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172nd Fireman's Ball

Area fire personnel recognized for excellence



Jessica Vetre, Adam Mercurio, Diana Nydam, Jesse Crockett-Sears, Lyndon Perkins and Peter Orsi pose for a photo at the North Brookfield Fire Department's 172nd annual Fireman's Ball held at Salem Cross Inn on Nov. 18. TURLEY PHOTOS BY PAULA OUIMETTE

WEST BROOKFIELD – North Brookfield Fire Department hosted its 172nd annual Fireman's Ball at Salem Cross Inn recently, joining together firefighters from North Brookfield, West Brookfield, Spencer, Hardwick, Oakham, Leicester

and even Maine. On Nov. 19, following a social hour and dinner, members of North Brookfield Fire Department's Fire Prevention Unit, Training Division and the Emergency Medical Division were recognized for their excel-

lence. Members of these specialty units received a commendation from the State House. Fire Chief Joseph Holway said, "I'm extremely proud of all members." Holway said he and his de-

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Wings of Song presents 'Celtic Noëls' concerts

Community chorus sings songs of Brittany and beyond

By Paula Ouimette
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As the chill of winter begins to creep in the air, and people prepare for the holiday season, the 40-member Wings of Song community chorus is busy rehearsing "Celtic Noëls", featuring Christmas music from Brittany and elsewhere in France.

Music Director Nym Cooke was first introduced to "Celtic Noëls" after receiving a recording of it as a gift from his wife, Daphne.

"The whole family fell in love with that music, and it became the number one Christmas disc for some years," Cooke said.

In the summer of 2004, Cooke and his daughter Thalia, set to work to make English singing versions of the Breton text, making it rhymed and metered.

Cooke said this is the only version of "Celtic Noëls" in France.

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Chorus members join their voices together at a recent rehearsal. TURLEY PHOTOS BY PAULA OUIMETTE

Remembering Shane Douglas

Memorial dedicated to late football player and Quaboag alum

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WARREN – Family, friends, athletes, school staff and members of the community gathered before the Thanksgiving eve football game between Quaboag Regional High School and Ware High School, to honor the life of a former Cougar.

Shane Douglas, a West Brookfield resident and 2021 graduate of Quaboag Regional High School, number 21 on the football team, was killed in a car accident on June 26, 2022, at just 18 years old.

Douglas was a fan favorite on the football team, and his three brothers are following in his footsteps, including his brother Bryce, who finished his last football game as a senior later that night.

"This family is synonymous with football," Coach Jason Morgan said. "They really put

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On Nov. 22, the family and friends of Shane Douglas, a 2021 graduate of Quaboag Regional High School, unveiled a memorial dedicated to the late football star. TURLEY PHOTO BY DERICK VELIZ

HVAC project underway at the JHPL

By Rowan Bernstein
Correspondent

STURBRIDGE – The Joshua Hyde Public Library is currently working on a major update to their HVAC system.

The project, which began in mid-October, will lead to some changes for patrons while the work is being completed.

The \$1.2 million project has been "a long time coming" according to library director Becky Plimpton.

"The main HVAC unit on the roof is about 35 years old," she said "And is failing regularly." Plimpton elaborated that there have been "leaks in the roof for years," and no one could be sure where they were coming from.

Another component of the project will be switching the systems over from propane to electric.

Because of the high budget of the project, the library

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North Brookfield Senior enjoy holiday luncheon

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The North Brookfield Senior Center hosted its annual Thanksgiving luncheon on Wednesday, Nov. 15.

The 35 grateful guests enjoyed a scrumptious, homemade turkey dinner with stuffing, potatoes, gravy, squash, green bean casserole, corn and rolls. Sparkling grape juice accompanied the meal, which was followed by pumpkin pie and apple crisp.

DJ Tabby LeBlanc played delightful music for all to enjoy. The Friends of the North Brookfield Council on Aging thank the many dedicated volunteers for helping out.

The afternoon was made possible by a generous private donation with the goal of providing a delicious and memorable Thanksgiving dinner for everyone.

Friends of the North Brookfield Council on Aging are currently planning their annual catered Christmas luncheon to be held on Wednesday, Dec. 20 at the center. You can follow them on Facebook @NorthBrookfieldSenior Center to learn details as they become available.



Delicious homemade food, welcoming fellowship, and enjoyable entertainment were all on hand at the Senior Center recently during its annual Thanksgiving luncheon. SUBMITTED PHOTO



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Eclectic vintage shop, artists studio opens

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PALMER – An eclectic, vintage shop and artists gallery opened their doors at 1500 N. Main St.

“The Victorian” will provide locals a convenient shop close to home, offering quality painter’s products, painted furniture, unique gifts, candles home decor, and more.

The shop features a wide variety of Fusion Mineral Paint products, including materials to re-purpose, refurbish and re-imagine furniture.

“Fusion Mineral Paint is primarily a furniture paint,” said owner Julia Dias. However, she said the paint works well on a variety of materials, such as wood, metal, glass and fabrics.

In addition to the mineral paint, The Victorian will also offer milk paint, stains, antiquing glazes, a variety of decorating waxes and both natural and synthetic paint brushes.

The shop caters to artists seeking to add a splash of color to their homes and get creative with refinishing their furniture.

“I always wanted to open my own shop,” said Dias.

She holds a bachelor’s degree in fine arts with a focus on interior design from UMASS Amherst.

Dias’ experience allows her to provide guests with expertise and a wealth of knowledge in design as well as the Fusion Mineral Paint product line.

“I live for making what is old new again,” said Dias. “It’s exciting.”

She added the Victorian age has always been her favorite period in time, prompting her to scout out the perfect location for her shop.

“It has always been a dream of mine to have a Victorian. The



Submitted Photos

The Victorian is located at 1500 Main St., in Palmer, in the former Moulton Insurance building.



The Victorian carries Fusion Mineral Paint for furniture re-purposing and re-finishing.



For sale are 100% soy candles made in the USA.

building is a Queen Anne with all the traditional moldings,” said Dias.

The Victorian was built in 1868 and is 155 years old.

Shoppers will not only have access to a Fusion Mineral Paint carrier locally, but they will also experience the charm of the old Victorian.

The shop features an array of colors, furnishings and art;

some Victorian style, others more abstract.

Vintage style “sassy talkin’ towels,” are on display, adding style and humor to the main shopping area.

For those interested in purchasing, duplicates are for sale.

Additionally, vintage-style match boxes are available for purchase, delicately wrapped in wax paper and sealed with a postage stamp.



Shown is the shopping area in the building, with items in display cases, which are for sale.



The building is a Queen Anne Victorian, decorated to accentuate the charm and authenticity of the building’s architecture.

The Superior Dry Good Vintage Stick matches are a perfect compliment to those interested in gifting a locally sourced, 100% soy, 1803 candle.

Dias said the shop is Victorian themed to add an element of creativity and charm to the guests’ experience.

“After the first of the year, we will offer Fusion Mineral Paint workshops” said Dias.

She added services and

products available at the shop will expand within the upcoming year, including the introduction of a parlor styled tea room.

While the room is not yet ready for renting, guests will eventually have the option of renting a Victorian-themed space equipped with art, comfortable vintage furniture, tea table near a decorative fireplace and a large, antique Victrola player.

Guests interested in adding a Victorian touch to their home also have the option of purchasing from a collection of vintage glassware.

Dias thanked and credited her husband, Joao Dias, for all he has done to make her dream come true.

Dias is inviting all to stop by today for all of your unique holiday shopping needs.

Shop is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 11 am to 5 pm and Saturdays 11 am to 2 pm.

- community -

Townwide activities offered during annual Tree Lighting

By Ryan Drago
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WARREN – The annual tree lighting on the common is set to take place on Friday night, Dec. 1.

A series of townwide activities is part of the whole experience of bringing the community together for the holiday season. Many local businesses are offering their wares as the town common commences the main event of lighting Warren's tree.

All activities during the tree lighting will begin at 4 p.m. and will go on until 7 p.m. The tree lighting will take place at 6 p.m.

In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved to Saturday, Dec. 2. Please check the Warren Parks Department's Facebook page or download the My Town Alerts app for notice of postponement.

Events and activities

Mason's Grille will be offering free refreshments and some meals for purchase. The meals include beef stew and clam chowder.

Warren One Stop Market will be offering free coffee. The Warren Water Department will be offering free refreshments.

The Lost Arts will be hosting an open house with vendors, items for sale, and a free make and take craft activity. For games, Warren WIC will be also having an open house with Santa's cookie toss

game and incentive items.

At Glenda's, a craft activity of ornament making will be going on. There will also be free face painting as well.

Another open house will be held at Warren Public Library with refreshments and free horse drawn carriage rides.

For entertainment, the Diva Dance School will have a dance performance going on at 6:20 p.m. after the 6 p.m. tree lighting. The dancers will perform near the Christmas tree as long as the weather permits.

On the Common

The main event of the tree lighting will have numerous features to get patrons into the holiday spirit. The musical entertainment is provided by the Quaboag Chorus playing some familiar holiday favorites.

Placed on the common will be Santa's Letter Box. The children can get started on writing their letters to Santa Claus and put them in the Santa Mailbox.

Remember to include a return address on your letter to Santa. If kids don't get their letters in the mailbox during the tree lighting, starting on Saturday, Dec. 2 the Warren and West Warren Post Offices will have Santa's Mailboxes available.

