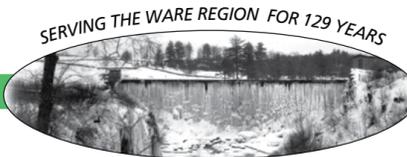


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Tri-County Recycling proposes agreement

Offers 200 tons instead of 750

By Melina Bourdeau
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WARE – Tri-County Recycling, an East Street facility seeking to include household trash and urban soil met with selectmen Tuesday to propose a host agreement that would take 200 tons a day of municipal solid waste instead of the original 750 tons the company proposed to the town last year.

Currently the facility accepts construction and demolition debris, asphalt, brick and concrete, but has wanted to accept household trash, or municipal solid waste, along with slightly contaminated soil.

Tri-County owner George McLaughlin III and general manager Chris Lowe proposed the new agreement Tuesday night although selectmen did not vote on the newly proposed host agreement and recommended further negotiation with town counsel.

In the original host agreement proposal in 2015, McLaughlin came before the Board of Health proposing that his facility would take 750 tons of waste, but after nine hearings, was denied. Tri-County Recycling then filed an appeal against the Board of Health in Suffolk Superior Court in January of 2016.

During those hearings, residents in opposition to the original proposal cited potential smells, errant trash and pollution to the Ware River as well as increased truck traffic to the town's streets.

In Tuesday's meeting, McLaughlin came before the board to discuss possible ways to resolve the litigation.

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Toto the Tornado Cat visits library

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Gail Suzor and her granddaughter, Mariah Suzor, met Toto the Tornado Kitten, who was held upside down by his owner Jonathan Hall at the Young Men's Library Association.

By Melina Bourdeau
Staff writer

WARE – For the second time, Toto the Tornado Cat visited the Young Men's Library Association with his owner, and author of two books, Jonathan Hall, who read to local children on Tuesday, April 18 as part of vacation week activities. Hall read two of his books, both about Toto, and children got

to meet the cat himself.

Hall read his two books, "Toto the Tornado Kitten" and "Oh Toto! Where Did You Go?" He also said there is an alphabet-themed third book that will be completed in the future.

The first story, "Toto the Tornado Kitten," is about the true story of the tornado that hit parts of Massachusetts including Springfield, Monson and

Brimfield in 2011. Toto was only six days old when he was found stuck in a tree after the tornado.

Toto went to an animal shelter when he was later adopted by Hall, who is a paramedic, and took Toto back to Brimfield where he lives.

Now, Toto is 6-years-old, 10 pounds and about 27-inches long.

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Police to hold basketball tournament

By Melina Bourdeau
Staff writer

WARE – Police are holding a basketball tournament as a fundraiser in the Ware Junior Senior High School gym on Thursday, April 20 at 7 p.m. The tournament features Ware varsity basketball teams facing off against former and current New England Patriot players.

Typically, there are eight Patriots players, four active and four retirees, that play both the boys and girls basketball teams.

"Most of them understand the nature of the event and put on a show," said Ware Police Officer Paul Skutnick. The players also make themselves available for autographs during half-time.

Skutnick said in years past, Rob Gronkowski played against the basketball teams before he was well-known.

For the past 10 years the Ware Police Department has been holding the fundraiser to help raise money for a variety of different items such as the officers' scholarship fund. The \$500 scholarships, in honor of Henry Gagnon, are for two high school seniors that are pursuing a career in criminal justice.

The funds also go to youth sports, the Jubilee Cupboard and a variety of other community organizations, said Skutnick.

For a \$20 donation, individuals are given tickets, which admit two people to the game.

Water treatment plan for manganese and iron discussed

By Melina Bourdeau
Staff writer

WARE – Department of Public Works Director Richard Kilhart presented his plan for a new treatment plant to remove iron and manganese from town water to selectmen Tuesday. The plant would take 18 months to construct and would cost \$6 million through

borrowing, grants and the enterprise fund. Those minerals often discolor laundry and fixtures.

The project began last year with an article for planning money and engineering for a pilot treatment plant to treat water on a small scale.

Kilhart said since the day he was hired he was asked to do three things – correct the water problem, roads and update the wastewater

treatment plant.

In the annual Town Meeting on May 8, article 14 addresses the request for a new treatment facility, which would be about 70 feet by 50 feet and use a green sand process.

Green sand has been around for 50 years, and is used to treat and completely remove iron and manganese from water, he said.

"It's not really sand, it's a made sand," said Kilhart "It processes the source water through three canister filters."

