & Coffee car show will be held on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at McDonald’s, 117 West St.

There will be no entry fee or donations accepted. Trophies will be awarded. The rain date is Sunday, Oct. 15.

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Volunteers make repairs to Ware River Park gazebo

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HARDWICK – Volunteer efforts at the newly completed Ware River Park in Gilbertville continued this past week, with work being done to repair and improve the gazebo at New Furnace Landing.

Conservation Commission Vice-Chair Rebecca Bottomley said work to the post and beam structure started earlier last week, and is already almost done, thanks to the volunteer efforts of Christian Gudman of Hardwick Post & Beam, Marc Courchesne of The Lone Wolf Craftsman and Bill Tinker, master electrician.

“All three of these people have given their time and talents,” Bottomley said.

The gazebo was built in 1999 by former Hardwick Post & Beam owner Ridge Shinn, using a grant secured by the East Quabbin Land Trust to develop the parcel of land. The gazebo provides breathtaking views of the Ware River and is a popular spot for picnickers and those passing through town.

Back in 2017, the Conservation Commission noticed that one of the posts was starting to rot and they replaced the bottom third of it. Since that time, other posts have started to rot due to weather and exposure over the past 24 years.

Current Hardwick Post & Beam owner Gudman has donated new posts and beams, as well as his equipment. Courchesne spent countless days using pressure treated lumber to close in the lower section of the gazebo, and replace rotten boards on the walkway.

“He’s gratefully donating a lot of his time,” Bottomley said of Courchesne, who also volunteered to develop the trail. “He’s doing this out of the goodness of his heart. He’s a talented guy.”

The pressured treated lumber was provided by the Conservation Commission.

Tinker repaired the gazebo’s existing wiring, installing lighting inside the structure and floodlights outside, which will help with safety in the park and discourage vandalism and litter.

“We want to protect this gazebo,” Bottomley said. “It’s a beautiful spot.”

Bottomley thanked Gudman, Courchesne and Tinker for their efforts to repair the gazebo and serve the community through their volunteerism.

“They want to help the town,” she said.



Bill Tinker of Hardwick, master electrician, volunteered to make repairs to electrical wiring and installed floodlights outside and lights inside the gazebo at New Furnace Landing, part of Ware River Park in Gilbertville.



Christian Gudman of Hardwick Post & Beam (left) and Marc Courchesne of The Lone Wolf Craftsman, both volunteered their time and talents to make repairs to the gazebo and walkway.



The underside of the gazebo was enclosed to protect it from vandalism and littering.



Lighting has been added inside and outside of the gazebo.



Rotten boards have been replaced on the walkway to the gazebo.

Ware Senior Center events

WARE – The Ware Senior Center, located at 1 Robbins Road, is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

The thrift store is open each of those days from 9 a.m.-noon. Donations to the store are only accepted by Sue LaBarge, who can be reached by calling 413-544-1574.

ACTIVITIES

Monday, Oct. 16
9 a.m. Tai Chi
10 a.m. Scat
11:30 a.m. Lunch

Tuesday, Oct. 17
9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing
9-10 a.m. Council on Aging meeting

9:30 a.m. Quilting Club
10 a.m. Scat
11:30 a.m. Lunch
1-2 p.m. Mobile Food Pantry at Grenville Park

5:30 p.m. Scrapbooking (\$3 per class; registration starts at 5 p.m.)
6 p.m. Pitch (doors open at 5 p.m.)

Wednesday, Oct. 18

9 a.m. Tai-Chi
10 a.m. Scat
11:30 a.m. Lunch

Thursday, Oct. 19

9 a.m. New Senior Walking Club
Meet at Senior Center and wear comfortable footwear. Bringing water, sunscreen, bug

spray and energy snack are suggested.

9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing
9:30 a.m. Line Dancing for Beginners

10 a.m. Line Dancing
10 a.m. Scat
11:30 a.m. Lunch
1 p.m. Knit-Crochet-Laugh
3 p.m. Arts & Crafts
Friday, Oct. 20

9 a.m. Tai Chi
10 a.m. Scat
11:30 a.m. Lunch
1 p.m. Chair Yoga
6 p.m. Pitch (doors open at 5 p.m.)

LUNCHES DINE IN

All meals \$3.50 unless otherwise noted

Reservations required by calling 413-967-4595 by noon on the business day before, to put you name on the lunch list.

Monday, Oct. 16

Grilled Reuben Sandwich, French Fries, Caesar Salad, Dessert of the Day

Tuesday, Oct. 17

Meatloaf Parmigiana with Pasta, Tossed Salad, Dessert of the Day

Wednesday, Oct. 18

Hot Dogs with Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Dessert of the Day

Thursday, Oct. 19

Chicken and Broccoli Casserole, Dessert of the Day

Friday, Oct. 20

Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Potato Chips, Macaroni Salad, Dessert of the Day

Grange hosts fall gardening workshop Oct. 13

WARE – Ware Grange’s next gardening workshop, “Fall Tasks for Your Garden,” will be held on Friday, Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall at 297 Belchertown Road.

The presenter will be Roberta McQuaid, author of the weekly “In the Garden” column for Turley Publications.

McQuaid will share many pointers for gardening tasks we

accomplish each fall, including how to best overwinter our tender plants and bulbs inside, how and when to plant garlic and spring flowering bulbs outside, the best storage methods for winter squash, onions, and apples, and much more.

A door prize drawing will be held. For more information, find Ware Grange #164 on Facebook or visit waregrange.org.



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The Town of Ware and Ware Senior Housing Task Force present:

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- What is senior housing?
- Demographic & Housing trends in Ware
- Housing market
- Programs for Aging in Place

We want to hear from YOU:

- Does Ware need more senior housing? What kind?
- What services or supports are needed?

Saturday, Oct 14, 2023 | 10 AM - Noon
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GUEST COLUMN

My breast cancer journey

From diagnosis and treatment to healing

By Beth Alonzo
Guest Contributor

In 2020 during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, my husband had a heart attack.



While he was still in the hospital, I learned I had breast cancer.

Beginning in 2017, I had been having mammograms every six months, because of something the radiologist saw on my screening mammogram that was a concern.

I will never forget the year 2020. Shortly after the COVID-19 pandemic had started, my husband had a heart attack. Hospitals weren't allowing visitors at that time because of the pandemic, so I was not able to see or be with him while he was in the hospital being cared for and recovering.

The day after my husband was admitted to the hospital, I had another mammogram which was abnormal and showed that I needed more testing.

Melissa, the tech who performed my mammogram, was exceptionally kind to me. I had told her about my husband's hospitalization.

It was very frightening to hear what the radiologist had to say to me about my mammogram without him by my side. Melissa stayed with me when I met with the radiologist, and it was a great relief to have her there for moral support.

The radiologist talked to me about the area of suspicion found on my mammogram, and he set up an appointment for a biopsy. Everything happened very fast.

By the end of the week, I had my biopsy and within three days had an appointment to get the results. It was then that I learned that I had ductal carcinoma in my left breast.

Although this is something that no one ever wants to hear, the good news was that because it was caught early, it was stage 0 (zero).

During my appointment with Dr. Holly Mason, a breast surgeon at the D'Amour Center for Cancer Care, she carefully explained everything to me and offered me three options for treatment.

I chose to have a lumpectomy followed by radiation and was scheduled for the same-day procedure. I was glad that I didn't need to stay in the hospital and could go home after my surgery/lumpectomy.

Dr. Mason and the care team doing the biopsy were all very nice and my surgery went great. After a few weeks, I started radiation.

My first appointment was scary, but I had the best radiation technicians taking care of me throughout my five-week, five-day-a-week treatments. I never believed that I would be as comfortable as I was with my radiation team.

They truly were "Baystate's Best." I scheduled my radiation treatments for the end of the day so I could still go to work every day.

They were always on time and the treatments were quick. Most of the time I would be back on the Mass Pike driving home just minutes after my 4 p.m. appointment.

I will always be grateful for all the support I received from my care team throughout this journey. I didn't tell my husband about my diagnosis until he was home from the hospital and feeling better.

I would like to share what I learned from this experience; make sure you keep on top of your breast cancer screenings. Good health is everything, and only you can take care of your health.

Today, I only need to have one mammogram a year and am cancer-free, and pray I stay that way!

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women.

During their lifetimes, regardless of breast size or family history, 1 in 8 women will receive a breast cancer diagnosis. But early detection makes breast cancer easier to treat.

Women over 40 do not need a referral to make an appointment for a routine screening mammogram.

For more information or to make an appointment online at one of the Baystate Health eight locations, visit www.baystatehealth.org/services/breast-care/mammogram or call 413-794-2222.



Planning ahead for raised beds!

My friend Jacquie is very proud of the tomato plants she grows each year.

She squeezes them into the little garden adjacent to the front door of her condo, and has even grown some in hanging containers. I received this question from her via text a few weeks back, and by the sound of it she wants to expand her gardening endeavors:

"For those of us that like to plan ahead, what are the pros and cons of raised bed gardens, and if you decide to go that route, what is the process?"

There are several advantages to gardening in raised beds. If the ground you would normally garden in is too sandy or too clayey, you can stop dealing with those troubles when you switch to raised beds!

You can carefully choose the soil that you fill the beds with. I personally love the Coast of Maine brand Raised Bed Mix, but I am sure there are resources online for mixing your own blends.

You can also plant more intensively, mean-

ing fewer weeds! Concentrate fertilizers, lime and compost right where you need them, saving money along the way.

You can start working the ground earlier in the spring because it warms up quicker in raised beds. You don't have to worry about soil compaction as much either, because rarely, if ever, will you have to step into the beds.

You no longer have to weed the rows like you would in a normal garden, or will you have to worry about mulch or other materials to cover the rows with.

One drawback might be the cost to get started. Between the edging materials and the mix, you end up filling the bed with, it could get darn expensive.

First, you have to decide on what type of material you'll use to edge the beds with. There are pros and cons there too, but more on that in a bit.

A minimum depth of one foot is needed for most crops barring corn; that crop would need a deeper bed. On the flip side, if the ground beneath the raised beds is usable (i.e., not contaminated or pavement etc.) then you could potentially make the beds not as quite as deep, figuring plant roots will penetrate out from the walls.

Wood, stone, brick, pavers and cinder blocks are all possible edge materials. Simple raised beds can even be made within hay bales!

Beds made from pine slabs may only last a few seasons; rock type edging will last indefinitely.

One drawback to beds made out of hardscape materials might be the fact that they dry out more readily. Although that would not have been an issue this year, it could be down

the road.

I had a number of raised beds that I made in an old tennis court on my property. They were edged in field stone because I had an endless supply on my property.

Free, yes! Beautiful, yes! But practical, not so much.

On a hot summer day, I was sometimes out there watering two or more times!

The new galvanized metal raised beds seem to be rising in popularity. I know very little about them or how readily they dry out in between waterings.

As far as bed width goes, usually no more than four feet wide is recommended. That way you can reach inside comfortably.

I have been very successful growing peppers, zucchini and onions in my raised beds. Flowers and herbs also seem to do very well.

Tomatoes perform okay, but for me, green beans seem to be unhappy. There isn't enough room for winter squash, and I've never attempted corn.

Refresh your soil each year with the addition of compost and fertilizer. Because the bed is like a big container, the soil can get exhausted after a season of use.

I would say gardening in raised beds is worth the investment. Start out small and expand if you feel you enjoy having more to take care of.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.



How do disability programs affect Social Security's budget?

Dear Rusty

I read with interest an analysis of the history, reasons, and financial costs of the Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance programs.

My question is, specifically, what portion of the Social Security budget goes toward SSI and SSDI vs. for regular SS retirement income for those who paid into the fund during their working lives? How are the costs of SSI and SSDI covered by the federal government?

When did these two sections of the budget enter the law and what was the impetus behind them?

Signed: An Inquiring Mind

Dear Inquiring Mind

No part of Social Security's "budget" is used to pay Supplemental Security Income. SSI is a means-tested general assistance program for disadvantaged children and needy disabled adults and aged seniors who have very little income and very few assets.

Federal SSI benefits are paid from the government's General Treasury, not from Social Security Trust Funds.

SSI is jointly administered by the person's state of residence and the Social Security Administration, and the state usually provides additional benefits to supplement the financial assistance provided by the federal government under the SSI program. The Social Security Administration only administers the SSI program, it does not fund it.

By contrast, Social Security Disability Insurance benefits are for employed Americans, who become disabled and unable to work full time. SSDI benefits are meant to provide limited income replacement for the disabled worker and those benefits are paid from a separate Social Security Disability Insurance Trust Fund.

The DI fund receives a portion (0.9%) of the FICA SS payroll taxes every American worker pays on their earnings and is used to pay disability benefits to eligible American workers, who are unable to perform "substantial gainful activity" for a year or more. The eligibility criteria to collect SSDI are very strict, but those approved receive their benefits from this separate DI trust fund, not from



Social Security's Old Age and Survivors Trust Fund.

Payroll taxes collected for disability purposes are deposited in the DI Trust Fund as interest-bearing government bonds, and those DI assets are redeemed as needed to pay SSDI benefits. FYI, SSDI (disability) benefits stop when the person reaches full retirement age, at which point the beneficiary is automatically switched to regular SS retirement and after which their benefits are paid from the regular Old Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund.

