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MEMORIAL DAY Remembrances



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The American flag, Massachusetts state flag, and Palmer district flag, flown as the parade made its way down Thorndike St.

Palmer Memorial Day Parade

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PALMER – The sun was shining over the Memorial Day parade that started on Thorndike Street, and ended in front of Converse Middle School.

Town Manager Ryan McNutt shared a story about Walter Sprague, who served during World War II, and whose portrait McNutt had stumbled on.

“He didn’t have any singular, amazing military achievements, but he was part of an amazing team and organization,” McNutt said. “They

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Ray Daigle rides in the Three Rivers fire truck that he personally restored.



Turley Publications staff photos by Deanna Sloat
The American Legion Post 241 Commander, Carl Santos leads the procession of marchers down Main Street in Monson this past Monday.

Monson pays tribute and honors Service Members and Veterans for sacrifice

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MONSON—Many people gathered on Main Street in Monson on Monday, May 29 to honor those who served our country. Memorial Day is a time to remember and honor those who served and paid the ultimate sacrifice in fighting for our country and the freedoms we all cherish.

The American Legion Post 241 Commander, Carl Santos led the parade of marchers who had joined together to honor Monson’s veterans who lost their

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The American Legion members were followed by this jeep proudly displaying the American Flags.

SCHOOLS



Turley Publications staff photos by Marcelo Gusmao
Turley staff was invited to sit for dinner with (from left) Principal Carrie Auffrey, Superintendent Eric Duda, Vocational Director Amy Skowrya, Cooperative Education Coordinator Caitlin Phelps, and IT Director Cole Rogers.

Pathfinder hosts First Ceremony for Employer Recognition

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PALMER – Last week, Pathfinder Technical Vocational School held a dinner to celebrate the em-

ployers that have partnered with them to provide educational opportunities for the students.

In addition to invaluable classroom experience with Pathfinder staff, the school offers partnerships with businesses across the state to provide field experience in a variety of departments, from plumbing, to electrical, to construction, to cooking. Despite being an essential part

GOVERNMENT

Select Board approves one-time COLA increase in public pension

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MONSON— In collaboration with the Retirement Board, the Select Board made the decision to accept the 2% one-time increase for cost-of-living adjustment in town starting this year.

The article appeared following Gov. Charlie Baker’s approval of the fiscal state budget last July, where he made several amendments to the pension plan. Baker allowed it so that town municipalities could choose to approve or reject the COLA decision, rather than the choice falling solely on the retirement boards.

Previously at a cap of 3%, the House and Senate accepted the proposed increase of 5%, which applies for only this year, not the entire pension. However, the Select Board members acknowledged that this money will compound every year going forward and could continue to impact pension obligations for the community in the future.

“That 2% is only going to apply to \$18,000 of each person’s retirement,” Select Board

Chair Patricia Oney said. “But going forward, even if we continue to increase by 3% a year, the 2% will always be there at the base.”

The Select Board members expressed concerns regarding the budget impact on the town.

Finance Director Jamie Farnum said that the COLA will adjust based on payroll and number of employees per business, and that the formulated appropriation will increase as employee salaries increase.

Farnum said that this increase will not be fully funded until 2035, and that the cost will not be fully calculated until then. An updated actuary study will be provided on how this decision will affect the town and what to look for going forward.

“Right now the appropriation is a snapshot of our payroll in September,” Farnum said. “There could be other factors that increase the appropriations, such as our salaries, whether this increase is approved or not.”

The decision needed a two-thirds majority vote in order to pass, and the Select Board approved this increase to go into effect after receiving further

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SCHOOLS

Mock Accident training at Palmer High

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PALMER – Last week, the High School staged a “mock accident,” in order to teach the students the importance of safe driving.

Principal Susan North reached out to several agencies to organize the event after it was rescheduled due to weather. It was arranged in conjunction with the police department, the fire departments of both Palmer and Three Rivers, Palmer Ambulance, Beers and Story Funer-

al Home, and UMass Life Flight. “The mock accident event is so important to do for the students to realize that it’s important to stay focused on driving safely,” North said. “They need to realize the impact when decisions are made to drink and drive, or drive distracted. We want students to realize that they’re important and need to be safe when driving.”

The cars used for the demonstration were donated by Davis Tow Company.