The United States Postal Service will make sure Santa Claus gets your Christmas letters.

Santa's Letter Box is a great way to embrace the spirit of Christmas in the community. It is a fun way for children

to enjoy the time to write to Santa Claus and think about what they'd like for Christmas.

In addition to the holiday spirit, the Warren Police Department will be having their Jingle Fund. This activity of giving is a great way to help the police department stuff a cruiser full of unwrapped gifts, gift cards, and other donations.

The Jingle Fund helps give back to the youth and families of the Warren community.

Many Warren businesses and departments will be participating during the festivities.

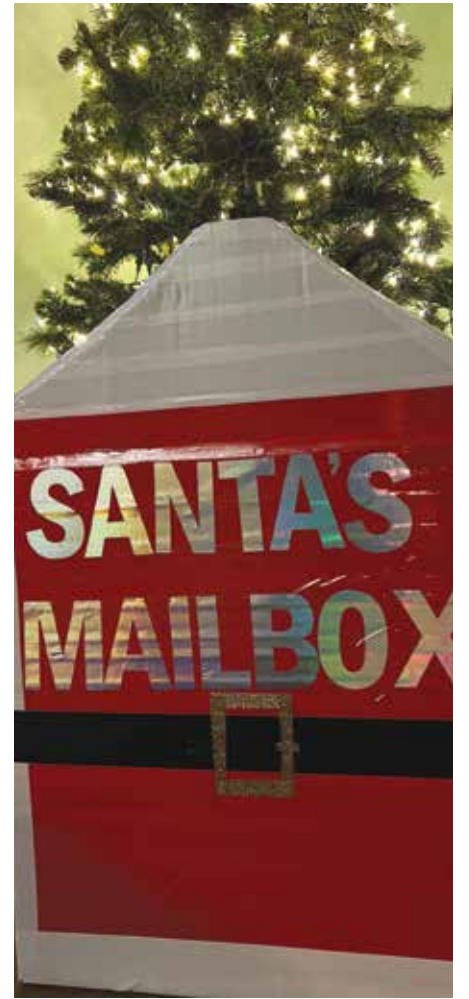
The Warren Fire Department will be selling wreaths. The Warren Parks and Recreation Department will be providing s'mores and a cozy fire during the tree lighting.

Breezeland Orchards has donated apple cider for the event. Boy Scout Troop #142 will have hot dogs available for purchase and crafts for sale.

Tam O'Shanter Farm and Wilbur the Pig will be in attendance of the tree lighting. Hot chocolate will be for sale thanks to Dance Factory and items for sale thanks to the Quaboag Performing Arts Boosters.

The annual tree lighting in Warren is truly bringing the community together to kick off the holiday season.

Celebrate the spirit of the holidays on the common of Warren.



Santa's Mailbox will be placed to collect letters for Santa Claus during the Warren Tree Lighting. TURLEY PHOTOS BY RYAN DRAGO

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Christmas-time questions for the Garden Lady

A reader from Palmer wrote in with this holiday question for the Garden Lady: "I enjoyed your wreath-making column last week. I thought it was interesting that you advised scouring the landscape for suitable greenery. Overgrown boxwood shrubs are plentiful at home. Can I harvest the tips for making my own holiday wreaths and swags? If so, how do I ensure that the shrubs look good come spring?"

Yes, you can certainly harvest boxwood, especially since your plants are considered "overgrown." A haircut doesn't sound as if it will do much harm, even though it's the off season.

Rather than snip just the tips, however, insert your clippers further into the plant where the growth has become woody. Cutting deeper in several random spots will make "windows" for new growth, at a reduced size!

The addition of boxwoods to your wreaths, planter boxes and swags will offer a nice variation in texture to coarser greenery.

Tabletop "trees" made almost entirely out of boxwood make great Christmas centerpieces.

Here is how you do it, straight from the archives: Cut a piece of wet floral foam into an elongated triangle and secure it in your container of choice. I prefer to use a plastic centerpiece base available from the florist - the bottom of the foam fits in perfectly.

From your collection of boxwood or other greens, choose a nice, pointed piece for the top of the tree and place it into the foam an inch or so; three or four inches will be left sticking out the top. If leaves or other stems along the branch are in the way of insertion, remove them first so that the smallest hole possible will be made in the foam.

Now, gauge the size of the rest of your tree by inserting pieces of greenery at the halfway point as well as at the very bottom.

After that, fill in between the top and middle and middle and bottom, turning the foam as you go, so that a multidimensional tree results. Once greenery completely covers the foam, you can decorate it any way you like.

Tiny glass balls, battery-powered lights, dried cranberries or cinnamon sticks are just a few options. Don't forget to water the tree at the base - the foam will absorb moisture and keep the greens hydrated for weeks of enjoyment.

Marissa, who reads the Ware River News, posed this timely question concerning flowering gifts. "I purchased an amaryllis kit as a gift for my sister. Do you have any tips for to make sure it grows and flowers well?"

Sure! As long as the amaryllis bulb is dry and free of soft spots it should bloom just fine. Like other flowering bulbs, the amaryllis is a self-contained unit ready to do its thing!

Just follow these simple planting instructions: fill the container with moistened growing medium to about one-half to two-thirds full. Position the bulb on top and add the rest of the potting soil- the upper portion and the neck should rest just above the rim of the pot.

The bulb may rot if it stays too wet, so add water only when the soil dries out. Temperatures should be kept around 60 degrees.

Once the sprouting occurs, fertilizer can be added, but the amaryllis will likely bloom well without it. Stake heavy flower stalks as they form to prevent them from snapping.

Keep blooms looking their best for the greatest amount of time by pinching away anthers before they form pollen, and by housing the plant in a cool room of the house.

Pet owners be forewarned, toxic alkaloids present in these tennis ball-sized bulbs can cause vomiting



I received an email from a Brimfield resident, who said he had a few song sparrows in his yard in late October along with white-throated sparrows.

The song sparrow is six inches long and has a whitish breast with brown streaks. A distinguishing mark is a black, central spot on its chest.

The song sparrow's crown is reddish brown, and it has gray eyebrows. Its tail is long and rounded.

Song sparrows feed on the ground eating seeds, insects and some fruit.

This sparrow's song is a few repeated notes followed by a rich and varied warble. Its call includes a "tsp" and "tchump."

The female lays three to five greenish, white eggs with dark marks in a cup like nest of grasses and occasionally leaves. She place the nest on the ground, in a shrub or weeds.

The male song sparrow defines his territory by singing from prominent perches in about 1/2 to 1 1/2 acres. The male chases the female away when she first arrives and reduces the amount of his singing. Courtship includes male diving at the female and her making a trill like call.

Song sparrows inhabit dense shrubs at the edge of open areas such as fields, yards and streams. They inhabit this area year round.

Other Brimfield birds

The Brimfield resident said he had juncos and one golden crown and one

ruby-crowned kinglet. He also saw four male Eastern bluebirds, a pair of house finches and juncos.

He said, "The 'best' sighting was a male American kestrel. It was perched on a wire, flew to a tree and then down into the grass where it caught what looked like a mouse or vole."

Cedar waxwings

My daughter and family saw a flock of cedar waxwings eating berries in Granby near the Horse Caves.

Pond birds

The Brimfield resident did a tour of some ponds in Brimfield, Sturbridge and Warren recently. He reported lots of

Canada geese, but not a lot of ducks other than mallards.

He saw two-ringed necked ducks in Warren and a robin eating fruit from a mountain ash tree.

He compiled a list of birds seen Nov. 18 in Brimfield, Sturbridge and Warren. It included 33 mallards, 76 Canada geese, a pair of hooded mergansers (male and female), two great blue herons and two mourning doves.

Feeders

I still have not put out my suet feeder until I am sure the black bears are hibernating.

I have lost too many suet feeders to black bears; they either destroy them or take off with them. There must be a pile of them in the woods somewhere.

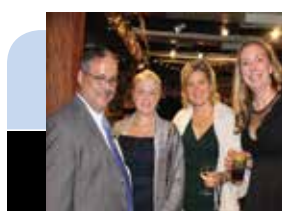
I do put some bird seed out during the day, but I only put a small amount for the birds. I include shelled peanuts as the tufted titmice, woodpeckers and blue jays love them.

Yes, the squirrels do as well.

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.



Song sparrow



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Federated Church announces ordination service and celebration of David Cote

STURBRIDGE – On Sunday, Dec. 3, at 3 p.m., the Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale, in association with The American Baptist Churches of America and The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts, will ordain David W. Cote to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

The public is welcome to attend.

The ordination will take place nearly three years to the day in 2020 when Cote first stepped into the Federated Church to serve as a pulpit supply minister. In April 2021, he was called to serve as their part-time pastor, and six months later, he was called as their full-time pastor and teacher. He will continue to serve as Pastor following his ordination.

Cote earned a bachelor's degree in sociology at Worcester State College, and a Master of Divinity degree at Andover Newton Theological School. Before entering parish ministry, Cote served as a pastoral minister with a local outdoor church, with a recovery unit, and as director of the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Worcester.

The Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale joyfully celebrates Christ's presence and God's grace in our lives. Members of the community are wel-



David W. Cote will be ordained at the Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale on Sunday, Dec. 3 at 3 p.m. All are welcome to attend. SUBMITTED PHOTO

come to join in worship on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

For additional information, please visit the Church website at sturfed.org or contact the Church office by calling 774-304-1021 or emailing churchoffice@sturfed.org.

The Federated Church announces Holly Berry Fair vendors

STURBRIDGE – The Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale will hold its annual Holly Berry Fair on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the church's Fellowship Hall at 8 Maple St.

Holly Berry Fair co-chairs, Nancy Castendyk and Janet-Rae Sinanian say this year's fair promises to deliver something for everyone on your holiday shopping list.

"We've assembled quite an assortment of really unique and interesting artists this year," said Castendyk in a press release. "This popular fair will offer something for everyone, from hand-crafted pottery to folk art and hand-knitted items, and Koinonia, the Federated Church women's group will also be offering a variety of baked goods and other items for sale."

Featured local artisans include Collette Gage (Emma's Acres Alpaca products), Mary Bernstein (Big Bhang Tie-Dye Designs), Susan Free-land (Birch Design Co.), Susan Bunde-ff (stained glass sun catchers), Leo Gregoire (beautiful woodwork furnishings), Linda McGourty (Genie In A Bottle), Mary Shaw (holiday orna-ments), Colleen Maurais (Crochet Crafters), Dawna Savageau (Candle Wax Melts), Janet Rae-Sinianian (Iris folded designs), and Charles Battersby (leather wallets and belts).

The fair will also feature Bonnie Fancy (knits and crocheted items), Na-tasha Lester (handmade jewelry), Dee Wilson (decorated glass centerpieces), Cheryl Desorcy (shutter snowmen), Roger Hall (woodcraft jewelry), Catherine Rondeau (Christmas Bears), Dianne Bessette (watercolor cards), Barbara Karpowich (fabric snowmen),



Some of the many handcrafted items to be offered at this year's Holly Berry Fair on Saturday, Dec. 2. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Cindy Parent (ceramics and orna-ments), Sandra Bostrum (pocketbooks and purses), Kathy Krikorian (hand-made wreaths) and Michelle Lowell (woodland decorations).

For additional information about the Holly Berry Fair or other upcoming events, please visit the Church web-site at sturfed.org, visit the Church's Facebook page @FederatedChurch-SturbridgeFiskdale, or contact the Church office by calling 774-304-1021 or emailing churchoffice@sturfed.org.

The Federated Church of Stur-bridge & Fiskdale joyfully celebrates Christ's presence and God's grace in our lives. Members of the community are welcome and invited to join in wor-ship on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Services are also live-streamed on the church's Facebook page.

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and diarrhea in animals who have consumed them. Dogs, who are more likely to play with and chew objects this size, are at greater risk.

Purdue University states that the stomach upset will likely cure itself within a few hours, but that special medical attention should be given to weak, old, or otherwise in-firmed dogs who have come in contact with amaryl-

lis bulbs.

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.

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partment are thankful for the support they receive from the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee, as well as residents.

North Brookfield Fire Department is getting ready for their annual turkey and lobster raffle, to be drawn on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. at the North Brookfield Sportsman Club, 20 Boynton Road, North Brookfield. They will be raffling off 10 turkeys and five lobsters.

There will also be a giant lobster raffle, along with five pounds of Red King Crab legs. A Christmas basket raffle with a turkey and all of the fixings will also be offered.



Natalia Bessette, Thomas Bessette, Joseph Bailing and Stephanie Wachewski enjoyed the 172nd annual Fireman's Ball, hosted by the North Brookfield Fire Department.



Ron Ryel, Lori Ryel, Sheila Orsi and Sue Lynch attended the Fireman's Ball at Salem Cross Inn.



Members of area fire departments including North Brookfield, West Brookfield, Spencer, Hardwick, Oakham, Leicester and even Maine, all attended the Fireman's Ball. TURLEY PHOTOS BY PAULA QUIMETTE



Members of the West Brookfield Fire Departments and their guests enjoyed a moment at the Fireman's Ball.

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MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife) is inviting the public to an informational meeting on **December 5, 2023 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM** at the Brookfield Town Hall at 6 Central Street in Brookfield, MA. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the proposed Salmon Brook Dam Removal project in the Quaboag Wildlife Management Area.

The Project Team will be available to answer questions and to seek input on the project.

Please contact Todd Olanyk todd.olanyk@mass.gov with questions or requests for accommodations.

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Selectmen review articles for STM on Dec. 8

By Paula Ouimette
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Board of Selectmen read through the articles on the warrant for the special town meeting, which will be held on Friday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. at the North Brookfield Elementary School auditorium.

At the Nov. 21 meeting, Board of Selectmen Chair Jason Petraitis said that each article is accompanied by an explanation, which can be viewed prior to the special town meeting on the town's website, northbrookfield.net.

Article 1 asks voters to transfer \$30,895.94 from free cash to the Opioid Stabilization account.

Article 2 asks voters to transfer \$300,000 from free cash to the group insurance.

Article 3 asks voters to transfer \$216,654.06 from free cash to General Stabilization.

Article 4 asks voters to transfer \$31.17 from Playground Supplies to Playground Prior Year Expense.

Article 5 asks voters to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court to amend special legislation, an act relative to providing for recall elections in the town.

Article 6 asks voters to amend by-laws regarding the annual town election and annual town meeting. The amendment states that "the annual town election shall be held on the first Monday of May of each year. The polls shall be open at 7 o'clock in the morning and shall be closed at 8 o'clock in the evening for the purpose of election of town officers and for voting upon such other matters as may be voted on for the official ballot. The annual town meeting for the consideration of all other business, shall be held on the second Friday of June at 7 o'clock in the evening."

The current bylaw states that the annual town meeting will be held "the

following Friday" following the annual town election.

Article 7 asks voters to transfer \$7,183.65 from Water Retained Earnings to Water Unpaid Bills.

Article 8 asks voters to rescind a previous town meeting vote that appropriated \$7,191,963.60 to North Brookfield Public Schools.

Article 9 asks voters to transfer a sum of money from available funds to the Library Building Maintenance account to repair the HVAC system at the Haston Free Public Library

Article 10 asks voters to authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Town Administrator for a term of one or three years, and to remove him or her at the Board's discretion.

Article 11 asks voters to transfer \$1,827 from the Fire Department Weekend Salary account to the Fire Department Vehicle Repair account.

Monthly fire report

Board of Selectmen Vice-Chair John Tripp read Fire Chief Joseph Holway's fire report for the month of October, which included responding to four medical assists, three motor vehicle accidents with injuries, one attempted burning/illegal action, one water problem/other, one public service/assistance, four smoke detection activations (malfunction), one smoke detector activation (no fire/unintentional) and one CO detector activation (no CO).

In his report, Holway said the Fire Department had a busy month with calls, as well as hosting a cancer awareness program and the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Award Program.

Holway said the VFA Grant Award Program was attended by fire chiefs from the area, state representatives, the commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Recreation, department heads and other dignitaries.

Holway said he is working on two grants to purchase equipment for the department, and he continues to search

for grants to apply toward the rebuilding of the Fire Station and Highway buildings. He has collected many donations toward the project, including kitchen cabinets, a stove, microwave and office desks.

He said American Rescue Plan Act funds were used to purchase two sets of turnout gear.

Firefighters are also holding fundraisers for the Firemen's Relief Association.

"These funds are used for support of sick or injured firefighters," Holway stated in the report.

To donate, people can contact Deputy Chief Darin Anderson by calling 508-762-6122.

Holway said a turkey and lobster raffle will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. at the North Brookfield Sportsman Club, 20 Boynton Road. Free hotdogs and chili will be served.

Town-owned vehicles

Tripp read a memo from the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee, requesting that all departments with town-owned vehicles list each one, its condition and what it is used for.

The memo states, "due to the current budget, we are looking at all possible ways to save money and are asking that departments please provide justification for each town-owned vehicle in your department."

Bid for tree work

The Board reviewed and approved a bid for townwide tree work. The bid includes tree work, a chipper, a minimum of two workers, bucket truck or similar and is based off a daily rate based on eight hours.

The tree work and location will be determined by the Highway Superintendent. Sealed bids will be opened by the Board at a date to be determined.

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.

Project 351 food drive is Dec. 2

BROOKFIELD – Brookfield's 2023 Project 351 ambassador Edie Simpson is working with the Brookfield Food Pantry to organize a food drive to help those facing food insecurity in the community.

The food drive will take place at the Brookfield Transfer Station from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2. If you cannot make that date or are not a member of the transfer station, donations are accepted at the Merrick Public Library during their regular hours all year round.

They are looking for soups, baking mixes, baked beans, condiments, Chef Boyardee products, paper goods (excluding toilet paper), cereal, non-perishable snacks, coffee, hot chocolate mixes, canned vegetables, salad dressings, puddings and jellies, and jams and jellies. All donations will go directly to the Brookfield Food Pantry.

Project 351 is an organization that works to build a better community through youth-led service.

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Bogey's bowling family

Youth bowlers have successful at International Championships

By Ryan Drago
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EAST BROOKFIELD – The youth candlepin bowlers of Bogey Lanes returned from the 2023 Youth International Candlepin Championships.