"Regular" Social Security retirement benefits, spousal benefits, dependent benefits and survivor benefits are paid from Social Security's OASI Trust Fund, which receives most 5.3% of the 6.2% FICA Social Security tax withheld from the paychecks of American workers. As of the end of 2022, the OASI Trust Fund held about \$2.7 trillion in interest bearing government bonds.

Neither SSI or SSDI affect this "regular" OASI Trust Fund - only true SS retirement benefits and benefits for dependents of the retiree are paid from the OASI Trust Fund. As an aside, Social Security reform is needed to prevent the OASI Trust Fund from being fully depleted in 2033.

To answer your last questions, the Social Security Disability Insurance Trust Fund was established in 1956, after which SSDI ben-

efit payments to eligible disabled American workers began. Federal "Supplemental Security Income" assistance was codified into law in 1974.

As you likely know, Social Security retirement, spousal and dependent benefits were enacted in the 1930s, before the first monthly Social Security check was mailed in January 1940.

The impetus behind these programs? Avoiding poverty for the neediest among us.

Without these programs, at least 22 million more Americans would be living below the poverty line.

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On Friday, Oct. 6 Massachusetts Audubon Society reported a sighting of a LeConte's sparrow in Longmeadow.

The LeConte's sparrow is about five inches long and has a dark crown with a white central stripe. It also has reddish-brown streaks on a gray nape. The upper breast and flanks are buff colored.

It has a orang to buff orange face surrounding a gray ear patch. Other distinct features

are a flat head and a short tail with fine streaking on the upper breast of juveniles.

This sparrow feeds on the ground and eats grass and weed seeds as well as insects. The female lays three to five light gray eggs with darker marks in a cup like nest of grasses placed on or just about the ground. They breed in Canada and winter in the Florida Gulf states.

To avoid danger, it often runs through grasses rather than flying over the grass. It may sing during the day and night. LeConte's



LeConte's sparrow

sparrows inhabit marshes, wet meadows and weedy fields. Their song is a high-pitched buzz with accents at start and end like "tika-zzzzzz-tzt."

Other sightings

Other sightings for Oct. 6 reported to Massachusetts Audubon Society included a Townsend's warbler at Plum Island, a prothonotary warbler in Winchester and several reports of clay-colored sparrows.

Loon Preservation Committee

Loon Preservation Committee staff and volunteers in the month of September focused on a number of important post-season tasks including storing nest rafts on shore for the winter (over 140 rafts statewide), pulling and storing the signs that were used to protect vulnerable loon families, rescuing loons in dis-

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Seniors enjoy coffee with local police

By Ryan Drago
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BARRE – The first Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. brings seniors and local police together for a cup of coffee at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road.

The Barre Senior Center provides hot coffee, pastries, and a social interactive atmosphere to the residents of Barre, Hardwick and New Braintree. For the local police departments and the town residents, it's an opportunity to build relationships throughout the community.

Joining the seniors for the month of October was Barre Police Lieutenant Joseph Brown. A regular visitor to the Barre Senior Center, Brown enjoys the time to go visit and socialize with the seniors and share what goes on in their community.

Brown also uses this opportunity to let seniors ask questions, make introductions and try to develop new relationships with those new to Barre and neighboring towns. Brown enjoys getting to know the residents and sharing numerous stories with each other.

"It's a chance to get to know your residents," said Brown.

Brown is a lifelong resident of Barre, and he joined the Barre Police Department in 2008. He has been lieutenant for over a year.

Being involved with serving the town he calls home only makes coffee with his senior friends more meaningful.

The police departments of Barre, Hardwick, and New Braintree rotate for monthly coffee meetings so every officer can get a



Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

Lt. Joseph Brown joined seniors at the Barre Senior Center for conversation while enjoying coffee and pastries.

chance to interact with the citizens. The monthly coffee meetings have been going on for over five years and has always been beneficial to the seniors and the police force.

"The biggest benefit is the relationships created from this activity," said Brown. It "makes the seniors more comfortable and the police more comfortable."

As many seniors attend for coffee, billiards, and quilting, more than a dozen join their guest officer.

Brown looks forward to joining the seniors again over morning coffee. He also hopes to continue establishing relationships with the residents.

"We want to continue interacting with citizens and continue to develop our relationship with

them," he said.

For upcoming events, the Barre Senior Center has a monthly newsletter called the Silver Spirit. Events go on daily offering numerous activities.

Coffee is offered in the morning and lunch in the afternoon. Activities include billiards, cornhole, quilting, bingo, yoga, cribbage and art groups.

Eileen Clarkson currently serves as director of the Barre Senior Center, which is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Barre Senior Center can be reached by calling 978-355-5004.

The next coffee with an officer will be on Wednesday, Nov. 1.

Lace up for Station Loop Ramble run/walk Oct. 15

NEW BRAINTREE – East Quabbin Land Trust is getting ready to host its 12th annual Station Loop Ramble on Sunday, Oct. 15 on the Mass Central Rail Trail.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 9:30 a.m.

All events incorporate part of the MCRT and start at the intersection of West and Hardwick roads, at the site of the former New Braintree Train Station. Race routes travel past scenic farmland, through deep woods, and skirt the Ware River.

The 5-mile Classic at 10 a.m. is a hilly road and trail race with a flat fast finish on the Mass Central Rail Trail. The Kid's One Mile at 9:30 a.m. and 5K Run/Walk at 10:05 a.m. are entirely on a flat course.

Adults must accompany children running this course. Each mile is marked, and mid-run water stop provided.

Post race refreshments, games, entertainment, free raffles for all entrants, and much more.

Entry fees for online early birds (through Oct. 14) are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children (ages 10 and under); day-of registration on Oct. 15 is \$30 for adults and \$15 for children; seniors, veterans and first responders are \$20; and family registration is \$35.

For more information or to register, visit eqlt.org and click on "Station Loop Ramble."

8th Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk is Oct. 15

WARE – On Sunday, Oct. 15, the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force will host its 8th Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk, beginning at 1 p.m. at Veteran's Park.

In case of rain, the event will be held in the Town Hall.

Student members of the renowned Ware High School Domestic Violence Task Force will lead the event. Nation-wide young people ages 16-24 are at the highest risk for relationship violence.

State Rep. Todd Smola and

other community members will speak. There will be music, exhibits, and a raffle followed by a short walk through downtown Ware.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Task Force encourages the community to come out and show your support.

The Task Force can be reached on Facebook, at www.waredvtaskforce.org, wrvdvtaskforce@gmail.com, or by phone at 413-758-0605.

Food drive hosted by NBSB

NORTH BROOKFIELD – North Brookfield Savings Bank is gearing up for their annual food drive fundraiser, offering the chance to share some kindness, support the Community and help those in need during the season of giving.

North Brookfield Savings Bank's food drive fundraiser, held from Oct. 1-31, helps provide much-needed food items to local neighbors and families in need.

For every item collected through the Community, North Brookfield Savings Bank will contribute \$1, for a total of up to \$3,000, to help fund the pantries' operations. The Bank's goal is to collect at least 3,500 items in total, but the Bank will be contributing monetarily and is issuing a challenge to the Community.

Community members are encouraged to drop off non-perishable food items, paper goods, toiletries, or any monetary donations at any of NBSB's convenient branches anytime throughout the

month of October, with the proceeds going directly to local food pantries.

Examples of non-perishable and non-food items that pantries can use are paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, diapers, and baby wipes; deodorant, soap, toothbrushes, and toothpaste; dry and canned pasta and soups, canned meats, tuna, and salmon; peanut butter, jelly, tea bags, and ground coffee; canned vegetables and fruits, hot and cold cereals, rice, cake mixes, pancake mix, syrup, powdered milk, and granulated sugar; canned juices, baby food, baby formula, granola, and cereal bars.

To learn more about North Brookfield Savings Bank's Community visit www.NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.com.

Mobile dental hygiene services come to Senior Center, Oct. 13

WARE – On Friday, Oct. 13, the Ware Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road, will partner with Mobile Dental Hygiene Services of Western Mass to offer an on-site dental health service.

The services offered are blood pressure screenings, dental screenings, oral cancer screenings, dental education, teeth cleaning and polishing, removable appliances (dentures) inspected and cleaned in an ultrasonic bath, fluoride treatments and assistance with finding a dental office.

This service is for seniors and veterans. Accepting Mass Health and private pay only.

Fee schedule available upon request. Call 413-967-9645 to make an appointment.

Wishing Well Charities hosts fall fundraiser

WARE – Wishing Well Charities, Inc. will hold its annual fall fundraiser on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 3-8 p.m. at Teresa's Restaurant, 305 Palmer Road.

There will be a cocktail hour with cash bar, sit down dinner with family style meal, a spectacular silent auction and music and dancing with the Time Trippers.

Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased at Nat Falk, or by calling either 413-204-0009 or 413-330-4013.

Hardwick Fire hosts 3rd annual First Alarm event Oct. 14

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Fire Department will host its 3rd annual First Alarm benefit event at the Hardwick Vineyard & Winery, 3305 Greenway Road on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

There will be a burnout competition, 50/50 raffle, food trucks, music, bonfire and more. A car show for all vehicles will also be held during the event.

The cost to enter a vehicle in the car show is \$10; burnout competition entry is \$10; or you can enter both for just \$15.

SMK PTO hosts Trunk or Treat Oct. 13

WARE – The Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization is hosting a Trunk or Treat on Friday, Oct. 13 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the school's back parking lot.

The fee is \$1 per student. There will be prizes, treats and fun.

Prizes will be awarded for the best trunks. Rain date is Oct. 20.

Candy donations are being accepted at SMK.

Wine Tasting on Oct. 14 benefits library group

WARE – The Friends of the Ware Library (Young Men's Library Association) will be hosting a Wine Tasting presentation at It's Wine O'clock, 164 D West St., on Saturday, Oct. 14, between the hours of 1-6 p.m.

The staff of It's Wine O'clock will be giving a presentation about the featured wines, and the Friends will receive a percentage of the sales to help with pro-

gramming at the Ware Library.

Please stop in anytime during the hours of the free wine tasting, and learn about some wine from the very knowledgeable staff.

The Friends appreciates the staff of It's Wine O'clock for partnering with them. This event is a great way to showcase the wines at It's Wine O'clock and help support the Library.

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tress and beginning the process of quality checking the data collected during the summer months.

LPC staff rescued five loons in distress throughout the state during the month of September. Rescuing a loon is just the first step in getting it the help that it needs. They thank the veterinarians and rehabilitators who worked with us to evaluate and treat ailing loons: the wonderful veterinarians and staff at VCA Capital Area Veterinary Emergency and Specialty, Hopkinton Animal Hospital, and Meadow Pond Animal Hospital, who helped with x-rays, blood work and assessment of rescued loons; Dr. Mark Pokras, who consulted on all cases and provided valuable insight and suggestions for care; and Maria Colby of Wings of the Dawn Wildlife

Rehabilitation, who housed, fed and provided daily care and treatment to all five loons rescued in September.

Sadly, LPC also continued to collect and necropsy dead loons throughout the state, nine total in September. While it is always sad to lose a loon, being able to determine the cause of death for individual loons allows LPC to collect valuable data on the challenges that the loon population is facing.

Feeders

I put out my suet feeder during the day and take it in before dusk so the bears don't take the suet and feeder. I have lost quite a few feeder that way. I have downy, hairy and red-bellied woodpeckers coming to the suet as well as white-breasted nuthatches and black-capped chickadees.

I also have a small tray feeder

for meal worms and bird seed. I put a small amount of the meal worms and seed each day. The birds empty the feeder so the bears only find an empty tray.

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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Library offers fall crafts for kids

By Ryan Drago
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WARE – For Halloween fun, the Young Men's Library Association held a fun fall luminary drop-in workshop for kids and their families.

Children's Librarian Cathy Goulet offers a lot of activities for young children, teens, and adults.

Tools and instructions were provided by Goulet so children could create their own fall luminaries. These art pieces are mason jars covered in fall features, such as leaves, held up by mod podge, and have lights glowing inside the jar to make it into a luminary.

Those who drop in are welcome throughout the day and give children creative opportunities. Parents also enjoy getting involved as some made luminaries with their kids.

Goulet hopes with enough interest, the library will offer similar workshops in the future. It is one of many ongoing programs the library wants to offer for children and adults.

"We're trying to offer more consistent programs at the library," Goulet said.

For the lighting of the luminaries, white lights and yellow lights were the two most popular choices. There were also leaves to go along with the fall design on the mason jars.

To keep it neat, paper plates were given to each child to help keep any sticky mod podge off the tables and off any handheld spots on the luminaries.

The library offers many fun activities including their common program, Lego Anytime. The Lego club takes place every Wednesday from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Many Lego creations are displayed throughout the children's library.

For teens and adults, the library is offering a soap making work-



The Young Men's Library Association hosted a drop-in fall luminary workshop for kids. Laurie Desjardins (right) makes a luminary alongside Veronica.



Children's Librarian Cathy Goulet offers a lot of craft activities for children at the library, including these fall luminaries.

shop on Thursday, Oct. 19. The workshop is for ages 13 and up.