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Palmer firefighters pull students out of the wrecked car.

Submitted photos



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Pet of the Week



HARLOW

I am Loki, from Monson. I'm the most handsome German Shepard, estimated to be 4.5 years old. My current family took me in as a foster from Bullied Breeds Rescue and fell in love with me within days. We feature your pets here. Is your fur friend a dog, cat, chicken, lizard, horse, bird, mouse... you get the point. Is there a pet you're fostering and trying to re-home? All pets are welcome! Email a high-resolution jpg of your pet with a little information to mharrison@turley.com.

Hitchcock summer program features STEAM-based 'Challenge Island'

BRIMFIELD – Hitchcock welcomes area kids to explore this year's Summer Days program, presented in partnership with Challenge Island.

According to a news release, Challenge Island "is a well-reputed STEAM educational program who will guide enrollees ages 7-10 through fun, hands-on experiences designed to enrich their understanding of science, technology and mathematics principles with a focus on engineering each afternoon."

Summer Days participants are otherwise treated to on-your-feet, active fun combined with creative enrichment by Hitchcock staff, the release states. For ages 4 to 6, week-long programs include arts, crafts, sports, and games offered as morning, afternoon, or full day registrations. For ages 7-10, mornings will include arts, crafts, sports and games facilitated by Hitchcock staff before the afternoon shift into Challenge Island experiences.

Hitchcock's summer program is a decades-long, well-established offering which aims to combine good old-fashioned fun and games with creative exploration, fully engaging kids physically and mentally, guiding their hands, feet, and imagination with a variety of activities designed by seasoned educators and facilitated by energetic staff.

Challenge Island's program and curriculum are "designed to meet the needs of two entities: today's playful, imaginative child and tomorrow's empowered, globally-successful adult," according to the news release.

Summer Days will run as four, week-long programs from July 17 to Aug. 11. The morning program is offered 9 a.m. to noon and the afternoon program will run from 1 to 4 p.m.

Hitchcock Academy is a community center lo-



Submitted photo

Challenge Island's summer program and curriculum are "designed to meet the needs of two entities: today's playful, imaginative child and tomorrow's empowered, globally-successful adult." Learn more at hitchcock-academy.org.

cated at 2 Brookfield Road in Brimfield serving the community with educational, recreational and cultural programming. More information can be found at hitchcockacademy.org.

birth announcements



Welcome Adalyn Grace Wawro

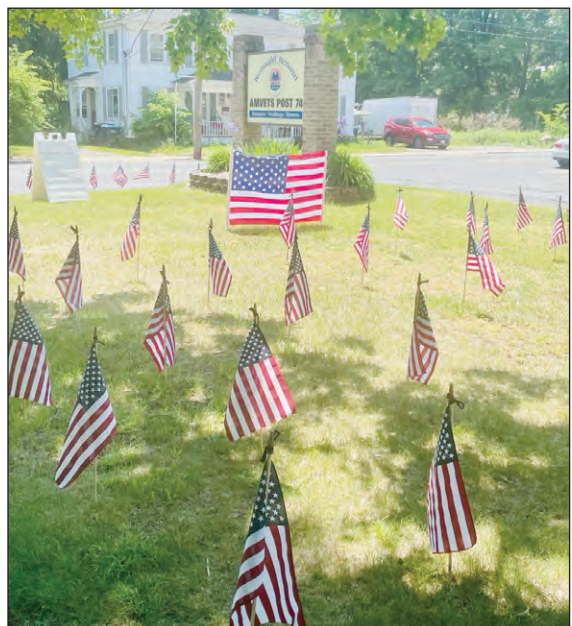
It is with great joy that we announce the birth of our beautiful daughter Adalyn Grace Wawro. Born on May 1, 2023 at 9:27 p.m. at Sarasota Memorial Hospital in Florida. Weighing 6 lbs. 15 oz. and 20.5 inches long.

Parents are Andrew Wawro and Rebekah New-ellher siblings are Brody Theriault and Alex Wawro.

Adalyn's paternal grandparents are Julie and Robert Wawro Sr. and Maternal grandparents are Shelly and Lloyd d'Entremont.

Our hearts are so full, we love you Adalyn Grace.

Field of Flags Ceremony



103 flags honoring fallen service members.



Valerie Wlodyka reads off names of service members.