The filters, with regular back-washes, can last around eight to 10 years, said Kilhart. This type of treatment is affordable, effective and widely used across New England, he said.

He added the plant would be

built "maxed out" to process 1.8 million gallons a day. The town does not pump that much water currently, but Kilhart said the plant would be able to take all the water used in the future.

It would be constructed adjacent to or across from the current pump station, which cannot be retrofitted.

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Students present an evening of the arts

By Colleen Montague
Staff writer

WARREN – Warren and West Warren families got to see some of their students' work showcased at Warren Community Elementary School on the evening of April 13 as the school held its annual Student Art Show and Spring Concert.

The sound of excited children's voices filling the front lobby of the school building as visitors arrived, students proudly showed off their art projects which they had been working on since Christmas break using many different media, from clay to paper collage to paint.

In some of the grades students studied the works of several different artists for their projects, such as Eric Carle's illustrated stories, the story quilts created by Faith Ringgold, and—for fifth grade's NEAL (New England Arts for



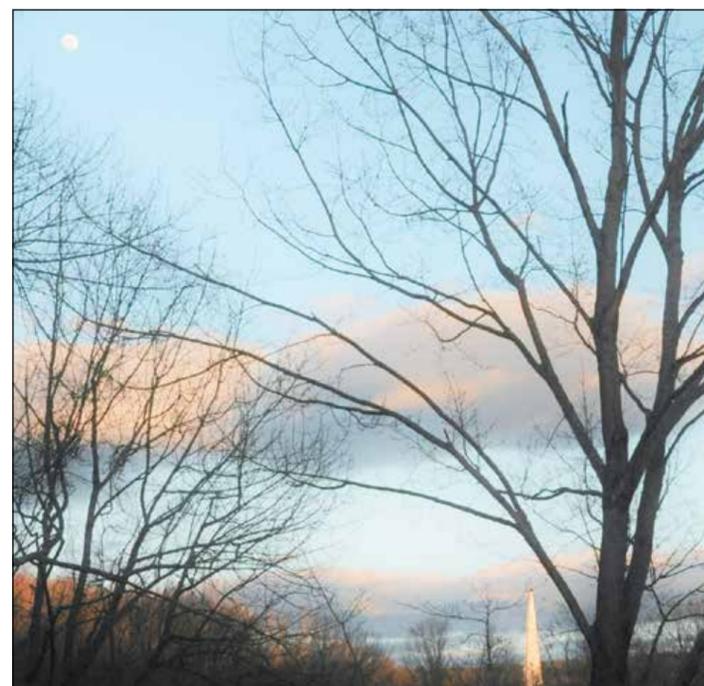
Students of all ages eagerly show their art pieces that they have been working on to their families and friends in the front lobby of the school.

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MOON RIVER

WARREN – This view takes in the moon over Warren with the steeple of the Emmanuel Orthodox Church showing in the lower right hand corner, and it also shines over the Quaboag River.

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Turley Publications staff photo by Dave Forbes
Pathfinder senior pitcher Jake Allard (3) threw the second of the Pioneers two no-hitters so far this season. Senior Andrew Roman tossed the first.

Pioneers spin pair of no-hitters

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER - Don Irzyk has been coaching the Pathfinder varsity baseball team for the past 36 years. During all of those years, Irzyk can probably count on one hand how many of his starting pitchers have thrown a no-hitter.

In the first three games of the regular season, two Pathfinder starting pitchers threw no-hitters.

"Throwing a no-hitter is a very difficult thing for any pitcher to do," Irzyk said. "A pitcher can give up a hit on a bloop single or a slower roller that someone beats out for a hit. Whenever it does happen, it's always a very special milestone. A lot of pitchers go their whole careers without even throwing one no-hitter."

The Pioneers first no-hitter was thrown by senior right-hander Andrew Roman in the Pioneers 7-0 season opening victory against Sci-Tech at Forest Park in Springfield on April 11.

"It's just an incredible feeling to pitch a no-hitter in the first game of the season," said Roman, who lives in Monson. "I realized that I was pitching a no-hitter in about the fourth or fifth inning. I just didn't let it bother me very much. I also have a very good defense behind me."

Roman, who went the distance, struck out a total of 12 batters and issued just two walks against Sci-Tech. The Pioneers defense only committed one error.

"I gained a lot of confidence being on the mound that day

and we're really hoping to have a winning season this year," said Roman, who also went 1-for-2 with two RBIs and scored a run in the season opening victory. "I'm also hoping to pitch a perfect game this season. Everything would have to go exactly right in order for me to accomplish that feat."