The nine bowlers representing the lanes had a lot of fun and were part of a big competition that featured over 90 bowlers from Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, and Canada. The tournament took place at Bowl-O-Rama Family Fun Center in Portsmouth, New Hampshire and was a fantastic host to the youth of candlepin bowling.

The youth bowlers representing Bogey Lanes were Regan Murphy, Austin Akley, Avery Kolb, Grace Kolb, Cadie Miner, Dakotah Majka, Emily Black, Sam Ruggles and Wyatt Decelle.

Many of the youth bowlers at Bogey Lanes experienced their first-time bowling in the Youth International tournament.

Cadie Miner was in her first international tournament and 10-year-old Austin Akley was in his first international bowling tournament. Some of the youth bowlers were repeating visitors to the youth internationals and many achieved great success this year.

Thirteen-year-old Grace Kolb finished in second place in her division for all events (singles, doubles, teams, etc.)

and bowled her personal best high single game of 130.

Kolb won in girls division III doubles with Emily Black. Scoring 507 for five games with her 130 game and a 110 game in the fifth.

Austin Akley partnered up with 9-year-old Regan Murphy and they were victorious in boys division I doubles. Akley, during his first year in the international tournament scored 100 in one of his games while bowling with Murphy in the doubles tournament.

Murphy enjoyed his third year bowling the internationals and enjoyed witnessing a lot of new bowlers who participated. He was also thrilled to see his friend Akley compete in his first international tournament.

In addition to the kids having a great time during the tournament, Bogey Lanes' youth coaches had a great experience.

Sophia Hearnlaye is an international youth champion and is one of the youth league coaches at Bogey Lanes. This was Hearnlaye's first year coaching the youth internationals and coached with former youth champion and bogey lane bowler, Trevor Kennison.

For Hearnlaye, coaching is a thrilling experience and being with the kids during the tournament was nothing but fun.

"I love cheering the kids on," said Hearnlaye. "We're close like family and



The youth bowlers of Bogey Lanes are shown alongside coaches Sophia Hearnlaye and Trevor Kennison. SUBMITTED PHOTO

I still love going up with the kids even though I'm not bowling."

Hearnlaye currently bowls in an adult mixed league at Bogey Lanes and

has every intention to continue bowling and coaching the youth bowlers. Hearnlaye will be coaching state tournaments in the spring of 2024.

'Nativities Around the World' displayed through Dec. 2

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 108 New Braintree Road (Route 67) is presenting its Nativities Around the World program for its 13th year.

This year, the Nativities Around the World program will be displayed on Thursday, Nov. 30 from 4-8 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 1 from 4-7 p.m.; and Saturday, Dec. 2 from 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

There will be over 400 nativities displayed this year and all will be in set-

tings of various Christmas themes. In addition to the nativities, there will be a Sing-Along to help boost the Christmas spirit even more on Friday, Dec. 1 starting at 7 p.m. and followed by a yummy dessert bar accompanied with a warm and welcoming spirit.

There is never a charge of any kind, nor any donation solicitation, for any event at the Church, including the Nativities display and the Sing Along and dessert bar. All are warmly welcomed.

Sheryl Faye Presents 'Her Majesty' in Great Hall

WEST BROOKFIELD – The Merriam-Gilbert Public Library is pleased to welcome the return of "Sheryl Faye Presents" with her portrayal of Queen Elizabeth II - "Her Majesty."

This program will take place on

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English that he knows of, and it has quickly become a favorite of the chorus members.

“These pieces are going to stick around for a long time,” he said.

This group of pieces was first recorded by the community chorus Ensemble Choral du Bout du Monde (Choral Ensemble from the Edge of the Earth) partly in a studio and partly in the Abbaye (Abbey) Saint-Guénolé de Landévennec in far western Brittany, France, in 1997. They were released on the CD “Noëls Celtiques” (Green Linnet Records) in 1998 and the disc has since won several awards.

Wings of Song, formerly the Quinebaug Valley Singers, will be performing “Celtic Noëls” for the fourth time, having first performed it alongside the Band of Voice, a Barre-based chorus in 2004 and 2008 and with the Quaboag Choral Society in 2015.

There are nine pieces featured in “Celtic Noëls”, with the first part of the program having music from the rest of France and the second part from Brittany.

“Celtic Noëls” is comprised of both newly composed music and older hymns, Cooke said.

“It’s got a primeval, primitive feel. One of those great classic sounds,” he said, complete with drum, flute, gong and organ. “My version is a lot fiercer and louder than the original...but some of the pieces in this set are beautifully gentle. There’s quite a range.”

The “Celtic Noëls” are not only a celebration of Christmas from a Christian perspective; they are an affirmation of Brittany’s own culture, and of Celtic culture in general. The particular flavor of Celtic music comes across strongly here: sometimes a little wild, often with a feeling of closeness to large, untamable, natural forces.

“The far western margin of Europe is largely Celtic,” Cooke said. “It’s shared by quite a wide north-south range.”

Cooke said there is kind of a wild nature to Celtic music and in the opening piece, when the recorder first comes in, it’s like a bird call.

“It’s elemental and it’s outdoors... some of it is in the cathedral and very human and devotional. It’s both. That gives it that richness,” Cooke said.

“Celtic Noëls” has also inspired Cooke and others to become more involved with the Breton culture.

“The Bretons are very, very proud of their country,” he said, and deeply connected to their language.

In recognition of Brittany’s own language, which is much closer to other Celtic tongues such as Welsh than it is to French, and which is also a badge of cultural identity for the Breton people, the chorus will sing verses of several songs in Breton.

Performances of “Celtic Noëls” will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Joachim Chapel, part of St. Anne/St. Patrick Parish, 16 Church St., Fiskdale and on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 3 p.m. at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 18 East Main St., Webster. Both venues are handicapped accessible.

Wings of Song concerts are always free, with a freewill offering collected at intermission. Complimentary refreshments are served in a jolly social hour after each performance.

About Wings of Song

For more information about Wings of Song or the “Celtic Noëls” concerts, email Cooke at nymcooke@gmail.com, or President Carol Curtin at carolcurtin77@gmail.com. People may also visit www.wingsofsong.org.

The chorus’s spring 2024 concerts will feature music of the ocean, in a program titled “Rough Seas, Safe Harbor.”



Wings of Song Music Director Nym Cooke leads the 40-member community chorus at a rehearsal for “Celtic Noëls”. TURLEY PHOTOS BY PAULA OUIMETTE



Brooks Milgate accompanies the chorus on the organ.



“Celtic Noëls”, will be performed at two concerts, one on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Joachim Chapel, part of St. Anne/St. Patrick Parish, 16 Church St., Fiskdale and on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 3 p.m. at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 18 East Main St., Webster.



Guitar and recorder are just some of the instruments that accompany the chorus.



“Celtic Noëls” features a variety of instruments, including a drum and a gong.

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the culture of family in that program.”

Morgan remembered the junior varsity team’s first home game against Easthampton.

“When we got here, we saw varsity...led by Shane,” Morgan said, acknowledging the support Douglas always showed to the football program.

Douglas’ family unveiled a six-foot-tall stone memorial near the entrance of the football field, bearing a photo of him in his uniform and an inspiring message to all who stop to read it.

“We’re a family, a football family and that’s the way it will be. The memorial will be part of our family as well,” Morgan said.

Players will high-five the memorial as they pass by, on their way to face off against their rivals on the field.

Superintendent Stephen Duff said he had the privilege of knowing Douglas from his time in elementary school, all the way past his high school graduation. He remembered the character Douglas embodied.

“About three weeks before Shane’s tragic loss, I saw him at Charlie’s in Spencer. He said, ‘Hey Mr. Duff, it’s good to see you,’” Duff said. “It’s that kind of kid that leaves a lasting impression.”

Duff said he always tells students to make every day the best day they can, because they will never get it back.

“We ought to be thankful for the time we had with Shane,” Duff said.

Varsity Football Coach David Shepherd said Douglas was an “amazing kid” both on and off the field and that he was truly honored to coach him for six seasons.

“He will always be part of the Quaboag family,” Shepherd said.

Ware’s Varsity Football Coach Michael Fazio presented Douglas’ family with their team jersey, marked with his number.

“On behalf of our football team, we’d like you to have a special number 21 jersey from us,” Fazio said.

Douglas’ family has established a scholarship in his name, and they were able to award three recipients last year, helping them to offset their schooling and future plans.

All proceeds from the Thanksgiving eve game went to the memorial fund.



Varsity Football Coach David Shepherd thanked the Douglas family, saying he was “truly honored” to coach Shane.



The family of Shane Douglas stands on the field before Quaboag Regional High School faced Ware High School in a Thanksgiving eve football game. Prior to the game, a memorial in Douglas’ honor was unveiled at the entrance of the field. TURLEY PHOTOS BY DERICK VELIZ



Quaboag football players remember Shane Douglas before their game.



Shane Douglas’ parents and brothers prepared to place flowers on the memorial.



Quaboag’s football team and coaches shared memories of Shane Douglas.



Ware football players stand in support of the Douglas family.

SPORTS

Indians bust Turkey Day streak with win over Cougars

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARREN—While Ware has won the previous seven meetings on the gridiron with archrival Palmer, none of the current Indians football players had defeated rival Quaboag prior to this year's contest.