Goulet mentioned that this time of year is when the library is always active in offering events not only in the library itself, but throughout the town of Ware.

A scarecrow event will be taking place at Grenville Park and families will get to make their own scarecrows.

More fun for the whole family



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago
Creating fall luminaries was fun for all ages.



Parents got involved crafting fall luminaries with their children.



Shane Patch, age 4, tries on a fire helmet during the Ware Fire Department's Open House this past Saturday.



Amelia Patch, age 3, shows off her own helmet to take home.

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toward the hose's nozzle.

Lagimoniere detailed what life is like in the fire house when the Department isn't responding to calls, including station chores and wakeup times.

Many children asked if firefighters still used the poles to travel from the living quarters to the bay floor, but learned that stairs were the safer option. They also learned that the poles are designed to shake, and that the only secure con-

nection is at the base of the pole.

With the help of Lieutenant Jason McNeaney, children were able to try on a real helmet, and see how much it weighed compared to the plastic helmets they took home.

McNeaney said the average firefighter helmet can weigh between five and eight pounds.

Call Firefighter Lonny Murphy demonstrated how to put on turnout gear and explained its safety features.

A firefighter's full gear can weigh over 30 pounds, and over 45 pounds with the addition of a

self-contained breathing apparatus.

Children were given fun and educational materials to teach them about fire safety, and what to do in the case of an emergency. Home fire escape plans and cooking safety pamphlets were given out, along with pens, pencils, plastic fire helmets, keychains, posters and more.

Fire Prevention Month educational opportunities continue, with Lieutenant Laura Fandrey offering a fire safety demonstration at Lowe's on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.



Kelly Lyon (center) attended the Open House with her grandchildren, Mahlani Lyon, age 2 (left) and Everleigh Lyon, age 1 (right).



Turley Photos by Paula Quimette
Children were given tours of the fire house, including its training room.

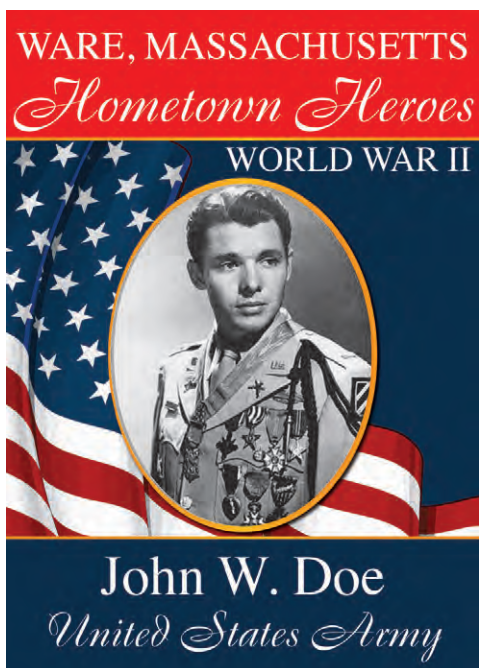


Call Firefighter Lonny Murphy explains the safety gear firefighters use.



Lieutenant Laura Fandrey and Firefighter/EMT P.J. Russell hand out fire safety information, along with fun items to bring home.

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Trunk or Treat and more at Quaboag on Oct. 14

WARREN – The Warren Community Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization, the West Brookfield Elementary School Parent Teacher Group and the Quaboag Regional Middle High School Student Council are hosting Trunk or Treat and other Halloween activities at the Middle High School, 284 Old West Brookfield Road, Saturday, Oct. 14 from 4:30-7 p.m.

There will be Spooky Friends of the QRMHS Performing Arts, Haunted Halls by the QRMHS Student Council, a performance by the Dance Factory at 5:30 p.m., and a pumpkin carving contest sponsored by Country Bank.

Bring your pumpkin to the QRMHS cafeteria at the start of the event. Winners will be announced at 6:30 p.m.

Trunk setup will be from 1:30-4 p.m. Signup your trunk at www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48ACAE2CABF-BC70-Trunk1.

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Three monarch butterflies gather nectar from this goldenrod plant. They are gathering energy for their long migration to Mexico for the winter.



A monarch butterfly heads for some goldenrod. A bumblebee is already on the plant.

Goldenrod attracts bee, monarch butterflies

WARREN – A couple noticed some monarch butterflies while watching an osprey at a pond recently.

One particular patch of gold-

enrod attracted lots of butterflies and bees. The sun lit the scene just right to snap some photos to share in the Turley Publications' newspapers.

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during the parades come from the clowns themselves. The friendly clowns range in age from young to young-at-heart and they love making children smile.

"We bring smiles to kids of all ages," said Clowning For Kidz secretary, Tracey Mazur, who goes by the clown name, Dotz.

The clowns in Clowning for Kidz stay true to their character when they go out to bring joy and laughter to children.

Over their 15-year history, the foundation has welcomed and featured nearly 50 volunteer clowns.

The foundation also offers educational opportunities for volunteers wanting to become clowns. Classes go for about eight weeks and one of the biggest priorities in clowning for Clowning for Kidz is to be a friendly clown.

The volunteers are not only

local to Warren and other neighboring communities, but the foundation has had people come from New York, Vermont, Rhode Island, and all over the commonwealth.

Clowning isn't just for adults; children have volunteered to be clowns as well.

Over the years, the reception of Clowning For Kidz has attracted the interest of other contributors.

A local artisan, Toni Allard has donated hand knitted winter hats to the foundation to give to the children, and Springfield Technical Community College donated a bus to the foundation so that the clowns would be able to travel to numerous events

including parades. This year, Clowning for Kidz included a branded RV in their

foundation as a traveling source for the clowns and to be showcased during parades.

Clowning for Kidz Foundation helps children in many ways. By providing medically recommended activities or equipment that strengthen and improve coordination: dance lessons, water therapy or horseback riding.

The foundation also enables student education, internships, or travel opportunities, as well as purchasing equipment suitable for music, safety, or sporting activities.

Clowning for Kidz can also provide basic needs, such as bedding, clothing, or eyeglasses, and even sponsoring therapy for abused or neglected children.

Clowning for Kidz is excited to continue their efforts and is thankful for being welcomed by many communities as they have many events booked.

"We're very thankful for all the communities and businesses who have welcomed us over the years," Allard said.

To learn more about the foundation or get involved, visit www.clowningforkidzfoundation.org. The foundation can be reached by calling 413-454-7234 or emailing clowningforkidzfoundation@comcast.net.



Turley Photo by Ryan Drago Proceeds for this coloring book benefit the Clowning for Kidz Foundation, Inc.

HALLOWEEN DAY OF FUN

held at Stone Church

By Emily-Rose Pappas
Staff Writer

HARDWICK – The Friends of the Stone Church hosted another Fun Day for children with a fun Halloween theme filled with treats, crafts and Halloween songs at the Stone Church in Gilbertville.

Kathy McCrohon, the director of the events the Friends put together, wanted to make sure the event was filled with fun and games for all to enjoy. Last Saturday, Oct. 7, it was a perfect rainy day for indoor Halloween fun.

There was a "trick-or-treat" set up in the pews of the church, and children got to hunt for candy hidden throughout the beautiful sanctuary.

There were also stations where you could complete Halloween Mad Libs, decorate cookies with candy pumpkins, complete water-color paintings, decorate a mask and paint a pumpkin. There was even a donut-eating contest.

Participants could dance to popular Halloween songs including "The Monster Mash", "Ghostbusters", and Michael Jackson's "Thriller". They also did a pin the tail on the cat game and more arts and crafts.

"Because I taught dance for so many years, I like to see how much the children love these



Turley Photos by Emily-Rose Pappas
Grace (left), Charlotte (middle), and their mother, Tricia Stanley, posing with their handmade masks.

events," McCrohon said. "It's nice to give back to the kids, and I want to offer a Fun Day a couple times a year so that we can all have fun."

The event was filled with fun and games for all the children who attended.

Local author LJ Cohen, a published science fiction and fantasy author, volunteers with the

Friends of the Stone Church, and she made MadLibs for the event.

"I try to bring something fun to do with writing to the Fun Days," she said.

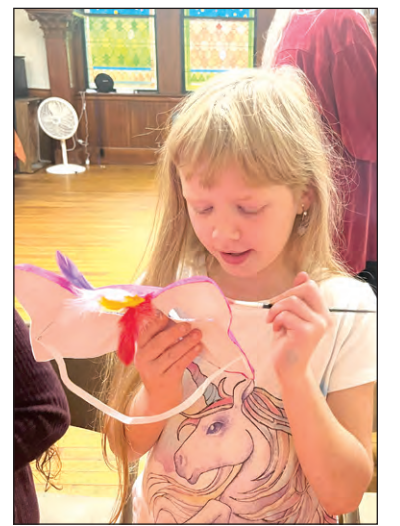
The event was full of fun times and memories for the children who attended and the Friends of the Stone Church hope to have many more in the future.



Serenity (left) and Bentley Mitchell enjoyed all of the festivities.



Anna Maria Dailey and her mother Brenda Dailey, with their "masterpiece" cat masks.



Anna Maria Dailey paints her cat mask, Sneaky, and making it "perfectly perfect."



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Holiday themed shadow boxes add a festive flair.



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Wooden Christmas trees and snowmen got shoppers in the holiday spirit.

Holiday CRAFT FAIR



These chickens and owls are actually pincushions.



Toy soldiers and snowmen stood at attention.



Fairy Houses are some of the unique craft items that take a lot of time being made by community members and members of United Church of Ware.

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benefit the United Church of Ware and its future. United Church is a small community church in the process of re-visioning and creatively transforming itself along with the community of Ware. United Church is a multicultural church that looks deeply at itself with honesty, humility and joy.

A total of 20 volunteers put all the pieces of the craft fair together. The indoor craft fair was filled with tables featuring various crafts provided by many community members and United Church members.

Faithful volunteer of United Church, Joanna Christensen said a lot of time is put into creating all the crafts offered at the fair.

"It takes nearly a year to make all of the products offered," said Christensen.

A great way to get your holiday shopping done early, the craft fair was packed with holiday themed creations. Table runners and quilts were some of the most popular handmade items that have been featured in the craft fair in years past.

Christmas decorations were available and all handmade. The decorations came in the form of ornaments, hangers, toy soldiers, signs, and cards.

Wreaths were displayed above the tables along with the table runners and quilts. To go along with the runners and quilts, table decorations were available in the form of Christmas trees, snowmen, and fall themed triangles.

Another popular craft available at United Church was fairy houses. Well detailed designs on the roofs and gardens of the houses can certainly explain the time and effort put into these crafts.

Other crafts with a lot of time put into them were stuffed animals and garden ornaments. Along with the stuffed animals were chicken and owl themed pincushions.

For baked goods, bowls, baskets and bags of homemade cookies had a table of their own. In addition to baked goods, the United Church had a luncheon provided including homemade soup.

The United Church also held a basket raffle, full of prizes.

Other contributions take place during the year to help benefit the events of the United Church. These benefits include turkey dinner fundraisers.

It was a great reception at United Church as many community members and helpers enjoyed the festivities of the Craft Fair.

Future events at the Ware United Church include a Thanksgiving and Christmas community dinner.



Wreaths will brighten your door for the season.



A raffle took place to help benefit the United Church of Ware.



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Gavin Sawabi maintains ball control on this excellent yardage play.

Indians return from road and win again

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARE—After winning three straight road games against Narragansett Regional, Drury, and Greenfield, the Ware football team returned home and didn't have very much trouble dispatching Intercounty North Division rival Athol.

The Indians, who held a 21-0 halftime lead, coasted to a 34-13 victory over the Bears before a large gathering at Veteran's Field, last Friday night.

"It was great to come home and play a game in front of our fans," said Ware head coach Mike Fazio. "I thought we did a very good job of gaining the momentum right away against a very good Athol football team. Having the momentum early in the game is always a very important thing for us."

Ware has a perfect 5-0 overall record and had a 2-0 league mark. They also defeated Easthampton, 20-0, in the season and home opener.

Since joining the Intercounty North Division in 2021, Ware hasn't lost a league game. The Indians beat the Bears, 33-6, in last year's game held in Athol.

Leading the way offensively for the Indians in the home win versus the Bears (2-3, 0-2) were senior running backs Talan Molina and Kyle Safford.

Molina finished with a game-high 154 rushing yards on 18 carries and one touchdown. Safford also broke the 100-yard plateau, as he gained 113 yards on 14 carries and scored three touchdowns.

"Both of them put a lot of time in the weight room during the off-

season. They would like to play college football next year," Fazio said. "They wouldn't be very successful without the help of the offensive line. I thought the O-Line stepped up tonight."

Doing the hard work up front for the home team were senior Kyle Gordon, senior Noah Fales, junior Nathan Harmon, junior Ben Paro, and junior Alex Orszulak.

After Athol won the coin toss and elected to defer until the start of the second half, it didn't take the Indians very long to get on the scoreboard for the first time.

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Talon Molina scampers down the sideline as he readies to evade a defender.