Roman also tossed a one-hitter against Sci-Tech at Forest Park last April.

Two years ago, he hurled his first career no-hitter in a varsity game at Smith Voke, which was a 13-0 Pathfinder win.

Roman, who was also the starting quarterback for the Pioneers football team, and a 1,000-point scorer for the varsity basketball team, has never won a league title during his outstanding high school athletic career.

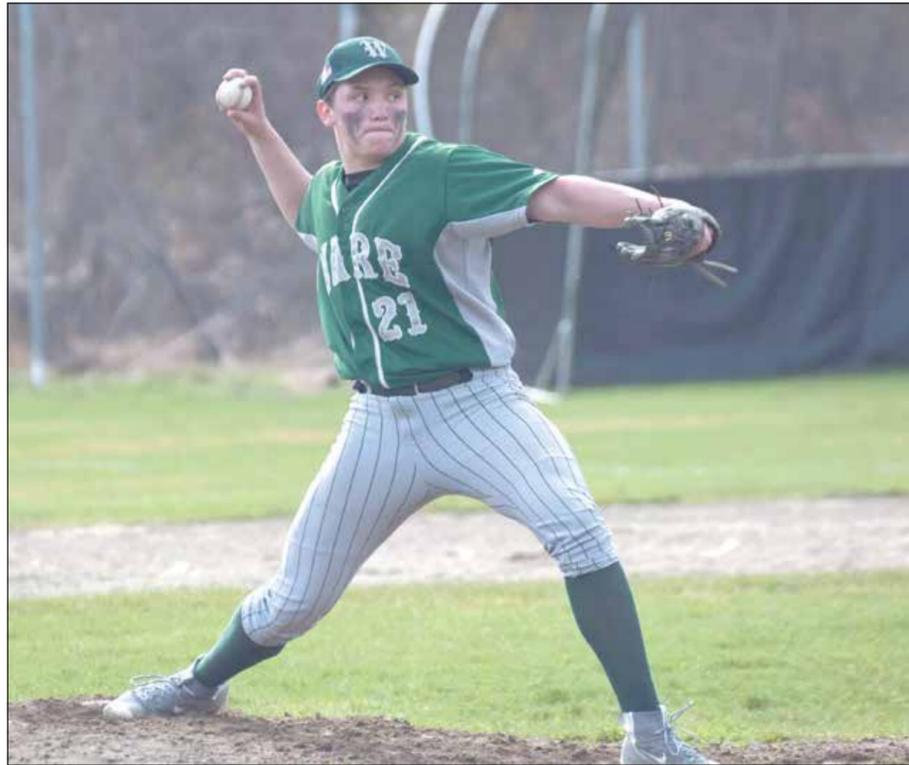
"I've never won a league title in any sport I've played in high school," Roman said. "To win the league title as a member of the baseball team in my senior year would be incredible. It's going to take a total team effort, but we're hoping to finish in first place in the league standings."

The Pioneers are members of the Tri-County League, along with Westfield Tech, Pioneer Valley Christian, Franklin Tech, Smith Voke, McCann Tech, and Commerce.

Pathfinder has also qualified for the Western Massachusetts Division 4 Tournament during the past couple of years, which is

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Crevier silences Mustangs bats



Ware pitcher Jake Crevier (21) makes a delivery to home plate.

Staff photo by Dave Forbes

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

MONSON - Ware senior right-hander Jake Crevier was credited with a no-hitter by the Indians scorekeeper in his final start of the 2016 season against Bi-County South League rival Monson.

Crevier hurled another gem versus the Mustangs in his first start of this season, as the Indians remained undefeated with a 5-1 victory at the Ronald Constantino Baseball Field

in Monson, last Thursday afternoon.

"I thought Jake pitched very well in today's game. He just kept them off balance by using mainly his fastball and curveball," said Ware head coach Chris Adams. "He threw more than 100 pitches, which I don't normally allow my pitchers to do, but he did maintain the same velocity with his pitches throughout the game."

Crevier won his fourth career varsity baseball game, which helped the Indians improve their overall

season record to a perfect 3-0. They also had a 2-0 league record. The Indians began the 2017 season with an 8-4 road victory over Hampshire Regional last Tuesday afternoon before posting a 12-2 win against Pathfinder in the home opener at Memorial Field the following day.

Crevier went the distance in last Thursday's game at Monson allowing one run on four hits with a career-high 12 strikeouts and three walks. He struck out two batters in each of the first four innings.

"Our batters struck out 12 times, which is too much," said first-year Monson head coach Gary Webber. "You probably won't win very many games if you strikeout that many times in a game."