Submitted photos

Hazel Cormier stands next to one of the flags honoring a service member.

THREE RIVERS — Amvets Post 74 placed 103 flags out to represent fallen armed service members on Sunday, May 28. The names of the fallen were read during the ceremony. Approximately 75 people came out to support the Amvets and the service members.

Senator Jake Oliveira delivers first speech in state senate

BOSTON — Last week, state Sen. Jake Oliveira delivered his first speech to the Massachusetts State Senate, eliciting a standing ovation from the Senate President and his colleagues in the General Court.

In his speech, after thanking the Senate President and those on the Senate Ways and Means Committee, Oliveira (D-Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester) thanked his peers for their hard work "assembling a budget that will serve Massachusetts as equitably, inclusively, and as far-reaching as possible," a press release states.

Oliveira also took the opportunity to advocate for an increase in state spending for public libraries through an amendment he sponsored. It seeks to increase funding and provide an additional \$750,000 for regional public libraries.

Oliveira said the funds would ensure that public libraries have the resources they need



Submitted photo

With his peers looking on, Sen. Jake Oliveira delivers a speech to the Massachusetts State Senate last week.

to protect themselves and their collections and services from

the current culture war being waged against free thought and free speech across the country.

Oliveira cited data from the American Library Association and the Pew Center for Research, which tracked thousands of challenges and bans to books across the country because they were either written by or featured people of color and LGBTQ+ individuals. Oliveira described libraries and librarians as being "on the front line in the fight to protect diversity, inclusion, and accessibility."

He also spoke on the various public library services provided to residents across Massachusetts that would be protected by the increased spending and talked about the public libraries in his district and the many services they provide to residents, like English language courses, job training, and legal help. Oliveira also described how libraries address the disparity in

high-speed broadband access for lower-income families and provide equity to those families.

"(Public Libraries) are cultivators of equity and inclusion, they are the last true community centers that we have, and they are open to all," Oliveira said, as he stressed how the funding increase would promote more resource sharing and provide access for the smaller libraries in Western Massachusetts that were particularly impacted by the pandemic.

Oliveira finished his speech by calling public libraries the "heart of America" and explored his colleagues in the Senate to protect equity, inclusion, accessibility, people of color, immigrants, and LGBTQ+ individuals by protecting public libraries.

A roll call vote then approved Senator Oliveira's amendment unanimously.



Submitted photos

The uninjured students were escorted to a helicopter from UMass Life Flight.



Showcasing makeup done by Pathfinder, (from left) Keith Lavallie, Austin Degnan, Olivia Desantis, Alex Garcia, and Jacob Kotowski.

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Three students from Palmer High's EMT course, Edward Perrin, Jason Cousineau, and Drew McAlary, acted as the EMTs for the Mock Accident. Pathfinder Technical High School's cosmetology department did the makeup for the kids which North described as "very realistic."

"They had glass coming out of them,

it was incredible," North said. "It was a wonderful collaboration with Pathfinder."

Students from Pathfinder were initially scheduled to attend the event, but due to the rescheduling, North said they "weren't able to make it happen."

"We will do better planning next year to make sure they're part of that," said North.

Corrections

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DEADLINE

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Old Post Road Orchestra to perform on June 16, 18

SPRINGFIELD – The Old Post Road Orchestra will be holding its final concerts of the season titled "Tales As Olde As Time". Conductor Alexandria Black will delight audiences with selections from well-loved Disney movies, classic Looney Tunes and Studio Ghibli. Rounding out the program will be tried and true patriotic favorites. Concerts will be held on Friday, June 16, 7:30 p.m., Memorial Hall, 198 Main St., Monson and on Sunday, June 18, 3 p.m., Loomis Lakeside at Reed's Landing, 807 Wilbraham Road, Springfield.

Funding for the Monson concert provided in part by a grant from the Town of Monson Regional Economic Development Organization and a grant from the Monson Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

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Quabbin Visitor Center lists free upcoming events

BELCHERTOWN – The Department of Conservation and Recreation's Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center will offer several free programs this spring.

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

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

To register for any of these events, visit www.mass.gov/locations/quabbin-reservoir/events?_page=1.