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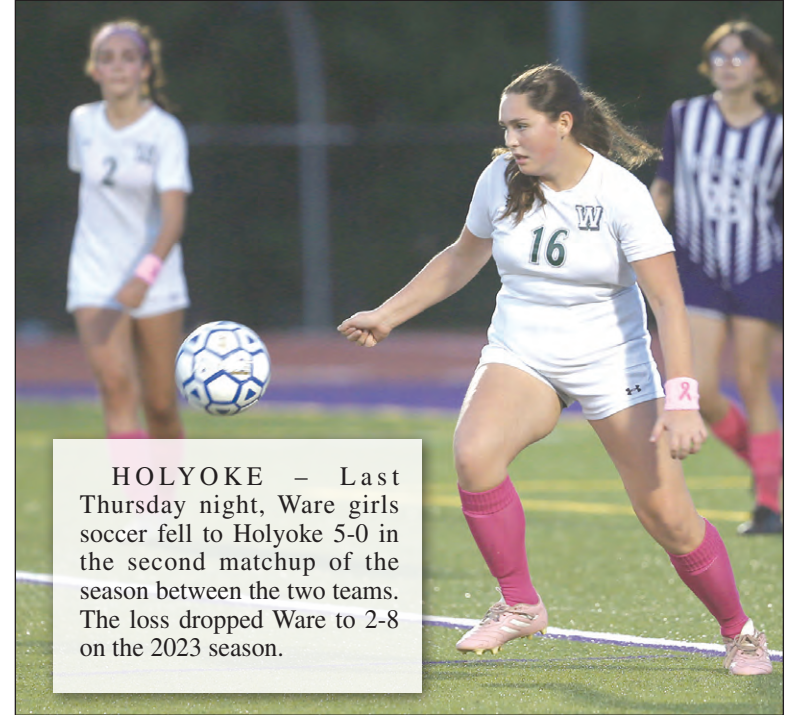


Kyle Gorgon and Nathan Harmon exemplified the strong Indian defense.



Kyle Safford crushes the defense with this awesome run.

Girls soccer falls to Holyoke



HOLYOKE — Last Thursday night, Ware girls soccer fell to Holyoke 5-0 in the second matchup of the season between the two teams. The loss dropped Ware to 2-8 on the 2023 season.

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Emily Jones looks to settle the ball.



Mia DiRienzo makes her way up the field.



Shelby Hogan chases down the loose ball.



Tory Finocchio tries to get a pass done before pressure comes.

Casey's goal holds up in Panthers win

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BARRE — When the Lady Panthers faced Mid-Wach B rival North Middlesex in their annual senior game under the lights at Alumni Field, last Wednesday night, a member of the freshman class became the hero.

Makenzie Casey whose older sister, Kylie, is one of the Lady

Panthers seniors, scored an unassisted goal late in the third quarter leading a 1-0 shutout victory over the Patriots.

"I felt very good after scoring the goal because it was a very special night for my older sister and the other five seniors," Makenzie Casey said. "I have been teammates with my sister on the field hockey team since I was the seventh grade. It has been an amaz-

ing experience to play on the same field hockey team with her. She's one of my role models."

Kylie Casey, who joined the varsity field hockey team as a freshman, has also enjoyed being teammates with her younger sister.

"It has been awesome playing field hockey with my younger sister during the past couple of years," said Kylie Casey, who's planning to study computer science in college. "Makenzie is an incredibly talented field hockey player and it's an honor being on the same field with her. I knew that she would make the varsity team in the seventh grade."

Their mother, Jillian, is an assistant coach for the Lady Panthers varsity field hockey team. She also played field hockey at Shrewsbury High School.

The other Quabbin seniors, who were honored during the postgame ceremony, are Camryn Orsini, Julianna Stanger, Gracie Talbot, Annabelle Magill, and Madylin Breault, whose younger sister, Olivia, is a sophomore on the varsity field hockey team.

"It's always great whenever you win on senior night," said long-time Quabbin head coach Shelly



Makenzie Casey dribbles the ball past the defender.

Turley photos by Ray Duffy

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Issac Somers stutter-steps as he approaches an opposing player.



Elijah Jez fights to keep possession.

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Pathfinder gets two

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—The Pathfinder Tech boys varsity soccer team posted a pair of victories against the Pioneer Valley Christian Academy Eagles in a span of 24 hours last week.

The final score of the first meeting between the Tri-County League rivals was 4-1. That contest took place at Pathfinder Tech, last Tuesday afternoon.

The following afternoon, the Pioneers, who defeated the Eagles on the soccer pitch for the first time since 2016, traveled to Springfield and posted a 4-0 shutout victory.

"This is actually the first time in my coaching career that my soccer team has faced the same opponent on back-to-back days" said Pathfinder Tech head coach David Wilson. "We're going to play the same way in tomorrow's game like we did today."

The Pioneers, who also defeated Franklin Tech, 4-1, on the road last week, entered this week's action with an 8-1 overall record, which is also their league record.

"We lost our first game of the season before putting together a winning streak," Wilson said. "We still have a lot of work to do to get

ready for both the Western Mass. and state tournaments.

Pathfinder Tech, who lost to Athol at home in the season opener, was ranked third in the latest MIAA Division 5 power rankings. Despite his team being ranked in the top five, Wilson isn't a big fan of the power rankings system.

"I don't really think we're a top five team. They haven't factored in our strength of schedule yet and our ranking will go down at that point," he said. "I'm not a fan of the power ranking system because it favors the eastern part of the state. We tend to get forgotten about out here in the west. We just need to keep winning games."

The score of last Tuesday's home match was tied 1-1 early in the second half when Pathfinder sophomore Adonis Dupre took over the spotlight offensively.

"Adonis played very well during the second half of today's game," Wilson said. "He's not a pure goal scorer, but he's a pure striker. Whenever he has an opportunity, he knows how to put the ball into the net."

During the 51st minute, Dupre weaved around a couple of defenders before firing a low shot into the back of the net past Eagles soph-

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Luke Salvatore crosses the goal line for Quabbin's first touchdown.

Turley photos by Ray Duffy

Panthers get above .500

BARRE – Last Friday night, Quabbin football notched above .500 with its third win of the season, a 20-14 triumph over Ayer-Shirley. With the score tied 14-14, Jake Leazotte caught an 11-yard pass from quarterback Jaxon Warburton in what would be the game-winning score. Luke Salvatore and Warburton had the other touchdowns for the Panthers.



Adam Adams attempts to get a hand on the ball.

LEFT: Jake Leazotte scores on a great pass.



Ed Guertin with a flying tackle.



Bryce Venne catches a game ending interception.

Registration open for Cambridge half-marathon

CAMBRIDGE – Registration is open for the Cambridge Half Marathon and 5K at CambridgeSide. The races are scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 5 (race begins 7 a.m. EST) on a gorgeous new course with views of the Charles River along Memorial Drive.

The Cambridge Half Marathon is a 13.1 mile fast and flat course featuring views of the MIT, John W. Weeks Footbridge, Harvard University Stadium, Charles River and more. The new 5K race also offers scenic views alongside the Charles River. Both courses are USATF certified and start and finish at CambridgeSide.

Race registration includes quarter zip pull over (half marathon participants) or long sleeve shirt (5K participants), five complimentary CambridgeSide parking passes, training plan, race bib with timing chip, and finishing medal. Register for both races at CambridgeSide.com.

Cambridge Half Marathon and 5K at CambridgeSide race proceeds benefit Cambridge Camping (CambridgeCamping.org), City of Cambridge Scholarship Fund (Cambridgema.gov/Services/CityScholarship) as well as other local charities. Cambridge Half Marathon and 5K is sponsored by Canam Group Inc. and training sponsor MYSTRYDE.

Thunderbirds fall in preseason tune-up

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - The Springfield Thunderbirds erased a 2-0 second intermission deficit before the Providence Bruins squeaked out a 3-2 overtime win in the final preseason matchup at Amica Mutual Pavilion.

Colten Ellis and Brandon Bussi kept the opposition off the board through 20 minutes before the Bruins connected for two quick goals in the second from Marc McLaughlin and Reilly Walsh respectively. Providence held the 2-0 edge into the final period of regulation.

However, the T-Birds showed some comeback magic as Drew Callin and Hugh McGing each tallied goals of their own just 27 seconds apart, and just 4:06 into the third, the game was deadlocked, 2-2. Ellis even helped his own cause, picking up the secondary assist on Callin's marker.

Despite being outshot 35-21 in regulation, Springfield got the game to overtime thanks to 33 Ellis stops, but Providence got the last laugh as John Farinacci beat Ellis at 1:35 of OT to secure the Bruins win.

The T-Birds open their regular season slate next Saturday, Oct. 14 against Hartford, with puck drop set for 7:05 p.m. at the MassMutual Center.

Bubar steals show in Granite Series win

LEE, N.H. - Corey Bubar was probably not the favorite to win Sunday evening's Bosowski Properties 150. But in the season finale for the Granite State Pro Stock Series, Bubar stole the show.

The Windham, Maine, racer held off Jimmy Renfrew, Jr. to claim the \$8,500 victory at Lee USA Speedway, closing out Lee USA Speedway's year-ending Russ Conway's Oktoberfest spectacular.

And well back in Bubar's mirror, fellow Pine Tree State native Travis Benjamin drove a patient race to earn the GSPSS championship.

Sunday's season finale earned intrigue before the drop of the green, with a \$2,000 bonus offered to any top-five starter who would forfeit their position on the grid if they could come back to win. Derek Griffith, the 2015 GSPSS champion, answered the call, lining up shotgun on the 28-car field to chase the bounty.

Bubar, starting outside of Ryan Green, jumped into the lead early, building an advantage over Green in the opening stint as Griffith picked his way through traffic.

When a yellow flag flew on lap 35, Griffith had already clawed his way to 12th with plenty of laps left.

On the restart, Renfrew surged to second, pursuing Bubar until a wreck in the back of the field brought out another caution on lap 47. Reigning champion Joey Doiron pitted for fifth, while Griffith cycled through to eighth for the restart. Benjamin, well ahead of challenger Brandon Barker in the title race, was tenth.

Bubar held off Renfrew's advances on the restart, but the Candia, N.H., youngster prevailed, making his way to the front and leading at halfway. A long green-flag run allowed Renfrew to stretch the gap between himself and Bubar, but Bubar reeled Renfrew in as they diced through lapped traffic. A slow car ahead of Renfrew at just the right time gave Bubar an opening, and Bubar charged back through to take the lead.

Griffith's bid for the bounty went up in smoke with 31 laps to go, as he shredded a right-front tire running fourth. Griffith rejoined the field after a tow, but his shot at the win was all but

over and he would rebound to finish eighth.

Bubar brought the field to green, and while Renfrew hassled him for a couple laps, he was able to pull away down the stretch. In his first series start of the season, Bubar raced to his second GSPSS win and his first since winning at his home track, Beech Ridge Motor Speedway, in 2021.

Renfrew followed Bubar home in second, with Green, Dave Farrington and Angelo Belsito rounding out the top five.

And with an eleventh-place finish, Travis Benjamin completed his championship season, becoming the tenth different driver to fly the GSPSS champion's banner. The Belfast, Maine, veteran, a former NASCAR racer and multi-time regional champion, won the first two outings of the season and committed to a full-time schedule that saw him finish out of the top-five only once all year.

The Granite State Pro Stock Series and president Mike Parks extend their gratitude to the tracks, teams and sponsors that made this 2023 season possible, and hope to release details on next year's schedule soon.



Senior Goalie Julianna Stanger makes a save.



Senior Annabelle Magill intercepts the pass.

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Zalernaitis. "I've coached a lot of outstanding senior classes over the years, but this year's senior class is one of my all-time favorites. I had most of them as students and it's a great group of kids. All of them are outstanding leaders and they've played different roles on the team."

During the school day, Zalernaitis is a sixth grade math teacher.

Stanger, who's a three-year varsity player, is the Lady Panthers starting goalie. She made four of her five saves during the fourth quarter, which kept the shutout intact.

"I knew that this was going to be a close match because we tied them earlier in the season," said Stanger, who would also like to play field hockey at the collegiate level. "I'm so happy that we pulled out a win tonight. Everyone made a key contribution."

Kylie Casey, Orsini, and Talbot are key members of the Lady Panthers defense, along with junior Sydney Slattery and freshman Violet Kelley.

Magill and Breault are starting forwards.

The Lady Panthers, who tied the first meeting with the Patriots, 1-1 on September 14th, had a 5-2-2 overall record following their senior night victory.

Makenzie Casey had the Lady Panthers lone shot on goal during the first half.

Casey scored an unassisted goal following a penalty corner with 2:24 remaining in the third quarter. It was her sixth goal of the regular season.

"When I shot the ball, it went off the back of a North Middlesex player before going into the goal," Makenzie Casey said. "The official still called it a goal because



Madelyn Stauder digs for the ball.

Turley photos by Ray Duffy

the opposing player was in the way when I shot it."

Zalernaitis is very glad that she'll be coaching Makenzie Casey for three more years.

"Makenzie is such a great team player because she makes the players around her better," Zalernaitis said. "This is her third varsity season and she's only a freshman."

