Boil water order lifted

Improvements made to prevent contamination

By Eileen Kennedy

WARE – As of last Thursday, residents no longer had to boil their water as allergens were shaved when the water was no longer contaminated with E. coli. A sign of local contamination.

The Department of Public Works’ Water Department installed a water treatment system to remove viruses, as directed by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. The system’s disinfection system is operating properly, based on two clean rounds of water testing last week, according to DPW.

Residents were advised on Sept. 28 to boil town water before using it after E. coli was found in a sample of one of the town’s water sources on Sept. 20.

MassDEP lifted the boil water requirement, with certain conditions, on Monday, Oct. 1, based on the DPW’s corrective action and sampling results.

The conditions include closing a valve outside the town’s water treatment plant to ensure that water flows only toward the first water customer at 156 Pleasant St., measuring chlorine residual at the first point of contact tap and at a customer’s water service, and installing additional controls and updating alarms related to the water service line at the site.

“By closing the valve, we can effectively isolate the water main that is contaminated,” according to the DPW.

These controls also include the installation of continuous free chlorine residual analyzers at the treatment plant and 156 Pleasant St., and flow meter interfaces that ensure water system operators are notified within five to 10 minutes if high and low chlorine conditions, and possible leaks, occur.

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Area manufacturing on display at E2E

By Eileen Kennedy

WARE – On Oct. 4, the Education to Employment, or E2E, training center located at 23 West Main St., celebrated local manufacturing companies by holding an open house for potential job seekers. Manufacturing Day allowed them to learn more about the job opportunities available.

Franklin Hampshire Regional Employment Board Executive Director Patricia Crosby opened the event with a speech describing the current job market in the area, focusing on the manufacturing sector.

“Community events like this are important because it lets them [the public] see behind the manufacturing walls,” said the FHREEB also offers job counseling at the E2E.

Sommers & Co., one of the local manufacturers that participated included Qualihab, Kanekei, Gillespie Corp., G & G Medical, Palmer Foundry, Composite Technologies, Sanderson MacLeod, Wire, Vibram, kanzaki, and E2E, training center.

“We still have these positions that are available that we just can’t fill because people do not have the skills for them,” said Sunny Gobi, Gobi called Manufacturing Day “awesome,” and said growing manufacturing companies cannot find all the workers they need.

“We still have those positions that are available that we just can’t fill because people do not have the skills for them,” Gobi said. As a result, work training facilities like E2E are instrumental in closing this gap by helping people gain the skills they need to acquire better employment opportunities and improve their lives.

Gobi said colleges get credit for students who attend two or four-year colleges, but she would also like to see them get credit for students who decide to enter the military or a tech school to help balance out the opportunities that are available for young people.

“We talk to so many people, we talk about the skills gap,” Gobi said.

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Harvest Week connects kids to farm food

By Shanne M. Porr

WARE – Third-graders from Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School took part in the proud tradition of Harvest Week by shucking corn last week at SMK elementary School.

“Corn shucking at the school is an annual event, which the kids enjoy and that provides many benefits, according to Food Service Director Jeff Nicholas, Harvest Week helps instill good eating habits at a young age for the students.

The third-graders prepare food served at the elementary, middle and high school so the students develop a sense of accomplishment and teamwork.

The recipes are also tailored to what fresh foods are available at the moment. Nicholas believes that the focus on farm is also important. “It is local food that they [the students] can get,” Nicholas said. The corn shucking is an instructor’s favorite day of Harvest Week since it is a very hands-on project. “When they feel a part of it they are more inclined to eat it,” Nicholas said.

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Members of the Ware High School Domestic Violence Task Force head the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force awareness walk as it starts out on a one-mile loop through downtown Ware.

Walkers take a stand against domestic violence

By Eileen Kennedy

WARE – Community members gathered at Visconti’s Park on Main Street Saturday afternoon to protest the awareness of domestic violence and to take a stand against it. After speeches were made, the group completed a one-mile loop along Main Street to return to the park.

“We are all here to shed light on a very important social ill: domestic violence,” said Peggy Baxter, who has been involved...
**Indians remain undefeated**

By Bob Schrom
Sports Correspondent

WARE – In their dominant 6-1 victory over an undersized South Hadley Vocational for Friday afternoon at Veteran Stadium, the Ware Indians girls soccer team proved they should be considered among the best teams in Division 4. Coming off of a semifinals’ effort last year, the Indians broke a 1-1 tie in the second half to defeat the Panthers, 3-1. With the win, the Indians improved their record to 9-2-1. It was the first time all season that Ware had scored more than a goals in a game.

"We have to continue to improve," said coach Don Bénard. "Now, our most important matches are in front of us." Ware led by a group of consistent performers who have set the tone for the team as a whole — Sheryl Batchelder, Lolly Kelleher, Dina Legacy and Morgan Saletnik. The Indians won two out of three matches last week, a pivotal one for Ware.

**Ware volleyball heading back to postseason with pair of wins**

By Bob Schrom
Sports Correspondent

WARE – Ware returned to its winning ways Friday. At Renaissance, rallying from a 2-6 loss in the first game, the Lady Indians swept the next three, 25-19, 25-16, 25-22. The Lady Indians improved their record to 9-2-1. It was the first time all season that Ware had scored more than a goals in a game.

"We are a very physical team, but we knew we could beat them and we got the job done," said Placanico, who had many yards without the help of rushing touchdowns in the first half. Placanico rushed for 120 yards on 15 carries and he also scored three rushing touchdowns in the first half. "I couldn’t have gained that many yards without the help of my line," said Placanico, who had missed the Panthers previous game.

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