With the Thanksgiving Eve game tied early in the fourth quarter, Ware senior fullback Kyle Safford scored the go-ahead touchdown, and the Indians celebrated a 20-14 victory before a large crowd on a damp night at the Quaboag Regional.

"We haven't won against Quaboag since I've been a member of the football team, so winning tonight's game just



Quarterback Jacob Cacace makes a screen pass to the right side. TURLEY PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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Orioles blow out Pioneers on Turkey Day



The Pathfinder defense stops a Belchertown rusher. TURLEY PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Dustyn Cook fields a kickoff for the Pioneers.

BELCHERTOWN — Last Thursday morning, Belchertown scored early and often, and used turnovers to score even more points in a 61-14 rout of Pathfinder on Thanksgiving morning. The Orioles led 32-0 late in the second quarter after taking advantage of an onside kick and a fumble for a turnover. Belchertown finished the season 8-3 while Pathfinder finishes 4-7.



Branden Hnitecki goes for a tackle.



Nicholas Pfister attempts to stiff-arm a Belchertown defender.



Nicholas Pfister looks to make a handoff.

Panthers fall in holiday matchup

BARRE — Last Wednesday night, Quabbin Regional High School football fell in their Thanksgiving Eve matchup with rival Gardner 31-16. With the defeat, Quabbin finishes the season 5-6. The Panthers, unfortunately, trailed throughout the game, falling behind 23-0 before Adam Adams finished off a drive a five-yard run for a touchdown. The Panthers made it eight points with a pass

to Jake Leazott for the conversion. Luke Salvadore would score Quabbin's other touchdown with a five-yard run. Jaxon Kelley had the conversion on that score. Adams went 6-for-11 passing for 91 yards. Salvadore ran for 76 yards on 16 carries while Chase Talbot had 38 yards on the ground. Wes Sanderson had two catches for 31 yards for the Panthers.

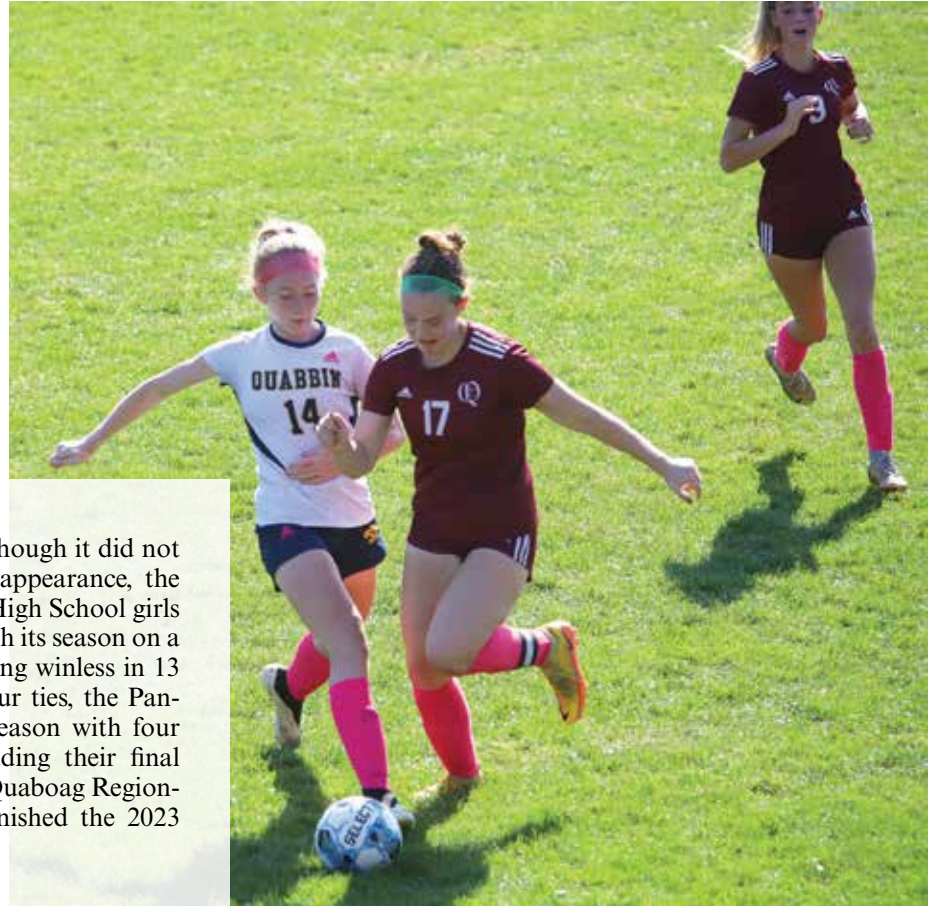
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Chase Talbot snatches a pass. TURLEY PHOTO BY RAY DUFFY

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Girls soccer concludes against Quaboag



WARREN – Although it did not result in a playoff appearance, the Quabbin Regional High School girls soccer team did finish its season on a high note. After going winless in 13 games, including four ties, the Panthers finished the season with four straight wins, including their final game, a 2-1 win at Quaboag Regional. The Panthers finished the 2023 fall season 4-9-4.

Quabbin makes an attack up the middle of the field. TURLEY PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

The Quabbin girls soccer team played their final game of the season against Quaboag.



Amy Stauder makes a pass near the middle of the field.



Ailey Majoy heads up the field.



Sydney Gagne looks to overcome an opponent.

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Luke Salvatore works his way around Gardner defenders. TURLEY PHOTOS BY RAY DUFFY



Offensive MVP Luke Salvatore and Defensive MVP Jaxon Kelley with the team behind them.



Luke Salvatore flies over the goal line to score for Quabbin.



Jaxon Kelley scores the two-point conversion on a center sneak.

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feels amazing,” said Safford, who was selected as the Indians M.V.P. following the game. “It feels very nice to bring home the trophy for the first time. We also finished the season with a 10-1 record, which is our best record in a while.

The last time that Ware won at least ten games was in 2017. It was also their first win against Quaboag since an 8-0 victory in 2019.

The Cougars (6-5) squeaked out a 26-21 victory at Veteran’s Field a year ago. They also posted a 22-7 home win in 2021.

The Indians hold a slim 8-6 lead in the Thanksgiving series, which began in 2009.

The other seniors listed on the 2023 Ware football roster are Talan Molina, Noah Fales, Dominic Guardino, Ayden Young, Kyle Gordon, and Jacob Witt.

“Our football team is very special and we’re like one big family,” Safford said. “Everyone supports each other and we’re going to be lifelong friends.”

During an emotional pregame ceremony, the Shane Michael Douglas Memorial Monument, which is located near the concession stand, was unveiled.

Douglas, who graduated from Quaboag Regional in 2021, died on June 26, 2022. During his high school football career, Douglas wore #21. That number has been retired by the Quaboag varsity football team, the Cougars j.v. team, and at the youth level.

“Shane passed away way too soon,” said Quaboag head coach Dave Shepherd. “The pregame ceremony was a nice way of honoring him. It was also nice to see the members of the community supporting his family.”

Molina, Fales, Young, Gordon, and Safford, who are the Indians captains, presented the Douglas family with an Indians home #21 jersey.

“Obviously, we wanted to win tonight’s game, but we also wanted to honor Shane and his family,” Safford said. “Even though we really didn’t know him very well, it was an emotional ceremony.”

Two of Shane’s younger brothers were members of this year’s Quaboag football team. Bryce was a senior captain, and Riley is a freshman. His other brother, Davin, played football for the Warren/West Brookfield youth team this fall.

“I’m best friends with Bryce,” said Quaboag junior Brason Sauriol, who was selected as the Cougars M.V.P. “We really wanted to win tonight’s game for him and the other seniors on the football team.”

Bryce Douglas, along with his classmates-Chucky Smith, Jaden Ositguy, Aidan Pontbriand, and Tyler Withers-- were honored in another ceremony held before the start of last Wednesday

night’s game.

“All five of our seniors are very hard workers,” Shepherd said. “Tyler Withers is a heck of an athlete, and he led us offensively. Bryce is also a great athlete, and he led us defensively.”

The Ware defense helped set-up their first two touchdowns.

A little more than a minute into the first quarter, Ware junior Ben Torres intercepted a pass, which gave the Indians offense the ball for the first time at the Cougars 26.

Molina rushed for a total of 18 yards on the first three plays before sophomore Jadrien Berthiaume capped off the quick scoring drive with an eight yard TD run.

Berthiaume, who scored three rushing touchdowns in the Indians 49-7 home victory against Palmer also scored on the two-point conversion play.

Both teams exchanged turnovers on back-to-back plays at the end of the first quarter.

After junior Cam Evans recovered a fumble for the home team, another fumble recovered by Gordon gave the ball back to the Indians offense at midfield.

Molina, who played with an acl injury this fall, scored the final touchdown of his varsity football career on a two yard scamper into the endzone with 11:08 left in the second quarter.

The extra point attempt sailed wide right.

After Quaboag was forced to punt, Evans recovered his second fumble. It led to a seven yard touchdown run by Sauriol with 5:26 remaining in the first half.

Withers made the extra point.

The home team scored their second touchdown with 1:25 left in the third quarter when sophomore quarterback Jacob Cacace completed an eight yard pass to junior Jack Morgan.

The PAT by Withers tied the score at 14-14.

The Indians responded with an eight play scoring drive.