According to Zalernaitis, Melissa Shamgochain, who graduated from Quabbin Regional in 1998, was the last seventh grader to play for the Lady Panthers varsity field hockey team. Shamgochain, who was a two-time All-American field hockey player at Assumption College, was inducted into the Quabbin Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009.

The Patriots (4-4-2) had three penalty corners during the final 15 minutes of the match. Stanger, who posted her fourth shutout of the season, made saves on each of them.

"The last quarter was very intense, and I was very nervous,"

Stanger said. "I was just trying to watch the ball the entire time. It just felt great when the final buzzer sounded. We're like one big family and this is just a very special team to me."

A Quabbin player dribbled the ball down the field as the final seconds ticked off the scoreboard clock.

In the fall of 2027, Kylie Casey, who's looking forward to playing field hockey at Worcester State University next year, will be sitting in the bleachers watching her younger sister play in her senior game. Makenzie Casey would probably like to celebrate a victory in that game just as her older sister did last week.

"That's going to be another exciting night," Kylie Casey said. "I'm really looking forward to coming back and watching my sister play field hockey."

The Lady Panthers celebrated a 2-0 home win over Marlborough the following afternoon.

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The public is invited to attend the day's activities and to purchase buttons and button related items from 9 a.m.-noon and from 1:30-3 p.m.

There will be no button sales during the break from noon-1:30 p.m., as lunch, a business meeting, and program on Crown Buttons will take place.

Morning visitors will be treated to coffee and refreshments provided by the hosting clubs; bring a brown bag lunch, and desserts will be provided. There is no admission fee, and all are welcome.

Dusha Nelson announces resignation from Listening

By Paula Ouimette
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BARRE – After nearly 11 years in her role as Executive Director of Listening Wellness Center, Laura Dusha Nelson has announced her resignation, as she prepares to start a new career path as an End Of Life Doula and a National Board Certified Integrative Health and Wellness Coach.

Dusha Nelson came to the Listening Wellness Center as a client when she had first moved to the area. She was working at a job in Worcester at the time, when one of Listening's practitioners reached out to her.

"One of the practitioners reached out to me and said the position was opening and asked if I was interested," Dusha Nelson said. "It was a very part time position at that point."

A lot has changed at Listening Wellness Center since Dusha Nelson became executive director,

with the addition of new practitioners, more classes and programs, and the inclusion of mental health therapy.

Growing with Listening was the role of executive director, which became full-time as the center increased its reach in Barre and surrounding communities.

Dusha Nelson said her greatest accomplishment at Listening has been attracting and retaining new practitioners, along with networking and giving the community diversity.

"Oftentimes people don't know what Listening is or anything about it," Dusha Nelson said.

She said she never realized the positive impact she had on the community, until she announced her resignation in order to return to school.

"I never thought I made an impression," she said.

Dusha Nelson also navigated Listening into its 20th year in

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Candlepin League News

By Ryan Drago
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Tuesday Night Commercial Elks League

PALMER – October arrived as the candlepin bowling season continues for the Commercial Elks league on Tuesday nights.

The standings through Sept. 26 have Compression in first place with a record of 13 wins and 3 losses. Compression's team high single of 419 and a team high triple of 1174.

In second place, The Champs R Here have a record of 10 wins and 6 losses. The team currently has the highest team high single of 439 and the highest team high triple of 1253.

In third place is the Acres with a nine win and seven loss record. Acres has a team high single of 398 and a team high triple of 1162.

In fourth place, team Blue B's are also at nine wins and seven losses, a team high single of 391 and team high triple of 1080. In fifth place is Last in Line with eight wins and eight losses.

Last in Line has a team high single of 404 and a team high triple of 1126.

In sixth place is Life is Good with a 4-12 record, a team high single of 383 and a team high triple of 1093. In seventh place, BK has a record of 3-13 with a team high single of 422 and a team high triple of 1171.

In one match, Compression took on Last in Line. In game one, Compression won a close game against Last in Line by a score of 339-335.

Leading the team was Mark Chmiel scoring 100 for Compression.

In game two, another close

match followed as Compression defeated Last in Line by a score of 367-363. In game three, Last in Line won the last game by a score of 361-357.

For total pinfall, Last in Line scored 1059 and Compression scored 1063.

On lanes three and four, Life is Good went up against team BK. In game one, BK defeated Life is Good by a score of 335-311.

In game two, BK would win two games in a row by taking the second game 374-350. In game three, Life is Good was victorious over BK by a score of 363-348.

Team BK won by total pinfall against Life is Good by a score of 1057-1024.

On lane seven and eight, Acres took on the Blue B's. In game one, Acres were victorious over Blue Bs by a score of 380-346.

Kenny Trudel of Acres bowled over his average by bowling a 107 first game.

In game two, Acres were victorious again over Blue B's by a score of 400-366. Three out of the four bowlers on Acres were well over their average.

In game three, Acres would conclude the match by winning the third and final game by a score of 381-344. For total pinfall, Acres won total pinfall for the night by a score of 1161-1056.

Filling in for Acres, Ryan Drago scored 115 in the first, 122 in the second, and 116 in the third. His three-game series for the night was 353.

Diamond Junction Bowling Lanes is located at 1446 North Main St. The alleys can be reached by calling 413-289-0013.

Thursday Night Mixed League

PALMER – The Thursday Night Mixed League arrived for their first league night in October.

The matches for this week

consisted of team one facing off against team five. Another match was between team four and team two and the third was between team six and team three.

On lanes one and two, team one went up against team five. In game one, team one was victorious over team five by a score of 439-397.

In game two, team one was victorious again over team five by a score of 433-401.

In game three, team five defeated team one by a score of 427-423. For total pinfall, team one was victorious by a total score of 1295-1225.

On lanes seven and eight, team four was against team two. In game one, team four defeated team two by a score of 409-372.

Danny Fennyery of team two was the highest scoring bowler with an opening game of 115.

In game two, team four would win against team two by a score of 398-379. In game three, team two would win a close third and final game by a score of 425-422. Fennyery finished strong with a 110 game and a three-game series of 320.

For total pinfall, team four was victorious over team two by a score of 1229-1176.

On lanes five and six, team six went up against team three.

In game one, team six defeated team three by a score of 400-393. In game two, team three would even up the match by winning game two 407-400.

Jesse Danek would break the century mark by scoring 105 in the second game.

In game three, team three would win over team six by a score of 405-390. For total pinfall, team three defeated team six by a total score of 1205-1190.

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omore goalie Andrew Vilakis (6 saves) for an unassisted goal.

Dupre scored his first goal of the regular season in a 10-1 home win versus Hampden Charter at the end of September. He's also one of the four players listed on the Pathfinder varsity soccer roster who attends Palmer High School.

The other three players from Palmer High are junior Elijah Jez, sophomore Jaleel Nevue-Roman, and freshman Owen Pear. They're able to play soccer for Pathfinder Tech as part of a co-op.

A couple of minutes later, Dupre lined a shot from the top of the penalty box into the net following a corner kick taken by senior Kenny Brouillette.

"Both of the goals scored by Adonis were well struck," Wilson added. "He's one of the smallest kids on the field, but he came up big for us in today's game. I'm looking forward to coaching him during the next couple of years."

Dupre's second goal of the match gave the Pioneers a 3-1 advantage.

The Pioneers scored their final goal during the 73rd minute.

This time, Dupre delivered a pass to junior Evan Costa whose shot attempt deflected off the goalie's knee before crossing the goal-line.

Costa entered this week's action with a team-leading 17 goals. He scored 15 goals as a sophomore.

"Evan is our leading goal scorer



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Evan Costa pops up the ball.

this season," Wilson said. "He's a very hard worker out there."

With less than five minutes left in regulation P.V.C.A. freshman Nathan Hill was issued his second yellow card resulting in a red card. Hill was also suspended for last Wednesday's match.

"It was the first time I saw him play, but I thought he was one of their stronger players," Wilson said. "He was dangerous coming down the left side."

The Pioneers took a 1-0 lead in last Tuesday's home match in the middle of the opening half.

The scoring play began with a throw-in from the left sideline by junior Seth Mitchell. The ball bounced around the box before Costa put it into the net.

The Eagles scored the equalizer six minutes into the second half on a free kick. The kick was taken from the right sideline by freshman Jake Morozov. The shot floated into the left corner over the head of senior goalie Richie Gula (3 saves), who was looking into the bright setting sun.

The home team retook the lead again five minutes.

The four Pioneers goal scorers in the road victory against P.V.C.A. were senior Riley Sanderson, freshman Cayden Bousquet, Pear, and Costa.

Gula was credited with eight saves in his fourth shutout of the regular season.



Justin Davis makes his way up the left side of the field.



Seth Mitchell clears the ball away.

WARE from page 9

"I think most football teams have that mind set," Fazio said. "Whenever we win the coin toss, we always defer because we want the ball at the start of the second half."

The Indians opening drive started at their own 34 before Molina gained 22 yards up the middle on the first play. Following a three-yard Molina run, Safford took a handoff from junior QB Brady Dyer and sprinted 41 yards into the endzone with 10:53 left in the first quarter.

The extra point attempt was good by Dyer, who also made two more PAT's during the first half.

Dyer took over the starting QB position from Jack Auchter, who's currently a freshman on the W.P.I. football team.

"Brady has done a very good job of running the offense so far this season," Fazio said. "He has really improved a lot during the past five weeks."

The Indians offense got the ball back a little more than a minute later.

With 6:27 remaining in the opening quarter, Safford completed the eight-play scoring drive, which covered 82 yards, with an eight-yard rushing touchdown giving the home team a 14-0 lead.

On the first play of the second quarter, junior wide receiver Gavin Sawabi took a handoff from Dyer and dashed 18 yards into the endzone for the Indians third touchdown.

Leading 21-0, the Indians moved the ball down to the goal-line on their fourth offensive series. A couple of costly penalties stalled the drive and they wound up turning the ball over on downs with less than a minute remaining in the second quarter.

"We did make a couple of mistakes on that drive at the end of the first half," Fazio said. "That's something we'll need to clean up. We were fortunate to be leading at that point."

The Indians, who had posted a shutout in three of their first four games this season, gave Athol an early Christmas present in the middle of the third quarter.

Ware was in punt formation for

the first time when they decided to use a trick play. It didn't work, as Athol junior Sawyer Lefsyk returned an interception for a touchdown.

"We were going to punt the ball on fourth down," Fazio said. "We saw that one of our players were uncovered and we decided to audible to a pass play. We just didn't make the right read on it. I take the blame for that play."

The extra point attempt was blocked. Molina ran the ball three times on the ensuing series before scoring a touchdown on an eight-yard run, which gave the Indians a 28-6 advantage with 4:59 remaining in the third quarter.

The Bears scored a rushing touchdown by junior Hayden Barrieu with 8:21 left in the game.

With 1:52 left on the scoreboard clock, Safford capped off the scoring with a two-yard plunge into the endzone. The extra point attempt sailed wide.

The Indians will be looking to celebrate senior night victory when they host Mahar Regional on Friday.

Cat shelter in need of donations

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Homeless Cat Project is holding adoption clinics every Tuesday from 5-7 p.m., Wednesday from 1-4 p.m., Thursday from 3-6 p.m., and Saturday from 1-3 p.m. at 1124 East Mountain Road.

WHCP is also seeking foster families willing to provide loving temporary homes for cats and kittens during their stay. For more information, please email Denise at denisesinico@hotmail.com.

WHCP is urgently seeking volunteers to help organize and manage tag sales at its 1124 East Mountain Road location. If interested, please email Denise at denisesinico@hotmail.com for more information.

WHCP will also begin collecting gently used household goods and furnishings for upcoming tag sales in the near future. Please follow the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/westfieldhomelesscatprojectadoptions for more information regarding donation drop-off and tag sale dates.

With the cooler weather approaching, WHCP anticipates a dramatic increase in requests for assisting homeless and abandoned cats which creates an urgent need for monetary donations and supplies. At this time WHCP especially needs the following items: cans of KMR Replacement Milk for Kittens Stage 1, towels, small blankets, potty pads, paper towels,

bleach, cat and kitten food, kitten feeding bottles, facecloths and warming discs as well as canned Friskies and Fancy Feast and Royal Canin Baby Cat and Mama and Baby Cat formulas.

Monetary donations would also be most appreciated. Donated items can be sent to or dropped off at 1124 East Mountain Road at any time. WHCP thanks the community for their support.

Every day is laundry day here at WHCP and are seeking individuals who can assist with washing towels and small blankets and throws. Dirty laundry can be picked up at any time at WHCP.

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public safety

Convicted sex offender given up to 11 years in prison

By Paula Ouimette
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NORTHAMPTON – Hampshire Superior Court Judge Jane Mulqueen sentenced convicted sex offender Michael Hunt, 53, of Ware, to nine to 11 years in state prison.

At the Oct. 3 hearing, the judge ruled that Hunt violated the conditions of his probation by sexually assaulting another child and contacting six other children.

Hunt had been convicted in Franklin and Worcester Superior Courts in 2002 for several sex offenses on four young boys, for which he served approximately eight years in prison. He was then civilly committed for an additional five years at the Massachusetts Treatment Center in Bridgewater after he was declared a sexually dangerous person.

Hunt was released in March of 2014 to serve 15 years on probation as a registered sex offender.