Establishing young forest habitat

On Saturday, June 3 from 10 a.m.-noon, join DCR staff at the Oakham Field Office, 578 Old Turnpike Road, Oakham for a 1-mile moderate hike to explore the young forest habitat of the Ware River Watershed. (<https://goo.gl/maps/QhLn1AghaYWs-4KF16>) Participants will carpool to the walk site.

Barrens habitat restoration

How can forest management and prescribed fire programs support rare plant and animal habitats? Meet at the intersection of Route 62 and Barre Road in Hubbardston for a 1-mile moderate hike on Saturday, July 15 from 9-11 a.m. exploring barrens habitat restoration on Barre Heathland.

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clarification from the town administrator and town accountant. Further discussion regarding how this will affect the town budget going forward will occur at future meetings.

Selectboard meetings can be streamed at m-pact.tv.

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Descendants of the 'Lost Towns' remember the fallen

By Paula Ouimette
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REGION — Generations of people joined together at Quabbin Park Cemetery this past Sunday to remember those that gave their lives for our freedom, alongside those that sacrificed their homes for the Quabbin Reservoir.

Master of Ceremonies Keith Poulin of the American Legion Chauncey Walker Post #239 of Belchertown thanked all for attending and participating in the Memorial Day program.

Poulin said this program was not only to remember those servicemembers who sacrificed for the freedom of all, but also for the people of the "Lost Towns" of Dana, Enfield, Greenwich and Prescott.

These four towns were discontinued in order to create the Quabbin Reservoir, which supplies drinking water to nearly one-third of residents in the commonwealth.

"The towns of the Swift River Valley have remembered their dead," Poulin said.

A tradition that has continued even after the towns were submerged under water; in a ceremony that takes place every Sunday before Memorial Day, amidst each town's monuments and memorials.

Over 7,600 graves were moved from cemeteries in the four towns, with the majority re-interred at Quabbin Park Cemetery. Spanning 82 of the 81,000 acres of land purchased to create the Quabbin Reservoir, the Cemetery is still active today.

Following a reading of the Gettysburg Address by Ware Scouts BSA Troop 7281's Senior Patrol Leader Cordelia Grandinetti, descendants from each of the four towns laid wreaths of red, white and blue on their respective monument.

Representing the town of Dana were members of the Cooley family; Enfield, the Boyko and Jasnocha families; Greenwich, the Thresher family; and Prescott, the Currier and Bowen families. A fifth wreath was placed at the Schmidt Bench, by members of the Eleanor Griswold Schmidt family.

Friends of Quabbin, Inc. President Gene Theroux followed with a reading of "In Flanders Fields" after "Taps", the National Anthem, and a medley of each military branch's marches were played.

State Sen. Anne Gobi said it was an honor to be invited to speak at the program, her last before she assumes the role of the new director of rural affairs in the Executive Office of Economic Development.

She shared the story of World War II nurse Ellen Ainsworth, who was one of 350,000 women that served.



Turley Publications Photos by Paula Ouimette
Steve Boyko moves a wreath to the Enfield monument with the help of his son Charlie.



Wayne Thresher prepares to place a wreath on the Greenwich monument

Of those women, 543 lost their lives, including 16 nurses.

On Feb. 10, 1944, while working at the 56th Evacuation Hospital, Ainsworth made sure that all of her staff and patients were safe during a raid, Gobi said.

"No on panicked...and they all survived," Gobi said.

The next raid battered the Hospital, and Ainsworth was hit with a piece of shrapnel to the chest, but continued to work.

"There is nothing the enemy can do to us now to scare us" she said," Gobi continued.

Sadly, Ainsworth died from her injuries days later, just shy of her 25th birthday.

Because of women veterans like Ainsworth, "we are a better people, a better nation," Gobi said.

State Rep. Todd Smola noted that this was also the 50th anniversary of the U.S. military's withdrawal from Vietnam.

"It took a lot of time for attitudes and perceptions to change," Smola said of Vietnam. "We should never disagree about supporting those that serve."

State Rep. Aaron Saunders said he was struck by Grandinetti's reading of the Gettysburg Address and said, "the unfinished work" has

continued," for freedom and peace in our country and beyond.

Saunders gave special acknowledgement to the four communities lost to the Reservoir.

"[They] gave themselves for the prosperity of the commonwealth," Saunders said.