Webber, who had coached the Mustangs jayvee baseball team the past five years, replaced Craig Szado as the varsity coach.

The Mustangs (0-2) began the regular season with a 10-8 loss in a league game at Southwick, last Tuesday.

Sophomore righty Ryan Nodell made his first varsity start on the mound versus Ware. He gave up two runs on five hits with three walks and a strikeout in five innings. Sophomore Derek Joyce, who's also a right-hander, worked the final two innings. It was also his first appearance in a varsity game.

"Both of our pitchers played for me on the jayvee team last year," Webber said. "I thought they pitched very well today, but they just need to throw first pitch strikes, which normally changes the whole at-bat."

The Indians, who had scored a total of 20 runs in their first two games, left six runners in scoring position over the first four innings and the contest was still scoreless entering the top of the fifth.

"It was a little bit frustrating that we weren't able to score any runs early in the game," Adams said. "I kept telling my players to keep hitting the ball and good things will eventually happen for them."

With one-out in the top of the first inning, Ware junior center fielder Hunter Millier was safe at first base on a fielding error by the Monson third baseman. Then senior third baseman Ivan Adams hit a fly ball single to left field, but Nodell got out of that jam with a ground-ball out and a strikeout.

Senior right fielder Ryan

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Ware first baseman Fernando Montalban (15) fields a grounder and prepares to make a flip to first base.



Ware's Ivan Adams (13) looks down as he rounds third on his way home with a run.



Ware's Ivan Adams (13) slides into second base.

Lady Indians rally to topple Pope Francis

By Dave Forbes
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HOLYOKE - Trailing 9-0 in the first game of the season is usually not a good way to start a new campaign, but the Ware girls softball team managed to find a way to get back into the contest and then win it.

With the score tied 9-9 in the top of the sixth, Chelsea Orszulak (1-for-4) started off the inning with a hard single back up the middle. After stealing second to get herself into scoring position, third baseman Jenna Goodreau (2-for-4) gave the Lady Indians their first lead of the game when she roped a double into left-center, knocking in Orszulak with the

go-ahead run. Goodreau would come around to score later in the inning on the back end of a double steal to stretch the Ware lead to 11-9.

Relief pitcher Samantha Turek also deserves a lot of credit in this one. She took over on the mound for Goodreau and silenced the Pope Francis offensive attack over five innings of relief. She used a wide variety of pitches to keep the Cardinals players off balance throughout the contest as they struggled to square up the ball on the barrel of their bats for the most part.

Ware added an insurance run in the top of the seventh when

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Play of the Game

With the game tied 9-9 in the bottom of the fourth and Pope Francis threatening to retake the lead, Ware third baseman Jenna Goodreau made a tricky running basket catch in foul territory for the final out of the inning.



Ware outfielder Lily Juda (24) tracks down a fly ball.



Staff photo by Dave Forbes
Ware third baseman Jenna Goodreau (14) prepares to make a throw across the diamond to first.

Indians show spirit in matches

By Dave Forbes
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WARE - One thing we have learned about the Ware boys varsity volleyball team early this season is that they are a group of players that will battle the opposition right down to the final point.

The Indians showed off that mental toughness and fortitude in their three matches over the past week against Southwick, Smith Voke and Sabis.

Ware started off its match against Southwick on a strong note and rode out to a 25-13 win over the Rams. Southwick then bounced back in the second set for a 25-14 victory to even the match at one set each.

Weaker teams would have a tendency to fold after having a rough set, but the Indians were right back in this match for the final two sets, falling by narrow 25-23 and 25-19 decisions.

Ware bounced back in its second match with a 25-9, 25-12, 25-20 win over Smith Voke.

The Indians, as they have in

several other matches this season, came out strong in the first set and then rode the momentum of their play from the first into the second and third sets.

Tristan Cutten had a big match as he finished with three kills, nine assists and 10 digs. Andrew Blais added three aces, two kills and 10 assists. Kieran Fitzgerald added four kills and two aces.

Ware then put on another solid performance in a loss to Sabis, 3-1.

Once again, the Indians came out like a house of fire in the opening set as they pulled out a 25-22 win over the Bulldogs in the first. Ware then played another close set in the second against Sabis, but the Bulldogs pulled out the 25-22 win in the second to even the match. Sabis then rolled to a 25-10 win in the third, but the Indians put together a strong showing in the fourth, before falling 25-19.

Blais had 12 assists and four kills to lead the Indians. Cutten chipped in with six kills and five aces. Fitzgerald had five kills and two blocks.