In March 2023, the Ware Police Department filed criminal charges against Hunt after a boy reported that Hunt had sexually assaulted him in 2018, when the boy was 10 years old. This triggered a probation violation hearing in Hampshire Superior Court that spanned three days in August and September, during which 11 witnesses testified, including the boy.

On March 23, while awaiting the probation violation hearing, Hunt posted the \$30,000 bail and was released.

The following month, Hunt had another incident that violated the conditions of his probation, stemming from an incident in Oakham.

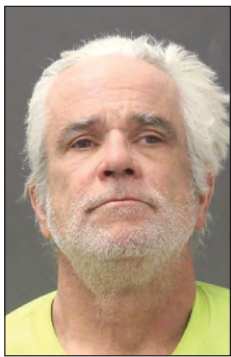
According to a press release from the Ware Police Department,

Hunt and another adult male stopped and asked two girls for directions in Oakham on April 1. The girls ran away from the two men, and were picked up by a parent and the incident was reported to the police.

Following an investigation by the Oakham Police Department, Hunt returned to court on April 3 and a judge determined he had violated the conditions of his release and his bail was revoked.

At the conclusion of the Oct. 3 hearing, Mulqueen ruled that Hunt had violated his probation by sexually assaulting the boy and engaging in prohibited contact with six different children in Ware and Oakham between 2016 and 2023.

Northwestern Assistant District Attorney Andrew Covington joined the Hampshire Superior Court Probation Department in requesting that Hunt be sentenced to 12-16 years in state prison.



Michael Hunt

Northampton defense attorney David Mintz recommended a state prison sentence of four to five years followed by five years of probation. Mulqueen revoked Hunt's probation and sentenced him to nine-11 years in state prison.

Prior to his release from state prison, the Northwestern District

Attorney's Office will have the option of filing a sexually dangerous person petition against Hunt, which could result in his indefinite commitment to the Massachusetts Treatment Center.

Hunt still faces open charges in Eastern Hampshire District Court for one count of indecent assault and battery on a child under 14 years and intimidation of a witness relating to the incident in Ware from 2018 involving the 10-year-old boy. Hunt entered a plea of not guilty on that case.

"The survivor showed tremendous courage coming forward and testifying in Court," said Covington in a press release.

Covington credited Ware and Oakham Police Departments for their efforts on the case and noted that Hunt will be incarcerated for a substantial period of time and unable to harm any additional children.

Housing needs of seniors public forum Oct. 14

WARE – The Town of Ware and Ware Senior Housing Task Force present "Housing for an Aging Population" a public forum and listening session at the Ware Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 10 a.m.-noon.

Participants will discuss what senior housing is, demographic and housing trends in Ware, housing market and programs for aging in place.

Participants can answer the following questions:
Does Ware need more senior

housing? What kind?
What services or supports are needed?

Please RSVP to the Senior Center by calling 413-967-9645. If you need transportation, call the Quaboag Connector at 413-544-3401.

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2020, through the complexities of the pandemic, working with practitioners to continue offering services safely, while utilizing online platforms and social distancing.

Getting Listening Wellness Center through the pandemic, was one of the things that motivated Dusha Nelson to enter this new chapter in her life.

"It made me reflect and say, 'I want to do more and for more people,'" she said, and she would accomplish that by following her dream to become and End Of Life Doula and a National Board Certified Integrative Health and Wellness Coach

"I had an idea prior to taking this job of going into therapy and/or coaching," Dusha Nelson said. "It's always been in the back of mind."

As an End of Life Doula, Dusha Nelson will support clients in advanced planning of their

death, including legacy projects, care coordination, conducting life reviews, vigil planning and assisting with their wishes.

She said being an End of Life Doula can also involve doing things like going for a walk with clients or taking care of their relationship with their family.

"It's really about companionship, that person, and holding space for them in their family... whatever that looks like for the individual circumstance," she said.

Dusha Nelson also plans to provide bereavement support and education in the future.

"People don't talk about death and dying ahead of time. If we talk about it upfront, it makes the process so much easier for everyone," she said.

In her role as a National Board Certified Integrative Health and Wellness Coach, Dusha Nelson will help clients reach their own goals, whether it be personal development, environment, movement, work life balance or spirituality.

"I believe that we all have what we need within us...we have the wisdom within us," she said. "We facilitate the change, and we want it to

be sustainable change for them... it's really a wonderful experience, sometimes you're stuck in something and it's like a lightbulb came on and it came from yourself. You just need to talk through it."

Dusha Nelson will continue as executive director through the end of the year as the Listening Wellness Center looks for the ideal candidate to usher the organization into the next 20 plus years and beyond.

"I hope that we find somebody who is even more community centric and passionate about serving a community...someone who can bring it to the next level," she said.

Listening Wellness Center's Board of Directors are grateful for Dusha Nelson's service to the organization and the community.

"As Listening board members and long-time colleagues of Laura's, we were excited to hear about Laura's plans for professional development and admire her for venturing out to begin her own journey as a health and wellness practitioner. We are honored to have been a part of her professional path for so many years, and are excited that she has grown her wings and is ready to fly!" Board members Dedie King, Jocelyn Langer and Renee Malowitz announced in a press release.

A complete job description for the position of executive director is available at listeningwellness.org/leadership-staff/, with applications being accepted through Oct. 20.

Ware Police Log

During the week of Oct. 3-10, the Ware Police Department responded to 21 miscellaneous calls, 36 administrative calls, six traffic violations, 23 emergency 911 calls, seven animal calls, five harassments, one theft/larceny, six motor vehicle accidents, two trespasses, one damage/vandalism, one breaking and entering and 21 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

Tuesday, Oct. 3

11:25 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Main Street, Dispatch Handled
12:35 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Monson Turnpike Road, Criminal Complaint Requested
Summons: Eileen A. Gerrmann, 64, Ware
Larceny Under \$1,200; Trespass
1:33 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Advised
2:52 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Dispatch Handled
5:56 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Palmer Road, Arrest Made
Arrest: Dean K. Latulippe, 61, Ware
OUI-Liquor or .08%, 2nd Offense; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle
5:56 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Parker Street, Advised
6:29 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Belchertown Road, Report Made
8:53 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Dispatch Handled

Wednesday, Oct. 4

7:53 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Gould Road, Report Made
10:01 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Investigated
10:47 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Greenwich Road, Advised
1:05 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Advised
3:25 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Otis Avenue, Verbal Warning Issued
7:03 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Investigated
10:13 p.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, Monson Turnpike Road, Report Made
Summons: Eileen A. Gerrmann, 64, Ware

Warren Police Log

During the week of Sept. 10-17, the Warren Police Department responded to 237 building/property checks, 196 community policing, six traffic enforcements, one radar assignment, 13 emergency 911 calls, one complaint, one fraud, two safety concerns, one identity theft, one missing person, one property damage, two larcenies/thefts, three animal calls and 51 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

Sunday, Sept. 10

1:31 a.m. Follow-up Investigation, Springfield, Investigated
1:49 p.m. Trauma, Burbank Avenue, Transported to Hospital
4:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
5 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Cross Street, Citation Issued
9:05 p.m. Larceny/Theft, Main Street, Report Filed

Monday, Sept. 11

8:37 a.m. Safety Concerns, Main Street, Officer Took Call
9:51 a.m. Complaint, School Street, Officer Took Call
11:51 a.m. Larceny/Theft, Main Street, Investigated
Summons: Lance A. Berthiaume, 54, Warren
Breaking and Entering for

Disorderly Conduct; Disturbing the Peace; Noise and Disorderly House, Keep
10:21 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, North Street, Dispatch Handled

Thursday, Oct. 5

2:48 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Services Rendered
3 p.m. Damage/Vandalism/Mischief, Palmer Road, Advised
8:39 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, East Street, Services Rendered

Friday, Oct. 6

7:08 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Eagle Street, Investigated
10:36 a.m. Warrant Services, Hardwick, Arrest Made
Arrest: William C. Woodman, 37, Hardwick
Warrant of Apprehension
2:51 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Upper Church Street, Report Made
5 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, West Main Street, Advised
8:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued

Saturday, Oct. 7

2:35 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Pulaski Street, Dispatch Handled
7:45 p.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, Pulaski Street, Services Rendered
Arrest: Breaking and Entering for Misdemeanor; Disorderly Conduct; Disturbing the Peace; Assault and Battery on Police Officer; WMS Warrant
10:38 p.m. Breaking and Entering/Burglary, Church Street, Services Rendered

Sunday, Oct. 8

7:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued
9:25 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, North Street, Report Made
11:11 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Church Street, Investigated
1:18 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Palmer Road, Citation/Warning Issued
Summons: Robert C. Dupuis, 24, Leave Scene of Property Damage

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2:35 p.m. Assist Other Agency, North Street, Services Rendered

Monday, Oct. 9

5:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation/Warning Issued
6:51 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Pulaski Street, Dispatch Handled
11:19 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Homecrest Avenue, Dispatch Handled
3:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Arrest Made
Arrest: Angel Lopez, 45, Holyoke
Drug, Possess to Distribute Class A; Drug, Possess to Distribute Class B; Drug, Possess to Distribute Class D; Drug, Possess Class E; Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Unregistered Motor Vehicle
Arrest: Angel G. Cortes, 35, Holyoke
Drug, Possess Class B
3:38 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Parker Street, Dispatch Handled

Tuesday, Oct. 10

5:14 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Walnut Street, Investigated
7:01 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Coffey Hill Road, Dispatch Handled
11:38 a.m. Theft/Larceny, Cherry Street, Advised

Misdemeanor; Assault (Type 1 Attempted Battery)
12:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
Summons: Cynthia Cruz, 55, Dudley
License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With
12:39 p.m. Welfare Check, Chapel Street, Transported to Hospital
4 p.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Old West Brookfield Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
5 p.m. Missing Person, Winthrop Terrace, Report Filed

Thursday, Sept. 14

10:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
11:57 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Cutler Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Friday, Sept. 15

8:12 a.m. Fire Alarm Activation, Old West Brookfield Road, Investigated
4:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
9:32 p.m. Follow-up Investigation, Keys Road, Report Filed

Saturday, Sept. 16

1:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Boston Post Road, Written Warning
3:52 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Milton O. Fountain Way, Officer Spoke to Party
3:54 p.m. Seizures, East Road, Refused Services

Sunday, Sept. 17

2:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Street, Written Warning
4:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, River Road, Written Warning
5:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning

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Grange hosts pumpkin carving event

WARE – Ware Grange's Annual Pumpkin Carving will be held on Monday, Oct. 23 at 6 p.m. at the Grange Hall at 297 Belchertown Road.

This family fun event features pumpkin carving, a spooky Halloween story for kids by storyteller John Porcino, and a snack will be provided. Bring your own pumpkin and join the fun.

Visit Ware Grange #164 on Facebook or at waregrange.org for more information.



obituaries



Rays of Hope to walk, run toward breast cancer cure

SPRINGFIELD – Thirty years and nearly \$17million raised, the 30th annual Rays of Hope Walk & Run Toward the Cure of Breast Cancer has plenty to celebrate on Sunday, Oct. 22, when the largest fundraiser steps off from Temple Beth El in Springfield.

This year's presenting sponsor is Gary Rome Hyundai.

Over the years, all money raised remains local to assist individuals and their families affected by breast cancer. Baystate Health Foundation administers the funds which support treatment, breast health programs, outreach and education, the purchase of state-of-the-art equipment through the Baystate Health Breast Network,

as well as support for the Rays of Hope Center for Breast Cancer Research. Rays of Hope also provides grants to various community programs throughout western Massachusetts.

"As we approach our 30th year, we invite all our friends and family back for another year and welcome all survivors whether you're at day one or year six or 30. As with every year, our 30th anniversary event will be filled with hope and love and a few surprises along the way, and we truly hope to make this the best year yet. Now is a perfect time to get your teams organized, recruit new team members, and most importantly spread the word. It's because of this com-

munity and the great people in it that we've been able to raise nearly \$17 million dollars," said Lindsey Bubar, 2023 Rays of Hope chair in a press release.

It all began in 1994 when Lucy Giuggio-Carvalho was diagnosed with breast cancer.

"I was recovering from my treatment and wished that there was a centralized space for breast cancer support, someplace to find information, a place to go for care, and research conducted in our own backyard," Giuggio-Carvalho said, who was at the time working as a case manager in the oncology unit at Baystate Health.

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The Board approved the appointment of Morin to the position, at 32 hours a week (Monday through Thursday) with the potential to become 40 hours in the future. Her start date is anticipated for Oct. 23.

"There's a lot of work going on in that department," Board of Selectmen Chair David Dufresne said. "That office is used quite a bit through the public."

State grant

The Board accepted a \$75,000 grant from the Executive Office of Housing & Livable Communities to update the town's master plan.

Dufresne said the Board is "very happy" to receive the grant.

"This is another grant we received...it helps us put together our master plan for the entire town," he said.

Ferrera thanked Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission and state officials for working with the town to secure the grant.

"This grant will help us retain the services of a licensed professional to do a master plan for the entire town," Ferrera said.

The last master plan was completed in 2006 and needs to be updated, he said.