With 8:23 left in regulation, Safford took a hand off from junior quarterback Brady Dyer and found a hole in the line before sprinting 43 yards up the middle into the endzone.

“Kyle is a stud,” said Ware head coach Mike Fazio. “He’s one of the best leaders that I’ve coached, and he’s done a great job for our football program. I just loved coaching all the players on this year’s football team. They’ve done everything we asked them to do and that’s why we’ve been so successful.”

The Cougars had one final chance to tie the game again, but they failed to convert on a fourth down play. The Indians offense was able to keep the ball for the final five minutes and their losing streak against Quaboag came to an end.



Quarterback Jacob Cacace holds onto the ball after not being able to find an open receiver. TURLEY PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Tyler Withers tries to fight through a Ware tackler.



The offensive line does their blocking on a play.

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Candlepin League News

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Tuesday Night Commercial Elks League

PALMER – The second round of the 2023-2024 league season began for the Commercial Elks at Diamond Junction.

As of Nov. 14, Compression is the first-round winner and is still the #1 seed with the best season record of 27-13. By winning the first round, Compression receives a playoff spot at the end of the season.

With two rounds left, six other teams are seeking to join Compression in the

playoffs.

In one match, Team BK bowled against the Champs R Here. In game one, BK was victorious over the Champs by a score of 402-392. Mark Fitzpatrick of BK was the anchor of the team finishing up with a 118 game. John Colkos of the Champs started off the night with a 113.

In game two, BK won again by a score of 382-366. Paul Nothe of BK lead the team by scoring 104.

In game three, the Champs R Here turned it around with a dominant finish. The father and son duo of Taylor and John Colkos pulled for the team with Taylor finishing with a 124, 32 pins over

his current league average (92).

John Colkos finished strong by scoring 116 and had a three-game series of 326.

The team’s scores for game three was Champs R Here at 415, BK with 382. The Champs R Here won total pinfall by a final score of 1173-1166.

Another match during league night was Compression bowling against the Blue B’s. In game one, Compression started off with a win by a score of 359-355. In game two, Compression won again by a score of 398-385.

In game three, Blue B’s won the last game of the night by a score of 404-375.

Blue B’s managed to take total pin-

fall over Compression by a final score of 1144-1132. Each team started off the new round with two points each.

Acres bowled against Last in Line to start off round two. Acres finished off the first round in second place and was just one point behind Compression.

In game one, Acres defeated Last in Line by a score of 384-351. In game two, Last in Line bounced back by taking the second game 407-367. Jerney Laduke of Last in Line came out firing with a double strike in his 116 second game.

In game three, Last in Line won over Acres by a score of 375-336. Last in Line took total pinfall by a final score of 1133-1087.

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High school students present “The Laramie Project”

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HARDWICK – It’s been 25 years since 21-year-old college student Matthew Shepard was brutally murdered in one of the most shocking anti-gay hate crimes, just outside of Laramie, Wyoming.

In recognition of this significant anniversary, Eagle Hill School has joined together with Quabbin Regional High School to present the moving stage performance of “The Laramie Project”, and to continue to bring awareness to issues of equality, especially for members of the LGBTQIA+ community.

This is also the 10 year anniversary of Eagle Hill School’s first performance of “The Laramie Project,” Director and teacher William C. Gelinias said.

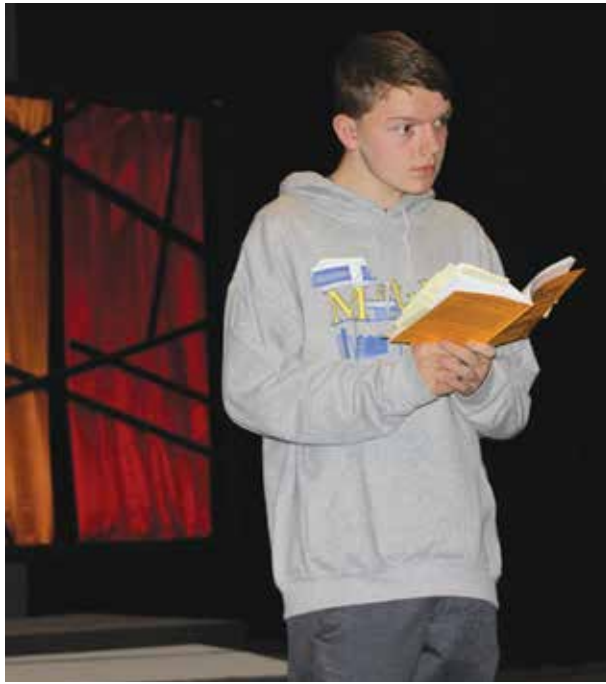
Even though Shepard’s murder occurred long before any of his students were born, Gelinias said bigotry and hate are still prevalent today.

“I think its unfortunate, but it’s relatable to these students,” he said of the “The Laramie Project”.

“The ease in which hate language is utilized by high school-aged students is a problem,” Gelinias said. “That language, I do believe, was the basis for this crime. How it was just accepted, I think, made it easier for the two young men to target Matthew and carry out their hate crime.”

Growing up in Barre but going to school out of town, Gelinias remembered how accepted and welcomed he felt when he was able to join Quabbin Regional High School students in their production of “Fiddler on the Roof” in which he played Tevye.

“I’ll never forget that,” Gelinias said. “It was a great experience.”



Aidan Mahoney, a sophomore at Quabbin Regional High School, rehearses for his roles in “The Laramie Project”, to be performed at The Center at Eagle Hill, Dec. 8-10. TURLEY PHOTOS BY PAULA OUIMETTE

Gelinias has always wanted to bring that same partnership between the regional school and Eagle Hill School.

“It’s a great opportunity for both high schools to work with each other and collaborate,” Gelinias said. “They can learn from each other.”

Joining the cast from Quabbin Regional High School, is Oakham sophomore Aidan Mahoney in one of his first big theatrical roles.

Mahoney had his first “real” experience in theater when he played Prince Charming in Oakham Center School’s production of “Cinderella”. He’s also performed in “The Wizard of Oz” at Quabbin, and most recently in the school’s musical, “Matilda”.

It was during tech week for “Matilda” that Mahoney learned about Eagle Hill School’s production of “The Laramie Project” when Gelinias joined Quabbin teacher Julia Tuttle in asking if any of the students wanted to work together.

“I thought to myself, ‘this is huge,’” Mahoney said, and he introduced himself to Gelinias, and asked to join the cast of “The Laramie Project”.

“I introduced myself and shook his hand very firmly,” Mahoney said. “We talked for a few minutes about it and I’m here now.”

Mahoney is playing Philip Dubois, Moisés Kaufman, Jon Peacock, Phil Labrie, Murdock Cooper and Harry Woods.

Mahoney said he supports the LGBTQIA+ community and is an advocate for equality.

“Knowing the story behind Matthew Shepard and ‘The Laramie Project’, it was a crime against gays,” Mahoney said. “There’s a lot of people that support

and other people don’t and give people who aren’t straight a hard time.”

Mahoney said he feels like since Shepard’s death, some things have gotten better in terms of acceptance, but there is still a lot of work that needs to be done.

“There are still people that retaliate against other people; their thoughts, their opinions,” he said.

Eagle Hill School junior Joachim Tucker is in his first year at the school, hailing from California, and he is no stranger to the stage.

Landing a role in “The King and I” at just 7 years old, Tucker has acted in at least two plays a year from that point on.

Tucker plays three characters in “The Laramie Project”, that of Doug Laws, Andy Paris and Jedediah Schultz.

Tucker said he saw “The Laramie Project” for his first time this year and that it was “very, very intense.”

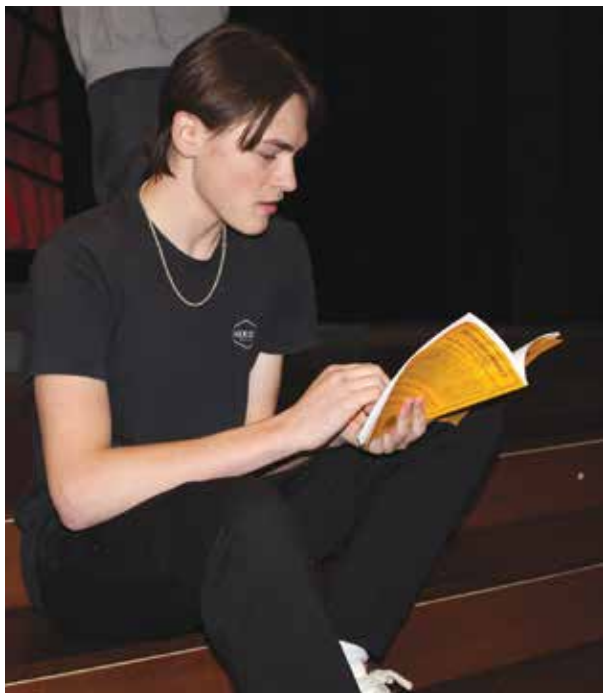
“Lately in history, LGBTQIA+ and trans youth have been having their rights taken away at an alarming rate. People don’t realize,” Tucker said. “This [the play] brings attention.”

He said he hopes this performance will also help bring change.