State Sen. Jake Oliveira shared that his grandfather worked on the Quabbin Reservoir, and noted the depth of the sacrifice the residents of the four towns made for its creation.

Oliveira said he also understands what it's like to be told a loved one has paid the ultimate sacrifice for freedom, sharing the story of his late friend Sgt. Joshua Desforges, who was killed in Afghanistan.

"I know that feeling in your stomach when told you lost someone," he said.

Poulin thanked all of the various participants that made the program possible, including area historical societies, veterans organizations, youth organizations, Department of Conservation and Recreation staff, and many more.

CAMPUS NOTES

Assumption University

The following local students were named to the Dean's List at Assumption University for the spring 2023 semester: **Mason Dumas** of Monson (Class of 2026), **Jillian Johnson** of Holland, (Class of 2024) and **Emily Label** of Monson (Class of 2026).

Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade-point average of 3.5 for a five-class, 15-credit semester to be included on the prestigious list, which is announced at the completion of the fall and spring semesters.

Jacksonville State University

Erin P. Hastings of Brimfield graduated from Jacksonville State University on April 29 with a degree in Emergency Management. More than 900 students received undergraduate and graduate degrees as part of the university's spring commencement ceremony at JSU Stadium. Nancy Grace, famed victims' rights advocate and television legal analyst, was awarded an honorary doctorate and served as keynote speaker. The ceremony is archived on YouTube.

Quinsigamond Community College

The following local students recently graduated from Quinsigamond Community College: **Keila Rivera** of Palmer, **Jillian Pourmand** of Monson and **Deniella Harwood** of Holland.

The following local students were named to the Dean's List at Quinsigamond Community College: **Haley Dulmaine** and **Zane Salameh**, both of Holland; **Joseph Flannery** of Palmer; and **Jalissa Gardner** of Wales.

The following local students were named to the Merit List at Quinsigamond Community College: **Haileigh Chase**, **Lillian Morrell** and **Tye Zola**, all of Brimfield; **Beau Boudreau**, **Robert Smith**, and **April Swanson** of Holland; and **Meghan Brill** of Palmer.

To qualify, students must have a Semester Quality-Point Average of 3.50 or higher and no grade below "C."

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Ryan Kievra of Holland, a member of the class of 2023 majoring in Robotics Engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, recently completed a senior thesis that is required of all graduating seniors as part of the university's distinctive project-based educational experience.

The project, Upper Body Motion Mechanism, was Ryan's Major Qualifying Project – one that is usually team-based and often focuses on very specific issues or needs of an organization that has partnered with the university to sponsor the student's work.

Catalina Mudgett of Palmer was named to the Dean's List at Worcester Polytechnic Institute for the spring semester.

The criteria for the WPI Dean's List differs from that of most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI defines the Dean's List by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and projects.

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Viewpoints



I'm approaching 65 should I claim Social Security?

Dear Rusty: I am fast approaching 65 (in August) and plan to continue working full time. I would like to know the implications of that, and about drawing Social Security. Same question for my husband who is past his full retirement age (he will be 67 this year) and he continues to work full time.

Signed: Still Working

Dear Still Working: Married couples should always coordinate their retirement strategy and you're very smart to do so. Born in 1958, your Full Retirement Age for Social Security purposes is 66 years and 8 months. Your FRA is the point at which your earnings from work no longer affect your Social Security benefits, but if you claim at age 65 and continue to work full time, you will be limited to how much you can earn before they take away some or perhaps all of your benefits. Here's what will happen if you claim Social Security to start in August when you are 65.

Your SS retirement benefit will be permanently reduced by 11% (you'll get 89% of your FRA entitlement). Your monthly amount will only change thereafter due to Cost of Living Adjustments.

If you start your benefits in August you will be subject to an earnings limit, either a monthly limit of \$1,770 for the remaining months of the year or the 2023 annual limit of \$21,240. If the monthly limit is exceeded you aren't entitled to benefits for that month, or if the annual limit is exceeded they will take back benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 over the annual limit. Social Security will use whichever method yields the smallest penalty.

Beginning in 2024, you will be subject only to Social Security's annual earnings limit, which will be something more than the 2023 annual limit of \$21,240. If you exceed the 2024 (or 2025) annual limit, Social Security will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit (half of what you exceed the limit by). The annual limit will be in effect until you reach your full retirement age of 66 years and 8 months in April 2026.