"This is really a great opportunity from the state to work with a professional planning outfit to get these services done and to update our master plan," Ferrera said.

Response for missing child

Resident and member of the Board of Health, Joseph Kondrat, commended Fire Chief Adam Lavoie and Police Chief Gerald Millette and their departments for their response in locating a lost child in town.

Lavoie said there was rough terrain in the wooded area, as well as water. Mutual aid and several agencies assisted in the search and located the child, who had some scrapes and bruises but was otherwise unharmed.

"It was the best case scenario we could hope for," Lavoie said. "We're so glad he's reunited with his family."

Invoice scam

Ferrera said the Treasurer received an invoice, which was relayed to him, in the amount of \$984.82 from an unfamiliar company.

He said after investigation, he determined the town had never done business with this company.

"We've called the company, it goes directly to a voicemail, probably a cellular voicemail," Ferrera said. He said he also asked Millette to look into the company and find some information about it.

Ferrera said several municipalities have received similar invoices

for varying amounts.

"It is definitely a scam," he said.

A memo was sent out to all boards and commissions to watch out for these type of scam invoices.

Ferrera said he reported the scam to the Attorney General's Office and the U.S. Postal Inspector.

"I would just ask all departments to be vigilant and to look at the invoices that you're approving in your committees, and make sure that it's an invoice that's accurate...that it's from a company that you normally, typically, do business with," he said.

Escrow agreement

The Board approved and signed an updated draft of the escrow agreement between the town and 360 Building and Remodeling for the project at the Senior Center.

The project includes power washing, adding vinyl siding, painting, and gutter replacement.

Ferrera said town counsel reviewed the agreement, and made some modifications to the language.

He said town counsel added language that would release the escrow funds to the town "in the event the contractor fails to complete the work within 120 days." These funds would be used to complete the work at the Senior Center.

Ferrera said the contractor is hoping to start the project on Oct. 10 and there will be minimal disturbance to the Senior Center's operation.

Monthly police report

Millette said the Department had 2,173 calls for the month of September.

This included investigating 19 felonies, 81 incident reports, 27 arrests, one protective custody, three juvenile arrests, 130 motor vehicle stops and 35 motor vehicle citations.

Millette said he attended a Homeland Security meeting, his chief's yearly in-service training, as well as bloodborne pathogens training.

Millette was joined by Lavoie at the Seventh Day Adventist Church to speak with children about fire and internet safety.

He said all radar units were calibrated for annual certification.

Millette said he and Superintendent Stephen Duff are trying to greet all students at Warren Community Elementary School each Friday at the start of school for "High Five Friday."

Millette said he joined Ware Police Chief Shawn Crevier and Hardwick Police Chief James Aoyte for a quarterly meeting with the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force.

He said he also joined Ferrera at the State House to testify on a bill that would help rural towns construct public safety complexes.

Millette thanked state Rep. Todd Smola for giving him a tour of the State House.

Millette said a student that had interviewed him for a school project previously, was recently diagnosed with stage 4 Hodgkin's lymphoma.

He said it has been a financial burden for the student and his family, and Millette has sponsored the student through Cops for Kids with Cancer.

"It's really cool that they accepted it, and they were able to do that for him," Millette said of Cops for Kids with Cancer.

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Donna Gervais, 94

WARE – Donna G. (Via) Gervais, of Ware, died on Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2023, surrounded by her loving family at home, at the age of 94.

She leaves her daughters, Shayla Brunette and her husband Robert of Ware, Tammy Letendre and her husband Leo of Ware, Grace Mitchell and her husband Robert of Ware, as well as her only son, John Shoum and his wife Vicki of Houlton, Maine. She also leaves her seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Gerard H. Gervais in 1981, and her brother, Luther E. "Buddy" Via, Jr. She was born in Peru, Indiana, daughter of the late Luther E. Via and Grace E. (Morgan) Via.

Donna worked as a cook at the former Brookside Restaurant in Ware, and the former Belchertown State School



Death notices

Gervais, Donna G. (Via)
Died Oct. 3, 2023
Services Oct. 12, 2023

Marchessault, Janet H. (Gulczynski)
Died Oct. 4, 2023
Services Oct. 10, 2023

for several years before retiring. She enjoyed all types of flowers and gardening, as well as feeding and watching the birds.

Her greatest love though, was her large extended family of children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and relatives.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend calling hours from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023, in the Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware. A graveside service for Donna will be held privately the following day, Friday, Oct. 13, 2023.

Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware is assisting her family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at charbonneauafh.com.

Janet H. Marchessault, 83

WARE – Janet H. (Gulczynski) Marchessault left us to be with the Lord on Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023, at the age of 83.

Janet was born in Webster, on April 27, 1940, the daughter of Joseph and Rose (Bachand) Gulczynski. She moved to North Brookfield when she was 7, and later worked at the Ware Shoe Mill where she met her soulmate, Ralph.

Ralph and Janet were married for 62 years and had five children, Jeffrey, Daniel, Tracey, Sherry, and Keith.

When Janet wasn't taking her children to band, soccer, or football practice, she was always working on crafts projects with others – quilting, crocheting, and painting her favorites. She was the life of every party she went to and loved to dance.

As her children left her 40 Eagle St. "nest", she continued her service to others driving the Ware PVT bus for

years. She and Ralph spent their later years exploring the country in their RV with their dog, Dakota. Janet leaves behind her husband



Ralph, her children Jeff and his wife Michelle, Tracey, Sherry, and Keith as well as two grandchildren, Anna and Danielle.

A calling hour for Janet will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023, in the Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware. Her Funeral Mass will follow the calling hour, and be held at 11 a.m. in All Saints Church, 17 North St., in Ware. Burial will be in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cemetery following the mass.

An online guestbook is available at charbonneauafh.com.

White Christmas returns on Sunday, Dec. 3

WEST BROOKFIELD – All are welcome to join the town on Sunday, Dec. 3 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. for the 31st Annual White Christmas celebration.

There will be fun for folks of all ages going on throughout the day. Kick-off of the holiday season by touring the historic town, strolling the downtown district, exploring local businesses and open houses, decorating gingerbread houses in the Great Hall, meeting Santa for a quick picture, as well dropping off those letters headed directly to the North Pole.

There will be horse drawn carriage rides throughout the day as

well as shopping with dozens of vendors set up throughout town. A puppet show, an elf hunt and ice carvings are sure to keep everyone's spirits high.

There will be plenty for the entire family to come and enjoy. If you are lucky, you may just see Father Christmas strolling the streets and greeting visitors in town.

Stick around to close the day with West Brookfield's annual tradition of gathering around the largest evergreen in town (located on the town common) while it illuminates for the first time this holiday season.

West Brookfield's White Christmas Committee 2023 is excited to be able to share this fun-filled day with both residents and non-residents alike. This is a free event brought to you courtesy of local businesses and town supporters.

Maps of town open houses and vendors can be picked up in various local business, by accessing the 31st Annual White Christmas in West Brookfield Facebook page or by emailing whitechristmaswb@gmail.com.

Parking is available free throughout town.

Masonic open house at Mt. Zion Lodge Oct. 21

BARRE – Mt. Zion Lodge of Freemasons, 71 Pleasant St., will hold an open house on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

A pancake breakfast will be held from 7:30-10:30 a.m. The cost is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children under 10.

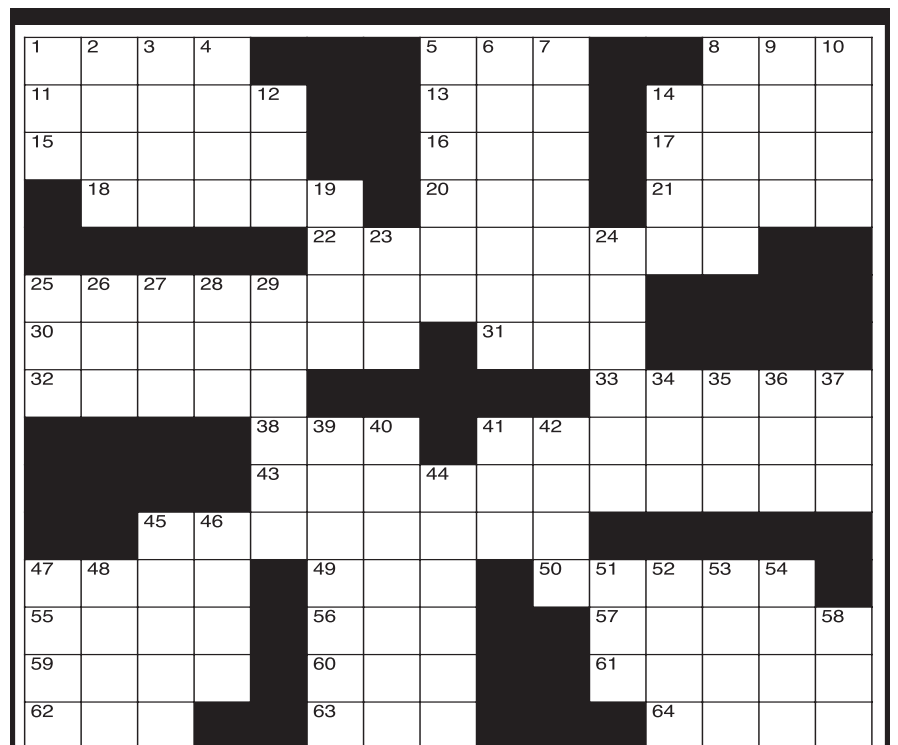
A firetruck will be there from 9:30 a.m.-noon. There will also be mums for sale, along with free face painting.

Senior center hosts lunch with legislators Nov. 3

WARE – On Friday, Nov. 3 at 11:30 a.m., the Ware Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road, will hold a free lunch provided by state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume, state Rep. Todd Smola and candidate for state senator Peter Durant.

The meal will include garlic bread, salad, dessert and coffee. Limit 100 seats total.

Please RSVP to the Senior Center at 413-967-9645 by noon on Nov. 2.



CLUES ACROSS

- Information
- Seaport (abbr.)
- Agricultural disease (abbr.)
- Riding horses
- Boxing's GOAT
- Hurt or discomfort
- A small sharp knife to trim vegetables
- A beaver builds one
- Horizontal passage into a mine
- Self-immolation by fire rituals
- Chain bar with lots of games (abbr.)
- Goo Goo Dolls' hit
- Agreeable
- In an early way
- In a way, struck
- It's there in the morning
- County in the S. Pacific
- Central Florida city

CLUES DOWN

- A way to fish
- Numbers cruncher
- Mexican beers
- Lawyers say you can indict one
- Capital of South Australia
- Wings
- Drug used to treat HIV/AIDS
- Fencing sword
- Capital of Qatar
- Portable bed
- Afflicted
- Lying down
- Midway between northeast and east
- Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- Inflamed
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Impudence

CLUES ACROSS

- Greek mythological figure
- Scarlett's home
- Assist
- More doleful
- Premeditated
- Dish featuring minced food
- San Diego ball-player
- Eight
- Unwelcome picnic guests
- Human gene
- Bucket
- Make full
- Dirt
- Person cited as ideal example
- A part of (abbr.)
- The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
- Very long period of time
- Gas usage measurement

CLUES ACROSS

- North American native people
- It says "moo"
- Folk singer Di Franco
- Resinlike substance of certain insects
- Residue
- Grand homes
- Popinjays
- Man who behaves dishonorably
- Figures
- One who watches over children
- Expressed pleasure
- No longer living
- Hebrew calendar month
- Part of the ear
- Swiss river
- Prejudice
- Italian Island
- Resist authority (slang)
- Criticize

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THE TOWN OF WEST BROOKFIELD is looking for part-time plow drivers. This is an on-call position. Must have a valid, clean MA Driver's License and a DOT physical card. Pay rate \$20.41/hour or \$23.38/hour with a Class B License with air brakes. Snow plowing experience is preferred but not required. Please contact: **Jim Daley, 508-867-1417** or via email **jdaley@wbrookfield.com**. The Town of West Brookfield is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values diversity at all levels of the workforce. EOE

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Sealed bids for the Transportation and Transfer of Liquid Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge between the periods of November 1, 2023, to October 31, 2026, will be received by mail to the Office of the Town Administrator, 48 High Street, P.O. Box 609 Warren, MA 01083 until October 24, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time. Proposals must be made upon forms included herein. Proposals must be delivered in a sealed envelope plainly marked for the appropriate bids.

The Proposal Form, Specifications, and Contract Documents may be obtained electronically by emailing Tammy Martin at accountant@warren-ma.gov.

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Bids are subject to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 30.

The award is contingent upon the appropriation of funds. Bidders may be requested to waive the right to the 90-day withdrawal period.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) MECHANICAL SURFACE AERATORS AND APPURTENANCES PROJECT 2B - GILBERTVILLE WPCF UPGRADES PROJECT TOWN OF HARDWICK, MA

The Town of Hardwick is requesting proposals from qualified equipment Vendors to furnish Mechanical Surface Aerators and Appurtenances, to be incorporated in the planned Project 2B - Gilbertville WPCF Upgrades Project. A Request for Proposals (RFP) describing the Vendor's scope of supply, qualifications, and other requirements will be available on Wednesday, October 11, 2023. Proposals will be accepted at the Hardwick Town Hall, office of the Town Administrator, no later than 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 307 Main Street, Gilbertville, MA 01031. The Proposals will not be opened publicly.