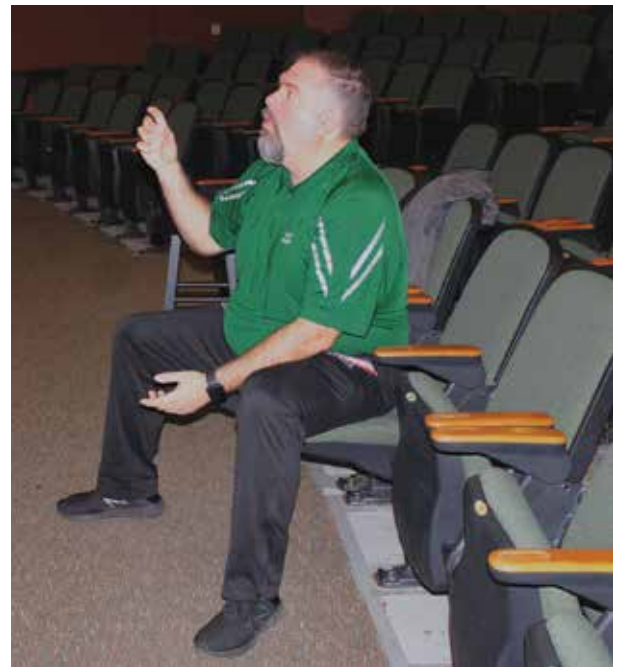
Gelinias said the actors will perform “The Laramie Project” as it’s written, and that audiences should expect strong language and mature content.

“The Laramie Project” will be performed at The Center at Eagle Hill, 242 Old Petersham Road, on Friday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each.

For more information or to order tickets, visit thecenterateaglehill.org or call the Box Office at 413-477-6746, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.



Joachim Tucker, a junior at Eagle Hill School, reads through the script during a recent rehearsal.



Director and Eagle Hill School teacher William Gelinias provides feedback to actors in “The Laramie Project”.



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also must be updated to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act standards for accessibility. This means that in addition to the work on the HVAC system, the renovations will also include a complete reworking of the second floor bathrooms in the children's room, as well as replacing some flooring in the building.

Despite the large scale of the project, the library is determined to stay open as much as possible. The building has been closing in phases, beginning with the meeting room, then the children's room.

To ensure that patrons could still access children's titles, a selection of books and DVDs was moved upstairs for limited browsing.

As of Nov. 2, the majority of the main floor has closed as well.

A hardworking team of library staff and volunteers helped to move all the books from the adult shelves and onto carts so that construction could progress in the area. Some books from this section were also moved to the front of the library for more limited browsing.

For the time being, the library is still open for all regular hours, including on Sundays. In addition to the limited browsing, patrons can access computers and visit the circulation desk to check out books or pick up holds.

Curbside delivery, which was introduced during 2020, is also still available.

However, a smaller space to work with means fewer staff are needed in the library at any given time. No one will be out of a job, though — library staff have been moved to a variety of other departments in town for the duration of the project, including the town hall, Burgess Elementary, and more.

Unfortunately, as the project continues to progress, the library will have to close down fully for a few weeks. According to Plimpton, there will be "a period of time with no heat in the building, except to keep the pipes from freezing," so library staff will not be able to work in the building and keep things open.

It is unclear when exactly the project will reach this point, but it will likely be sometime in mid-December.

"This is a huge project," Plimpton said. "But one that definitely needed to happen."

She emphasized that the library is working hard to make sure that all library services are available for as long as possible, and she encourages patrons to check the JHPL's Facebook and Instagram pages for updates on the project as they come.



The Children's Room is under construction.



There is limited browsing on the main floor of the library.



This photo shows the main floor of the Joshua Hyde Public Library under construction for an HVAC project, with carts full of books from the adult shelves. TURLEY PHOTOS BY ROWAN BERNSTEIN



Work has begun to update the library's HVAC system.

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Shaped by Service

Art show celebrates works of veterans and family members

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WARE – For the third year, HomeFront Strong teamed up with Workshop13 to present the Shaped by Service art show at ArtWorks Gallery, 69 Main St.

Featuring 18 artists, the Shaped by Service art show offered servicemembers, veterans and their families a chance to express themselves creatively through various mediums, capturing the true image of what it means to serve.

“There’s just so many different types of mediums all coming together to celebrate the military,” the show’s curator Faith Eileen Ward said. “It’s a wonderful mix of people.”

Through their shared experiences with the military, the artists have produced a touching, and often gut-wrenching, display rich with colors and textures.

“These are real things that happen,” Ward said of these experiences. “They’re fighting for our freedom.”

Ward said her husband, uncle and aunt have all served in the military, and she knows the sacrifice servicemembers make for their country.

“I just have a lot of respect for people that allow us to live in freedom,” she said.

Shaped by Service, just “brings together what they went through, even family members,” Ward said.

HomeFront Strong’s Executive Director Jennifer Baublitz said this is the first year the art show has filled the entire gallery, and it featured lots of returning artists.

One such returning artist is Anthony Seay of Three Rivers, a U.S. Coast Guard veteran and one of the area’s most prolific painters, showcasing eight of his hyper realistic acrylic paintings in this year’s show.

Seay has only been painting for six years, and it’s something he’s embraced in his sobriety.

Seay is also a volunteer at HomeFront Strong, offering support for fellow veterans for a number of things including substance and alcohol use.

Veterans helping veterans is a model HomeFront Strong uses, allowing those shared experiences to create a lasting bond and trust. Seay said unless you’ve been in the military, or a substance user, it’s very hard to relate to someone who is.

Seay had several paintings in the show based off of photos provided to him by a friend, who is a retired U.S. Marine Corps veteran. One is of a green Hum-



Ware resident Nancy Harder stands with a piece she made out of pottery and driftwood. TURLEY PHOTOS BY PAULA OUIMETTE

vee that his friend drove in Okinawa, Japan, and another is of a 1942 U.S. Navy Willys Jeep.

His friend had the Willys shipped home after he discovered the U.S. Navy wanted to get rid of it.

“We’ve rebuilt it twice,” Seay said with a laugh. “It still runs.”

Another painting featured a truck his friend drove while in Germany.

Nancy Harder of Ware also entered eight pieces into the Shaped by Service art show, featuring pottery, glasswork and more.

“I started as a littler girl, but I didn’t pursue more of it until I retired,” Harder said of her creative side.

Harder said she and her husband Gregory rent a cottage on the military base in Niceville, Florida, and she took advantage of a gift certificate she received from the local art studio CREATE!

“I just have such wonderful instructors there, it’s very therapeutic...they embrace anyone who comes through the door,” Harder said.

Gregory is a 20 plus year U.S. Air Force veteran, and while the two both grew up in Ware, they didn’t know each other until later in life, when Gregory had retired from the military.

Harder said she was living in Chicago, and he was all over the world.

“We were introduced, and our children convinced us we should be a family,” Harder said. Together, the couple has four sons.

Making her art brings her joy, Harder said. She makes a lot of pieces that remind her of Gregory and home.

“Gregory walks on the beach and

brings me pieces of wood that washed up on shore,” she said. One of her pieces in the show features a blue ceramic heart, hanging from a piece of driftwood collected by Gregory.

This was Donald “Donny” Longley’s first time exhibiting in the show since he started his job as HomeFront Strong’s chief operating officer a little over a year ago.

Longley, a metalworker, served in the U.S. Air Force for six years, stationed at Dyess Air Force Base in Texas. He was deployed to both Iraq and Saudi Arabia.

For about 20 years, Longley has made sculptures out of a mix of new and repurposed metals.

“I like making abstract stuff,” Longley said of his sculptures, which included a fish, a seahorse and even a ball and chain made from old railroad spikes.

The fish is Longley’s favorite piece he entered in the show, and it features metal from a number of sources, including old railroad pitchforks, a lawnmower blade and leaf springs from a car. Longley cut out 100 metal disks from a sheet of metal to resemble the fish’s scales.

U.S. Navy veteran Katie Standiford of Longmeadow entered her ceramic sunflower bowl titled, “Shades of Summer”. The bowl is layered with seven or eight glazes, washing it in warm tints of pink, yellow, orange and brown.

The base of the bowl, which is the center of the sunflower, remains unglazed to showcase the clay’s rich, earthy color.

“It’s called ‘Shades of Summer’ because it was a culmination of everything I learned over the summer about glazing,” she said. “How to get different depths in the surface so it wasn’t flat...it

really looks like a flower.”

Standiford started taking a ceramics class as part of her art therapy for post-traumatic stress disorder about a year ago. Making the bowl took her about seven hours, with most of that time committed to layering the glazes.

Husband and wife artists Maurice and Linda Iorio traveled from Sterling to display their paintings in the show.

Maurice has exhibited in Shaped by Service for all three years, and last year, he even sold the painting he entered. It is now displayed at Monson Savings Bank.

Maurice has been painting since 2014 and Linda has been painting for over 50 years, and is also his teacher.

Linda remembered the first time her husband had expressed a desire to learn how to paint, during a cruise they took following Maurice’s retirement, when she had brought her watercolors along.

Maurice served 21 years as U.S. Army intelligence, and two of his paintings in the show are of his military assignments. One is from his first assignment in Windsor Locks, Connecticut and another from his last in Turkey.

“90% of all of my paintings are from pictures I took,” Maurice said.

Linda entered a painting of the morning fire at Fort Devens, as well a sunset beach scene from Turkey. The beach scene was painted using a photo one of Maurice’s friends from Turkey took.

Linda explores all types of mediums for her paintings, including acrylics, oils, watercolors and Japanese rice inks.

“I got to study with a phenomenal artist, who had his doctorate from Yale,” Linda said

Now the couple has turned a spare bedroom in their home into a studio to display their work, and spend many days together in the dining room, just painting.

“The main thing is I get to spend more time with my wife,” Maurice said of his interest in painting.



Linda Iorio painted “Morning Fire” from a scene at Fort Devens.



Donald “Donny” Longley stands by his metal seahorse sculpture.



Katie Standiford of Longmeadow entered her ceramic sunflower, “Shades of Summer”.



This quilt, “Home of the Free” was made by Jane Page.



Maurice and Linda Iorio of Sterling enjoy spending time together painting. Maurice's painting showing the view from a rooftop in Turkey is shown in the background.



Patricia Read entered a pencil portrait titled "Robert".



HomeFront Strong's Executive Director Jennifer Baublitz talks about Shaped by Service's third year.



Donald "Donny" Longley's fish is made from new and repurposed metal.



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5. Sculpture

11. Showing up again

14. Tie the knot again

15. Washington city

18. Stiff structures in invertebrates

19. Mark over a vowel

21. Explosive

23. Popular race: ___ 500

24. Pile up

28. Mint

29. Commercial

30. A minute amount (Scottish)

32. Small Eurasian deer

33. Baseball stat

35. Numbers cruncher

36. Japanese masked drama

39. Gasteyer and de

Armas are two

41. Blood group

42. Assist in wrongdoing

44. Language spoken in Cameroon and Chad

46. Grayish-white

47. A woolen cap of Scottish origin

49. Microorganism

52. Place under prohibition

56. Calm, dependable

58. Congressman

60. Force

62. As a result of this document

63. One of two main branches of Islam

3. Geographical region of Finland

4. Ejected saliva

5. A way of performing

6. Scotland's longest river

7. One of the six noble gases (abbr.)

8. Body art

9. Two-toed sloth

10. Electronic counter-countermeasures

12. Foolish person (Brit.)

13. Of the wind

16. Grand home

17. Sound

20. English river

22. Symbol indicating ownership

25. Exclamation of surprise

26. Pouch

27. Apart from

29. Satisfaction

31. The bill in a restaurant

34. Sea bream

36. Port in southern Japan

37. Double-reed instruments

38. Center

40. South Dakota

43. An orderly crowd

45. Indicates position

48. ___-pedi

50. Nonsense (slang)

51. Republic of Ireland

53. Nocturnal flyers

54. American state

55. Clusters in fern fronds

57. Patriotic women

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Finding that forever home

Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange helps children and families

By Ryan Drago
Staff Writer
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NEWTON – If you're looking to start a family, adoption is always an option, and the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange is there to help.

MARE is a nonprofit organization that helps children currently in foster care find their permanent home. The process behind MARE is to give a child that goal of adoption.

MARE serves hundreds of children currently in foster care or in group homes. The children work with MARE to help connect with adults and families who are considering adoption.

MARE is all about keeping families engaged and providing resources to help complete the adoption process. Hundreds of children in need of their forever home include children that are in the age range of 6-12 and teenagers.

MARE supports children of color, sibling groups, teens, LGBTQ+ youth, and children with medical needs.

The Executive Director of MARE is Bridget Chiaruttini, and she is proud to be a part of the organization that serves the purpose of finding homes for children.

A social worker by training, Chiaruttini has over 20 years of experience working with children in foster care and through adoption. To her, the work MARE does for children is essential.

"This work is so important. We invest in child welfare," said Chiaruttini.

In 2022, MARE served over 850 kids across Massachusetts. Currently, MARE has about 650 kids who are seeking permanent homes. About 40% of those children are over the age of 12.

As of now, the children MARE supports are in foster homes and group homes while they attend school. The organization works a lot with social workers and the Department of Children and Families to follow up with the children and see how their day-to-day living is going.

Throughout the year, MARE hosts events statewide to connect and support social workers, waiting children and prospective adoptive families. MARE wants the kids seeking permanent homes to be as involved as possible in their process of looking for their forever home.

Activities include meet and greets, social gatherings and community events. The kids have the opportunity to make connections and be included in their own recruitment.

MARE helps the kids identify a family that works best for them. They encourage feedback to be given by the children in order to seek the chemistry that is or is not there.

Last year, MARE did 20 meet and greet events for the children and claim those activities make a huge difference in building connections between the children and the families who have the intention to adopt.

The community partnerships MARE develops are predominantly made in the Boston area. Events include activities at Jordan's Furniture, trampoline parks, outdoor courses, bowling, and other built-in activities.

As of 2023, MARE has been an organization for 66 years. It is the first adoption exchange not only in Massachusetts, but the first exchange in the U.S.

In the western region of Massachusetts, MARE has a partner hosted event in Springfield with DCF that provides

helpful information. Those meetings take place at the DCF Western Regional Office in Springfield.

Chiaruttini said there are a lot of children in foster care in the western region of the state.

MARE plans to provide more awareness for children seeking permanent homes in the region. However, they also find it essential to allow kids to stay in their familiar local communities as they tend to build close friendships while they are enrolled in local schools and live in local towns.

MARE consists of over 20 staff members. Their main office is in Newton, but staff are assigned to cover each region of the state, including Boston, Central, Western, Eastern and Northern.

Part of the MARE staff is Mary Liz Nogueras, the Outreach & Support Coordinator for Adoptive Families of Color. Nogueras has been in her current role for over a year and helps supporting families in the process of adoption.

Her role includes providing matching events for families of color and also supports, connections, and trainings for families wanting to adopt.

One of the trainings is through the Trust Based Relational Intervention. The training is for pre-adoptive and recently placed families to a series of Trauma Informed Parenting virtual trainings facilitated by Fostering Hope's TBRI practitioners.

This is a small-group, practical training, and participants are asked to be available on camera throughout the session, if possible. This opportunity is intended for Massachusetts pre-adoptive families who have completed MAPP training or families recently placed.

Nogueras is familiar with the line of work MARE dedicates itself to doing as she is also a parent who adopted children. A mother of six children, Nogueras is proud to be a part of MARE and granting the goal of adoption to hundreds of children and families seeking to adopt.

In its last fiscal year, MARE served 119 children of color. It is fulfilling for MARE to serve children seeking the right families.

"We seek to identify safe and loving permanent homes," said Nogueras.

One beneficial program MARE provides is a weekend family connection. The program pairs youth ages 10 and older who are living in residential care with host families who are committed to actively incorporate the youth into their community and family life.

The goal of the program is to build connections for the youth that will ultimately result in the identification of an adoptive family, while allowing the youth to have a positive experience of family life.

Whether you're married, single or partnered individuals, you're welcome to adopt children from foster care. There are many great kids that will thrive in a family setting.

"We're very passionate about serving the kids and see every kid have some sort of permanency," said Nogueras.

It is most beneficial for families to hear shared experiences in person and participate in support groups to discuss early stages and final stages in the adoption process. MARE is an all-inclusive support organization that is dedicated to their mission of finding that forever home for children.

To get involved and learn more about MARE, visit their website at www.mareinc.org.



New Braintree Police Log

During the week of Nov. 13-20, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 14 building/property checks, 29 directed/area patrols, six traffic controls, one radar assignment, one motor vehicle investigation, one safety hazard, five animal calls and four motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Tuesday, Nov. 14

4:01 a.m. Safety Hazard, Townwide, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
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tion, Unitas Road, Services Rendered
6:49 p.m. Fire/Training, West Brookfield Road, Services Rendered

Wednesday, Nov. 15

10:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Citation Issued

Sunday, Nov. 19

10:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued
3:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Utley Road, Citation Issued

Firefighter safety grant opportunity announced

STOW – The Healey-Driscoll Administration announced that \$5 million in grant funding is available to support the purchase of firefighter turnout gear, fire suppression equipment, and related items through the FY24 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant program.

The competitive grant program, which is administered by the Executive Office of Public Safety & Security and the Department of Fire Services, reimburses local fire departments for the purchase of qualifying safety equipment.

Departments of every city, town, fire district, and eligible state authority may apply for a grant. Maximum funding amounts are based on the size of the population the department serves.

"The equipment funded through these grants will make firefighters and their communities safer," said Secretary of Public Safety and Security Terrence M. Reidy in a press release. "Whether it's a complete set of turnout gear or ballistic protection for use on a rescue

task force, every dollar goes toward protecting the people who protect us."

More than 130 different categories of tools, meters, personal protective equipment, communications devices, and other items are eligible for reimbursement through the program.

"The Firefighter Safety Equipment Grants are an investment in the health and safety of Massachusetts firefighters," said State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine. "The flexibility of the program is especially valuable because it allows each department to make purchases based on their specific needs and resources."

For more information on the FY24 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant program, including eligibility requirements and conditions, fire chiefs and/or department grant managers should read the Notice of Funding Opportunity posted on the Department of Fire Services' website, mass.gov/doc/fy24-firefighter-safety-equipment-grant-notice-of-funding-opportunity/download.

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Hearing:

1. NOI - Rte. 9 Reconstruction/West Main Street Rehabilitation and Related Work
2. NOI - Continuation - 68C Cottage Street - Matthew Shannon - Repair and addition
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