This RFP is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B § 6 for the procurement of goods and services. Respondents shall submit separate proposals for the technical and cost elements as described in the RFP. Following the submittal of proposals, technical proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the criteria stated in the RFP by the person(s) designated by the Town to perform such evaluation(s). Once proposals are evaluated, the evaluations shall be submitted to the Town, who shall open price proposals and award an agreement, if at all, to the responsive and responsible Vendor whose proposal is deemed the most advantageous, taking into consideration price and the evaluation criteria included in the RFP. The Town reserves the right and fully intends to assign any agreement awarded under this RFP pertaining to the Vendor who will furnish the Mechanical Surface Aerators and Appurtenances for the Project 2B - Gilbertville WPCF Upgrades Project under Contract with the Town.

The successful Vendor shall furnish the equipment and services necessary to meet the requirements of the RFP. Section 746 of Title VII of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 (Division A - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and

Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017) and subsequent statutes mandating domestic preference applies an American Iron and Steel requirement to this project. All listed iron and steel products used in this project must be produced in the United States. The term "iron and steel products" means the following products made primarily of iron or steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and construction materials. The de minimis and minor components waiver apply to this contract.

Copies of the RFP may be obtained by emailing DPC Engineering, LLC, at bitidding@dpcengineering.com. RFP packages will be emailed to vendor upon request. Addenda will be emailed to registered plan holders.

The Town reserves the right to reject any or all submittals and to only award a contract if it is in the best interest of the public to do so.
10/12/2023

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Law 105A, in order to satisfy past due rents and other expenses, the contents of Don Stewart will be auctioned off at **Secure Storage, 70 Boston Post Rd., Warren, MA at 9:20 am 10/28/23**. The contents of Dennis Craig will be auctioned off at **Secure Storage, 31 Southbridge Rd., Warren, MA at 9:00 am on 10/28/23**. The contents of Sasha Wallace will be auctioned off at **Secure Storage 167 West St., Ware, MA at 10:00 am on 10/28/23**.

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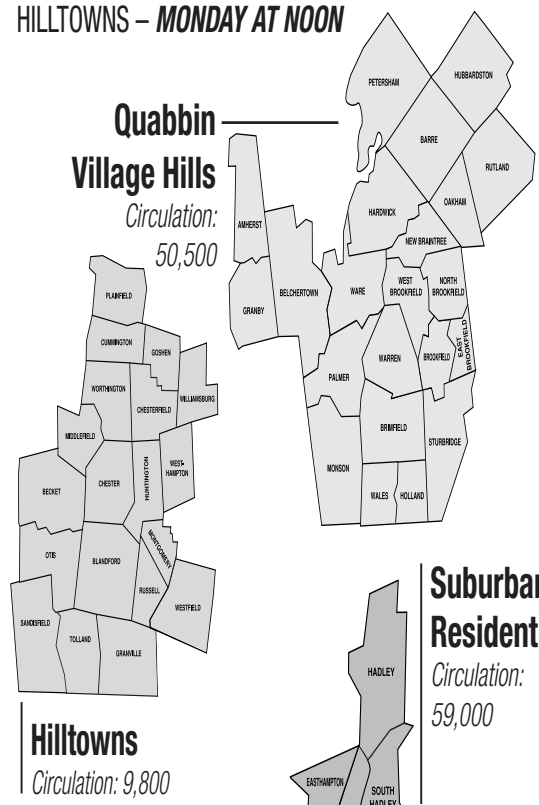
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) ULTRAVIOLET DISINFECTION SYSTEM AND APPURTENANCES PROCUREMENT PROJECT 2B – GILBERTVILLE WPCF UPGRADES PROJECT TOWN OF HARDWICK, MA

The Town of Hardwick is requesting proposals from qualified equipment vendors to furnish an Ultraviolet Disinfection System and Appurtenances, to be incorporated in the planned Project 2B – Gilbertville WPCF Upgrades Project. A Request for Proposals (RFP) describing the Vendor's scope of supply, qualifications, and other requirements will be available on Wednesday, October 11, 2023. Proposals will be accepted at the Hardwick Town Hall, office of the Town Administrator, no later than 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 307 Main Street, Gilbertville, MA 01031. The Proposals will not be opened publicly.

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The Town of Warren Request for Proposals (RFP) The Wright's Mill Master Recovery Plan

The Wright's Mill Master Recovery Plan

The Town of Warren, MA is soliciting proposals by licensed professionals for its Wright's Mill Master Recovery Plan. The Town is a recent recipient of a U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration grant from the Federal Government for the Town of Warren's Wright's Mill Master Recovery Plan. This will center around the execution of a needs assessment for establishing the best opportunities for job creation, business attraction, and historic preservation through the redevelopment of the 600,000 square foot mill site. The Master Plan will allow for government agencies and private partners to methodically calculate and manage risk of infrastructure modernization including roads, bridges, water, broadband, and power. In addition, the scope of work consists of the completed development of the Wright's Mill Master Recovery Plan. Project must be completed no later than Monday, December 23, 2024.

The Proposal form, specifications, and contract documents may be obtained electronically by emailing Tammy Martin at: accountant@warren-ma.gov or on the town's website at www.warren-ma.gov.

Proposals shall be submitted to the Office of the Town Administrator, Jim Ferrera, 48 High Street, P.O. Box 609, Warren, MA 01083 on or before 1:00PM, Tuesday, October 31, 2023. Proposals will be accepted until that date and time. 10/12, 10/19/2023

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"I was grateful for my care at Baystate and knew I'd need an organization to work closely with to make this dream a reality, so I aligned myself with Baystate to begin the Rays of Hope. The rest is history," she said about the original walk which attracted 500 people and has now grown to over 20,000 participants.

"As we kick off Rays of Hope's 30th anniversary, we reflect on those who have helped us get to this moment," said Kathy Tobin, director of annual giving and events for Baystate Health Foundation. "We may not have a cure for breast cancer yet, but we have made lifesaving breakthroughs in treatment and the research continues. Importantly, we have a big extended family of support here in western Massachusetts." Once again, the Ray of Hope

will step off from Temple Beth El on Dickinson Street and wind through and around Forest Park. The 14th Annual Run Toward the Cure 8K is coordinated and timed by 4Run3. As in the past, the Rays of Hope Big Wig program offers special "big wig" status to those raising \$1,000 or more online only by credit card.

Using the simple and convenient registration at baystatehealth.org/raysofhope, participants can create their own personal webpage to assist them in their fundraising efforts. Participants must raise at least \$50 to receive the collectible Rays of Hope 2023 T-shirt.

Check-in for the run begins at 7:30 a.m. followed by step off at 8:30 a.m., while check-in for the walk begins at 9 a.m. followed by step off at 10:30 a.m.

Buses begin operating at 7:30 a.m. for runners and at 8:30 a.m. for walkers to shuttle them to Temple Beth El. Parking for

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across the commonwealth over the past 15 years.

"Really, in the northeast, nobody really wants a landfill," he said. Materials are then shipped out of state, to the west or down south.

Stage 1 and 2

Currently, site hours are limited to Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday from 7 a.m.-1 p.m. If approved, the modification would increase the weekday hours until 6 p.m.; with weekend hours staying the same.

In Stage 1, rail service would also increase from two visits a day, to three. In Stage 2, the rail service would require modification to provide railcar storage, allowing the rail service to reduce to one visit per day.

A 9,000 square foot building expansion is also included in Stage 2.

Site history

Expert witness Steven Wright, vice president of Sanborn Head, a Profession Engineer with over 30 years of experience in solid waste design, permitting and construction projects, gave a history of the ownership and use of the East Street site.

Wright said the first site assignment was to ABC & D Recycling from 2006-2004, before being transferred to Tri-County Recycling from 2014-2019. Since 2019, the site has been assigned to ReSource Waste Services of Ware.

He said the majority of C&D materials that come into ReSource Waste Services of Ware come in two types; residuals and fines. Residuals are three inches in size or greater and fines are three inches or less.

Wright said unprocessed materials make up for the rest

of the C & D stream, but only account for 1,500-1,900 loads a year.

"ReSource is trying to reduce the unprocessed, but it does come in," Wright said. "It usually has a lot of wood in it."

Wright said the East Street site was originally designed for processing, shifting primarily to "kick-sorting" when Tri-County Recycling took over. Kick-sorting is the process of getting recyclable materials out of stream.

Much of the processing equipment used for kick-sorting has been removed from the site.

"We essentially operate as a C & D transfer station," Wright said of ReSource Waste Services of Ware. Materials are then transported from the East Street site to Ohio and Virginia.

Approximately 90% of C & D material received at the East Street site is from other ReSource Waste facilities and the rest from third parties. Farese said eventually they will move away from accepting material from third parties, with the exception of the town of Ware.

He said the amount of third party material the site takes in has already reduced each year of operation.

Traffic

O'Regan asked where large trucks would park while waiting to be weighed in at the facility. Wright said standing time on the scale was less than one minute, and trucks wouldn't be waiting.

"There is no queuing happening with semitrailers," he said.

Wright said there are about 1,000 feet more of queuing lanes after the scales, within the site.

Farese said with the increase in C & D tonnage and hours of operation would average about four-to-five trucks entering and leaving an hour.

He said each truck takes 20 minutes to unload, and the facil-

ity could handle four at a time in Stage 2.

An expert traffic witness said at 750 tons a day, they estimate about 60 trucks a day, or 120 trips. At 1,400 tons a day, 89 trucks carrying 15.7 tons each would equal 178 total truck trips.

Peak hours of truck traffic are 7:30-8:30 a.m. and 3:45-4:45 p.m. based on data collected by ReSource Waste Services.

Grinding

Grinding of bricks, asphalt, concrete and wood are not a core business of ReSource Waste Services of Ware, Wright said, although they occurred more regularly with ABC & D Recycling and Tri-County Recycling.

Farese said they don't get a lot of this type of material, with most of it being loaded in a truck and sent to a facility in Barre for processing.

Farese said at most, they crush or grind material two-to-three times a year on site.

Street sweepings

Wright said street sweeping materials, while primarily sand, are considered solid waste and will be transferred from ReSource Waste Services of Ware to a landfill.

Farese said accepting street sweepings is more of a courtesy to the communities it serves, rather than a service.

Bulky waste

Farese said ReSource Waste Services of Ware will provide two bulky waste days per year to residents, accepting large items such as couches and other household items.

Misting system

Wright said the facility has an atomizing misting system, that operates for about three seasons. He said the system doesn't operate in below freezing tempera-

tures. Farese said if it's too cold to operate the misting system and there's too much dust to operate safely, the facility is shut down for the day.

"It's really weather dependent," Farese said.

Sound

A sound study was conducted in 2005, which included a baseline pre-construction noise survey at five locations near the property line of the site.

When the East Street site was operated by Rocoso Auto Parts, sound measurements were recorded between 51.6-55.9 decibels.

An expert sound witness said 50 decibels is equivalent to quiet speech at three feet away, or a dishwasher in the next room.

Recent sound measurements taken in 2023 show that sound levels produced by ReSource Waste Services of Ware are lower than the 2005 study.

With the site modification, backup alarms on trucks and equipment would be retrofitted with "white noise" or sonar alarms to reduce sound levels.

O'Regan expressed concern about noise from the facility, and how it affects nearby Grenville Park.

He described the noise as "intolerable," and said, "the people of Ware should not have to endure it."

Air quality

An expert air quality witness said there is dust, as well as emission from vehicles both on and off site. Dust is managed with misting and sweeping.

The witness said that ReSource Waste Services of Ware is in compliance with all air quality standards.

What's next

The Board of Health has until Nov. 10 to make a decision on the site modification proposal.

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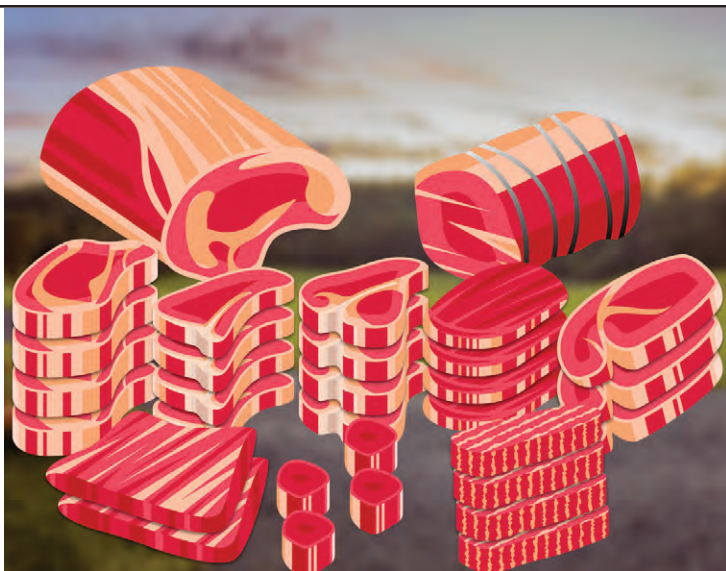
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