Since your husband has already reached his FRA, working full time will not negatively affect his monthly Social Security benefits if he chooses to claim his SS benefits now. However, if he hasn't yet claimed your husband is already earning Delayed Retirement Credits, which will increase his benefit when he later claims. DRCs are earned monthly (.667% per month; 8% per year) and can be earned up to age 70 when maximum SS benefit is attained. For your husband, his age 70 benefit would be 29% more than he was entitled to at his FRA. Whether it is wise to wait longer to claim depends on life expectancy, but break even age is about 83 for those who wait until 70 to claim vs. claiming at FRA. FYI, average life expectancy for a man your husband's current age is about 84; for you about 87.

Since you are both still working full time, be aware that depending on your combined income from all sources your Social Security benefits will become part of your taxable income. As a married couple both working full time, your combined income will likely be over the \$44,000 threshold after which income tax will be levied on up to 85% of your Social Security benefits received during the tax year using your normal IRS tax rate. I suggest you consider the income tax implications of claiming Social Security while you are still working full time.

You did not ask about Medicare, but if you and your husband now have "creditable" healthcare coverage from your employer ("creditable" is a group plan with at least 20 participants) you can defer enrolling in Medicare Part B until your employer healthcare coverage ends, thus avoiding the Medicare Part B premium while you are working.

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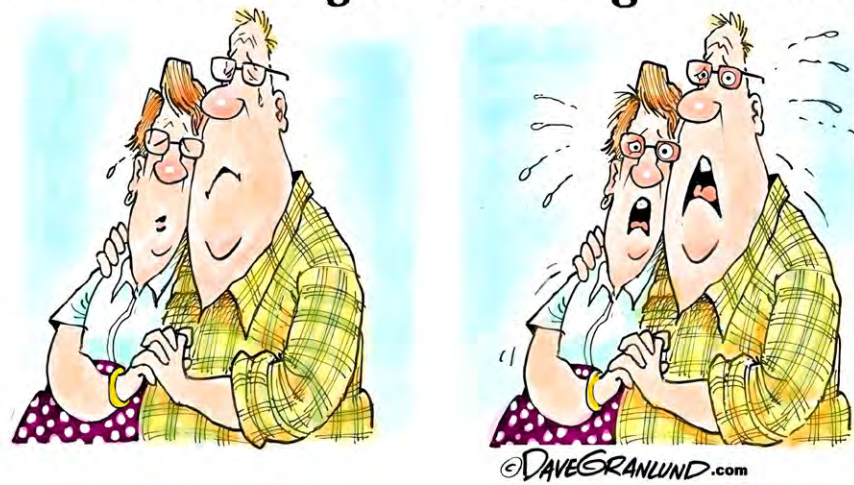
Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

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For more information, or to submit people or milestone news for The Journal Register, please email mharrison@turley.com.

When Kids move out to attend college... When Kids move back in after graduation...



Lots of blue options for the spring border

I got so excited the other day. I was walking around my backyard and came upon a flower I had never seen before. Where did it come from and what is it?

After a little bit of research, I found out that it is named Blue-eye Grass or *Sisyrinchium*. It is very diminutive, looking like a miniature purple-blue iris, with sword-like leaves and all.

Its size would make it perfect for a rock garden or alpine plant garden.

I promptly moved it out of the way of the weed whacker to join some other blue flowers that are in bloom in one of my gardens, taking their place in the front of the border. During late spring, blue flowers abound.

In fact, you could easily design a monochromatic scheme using just cool tones for a late spring symphony!

Here are some of my favorites: For the back of the border, try *Amsonia tabernaemontana*. This native plant is topped with clusters of pale blue flowers, each one opening to form a tiny star, hence its common name, blue star.

Growing to around three feet tall and not quite as wide, *Amsonia* almost qualifies for "specimen" status, although it is not as showy as other specimens like *Peony* or *Dictamnus*.

Only one plant is necessary per grouping in full sun or part shade. In my garden it self sows, but not so much to make itself a nuisance.

Sadly, the plant blooms for only a short while but makes a nice statement when it does. Make sure you choose your forever location wisely.

I need to move mine and with a crown two feet by two feet, it won't be easy.

Another plant best suited for the back row of the perennial garden is *Baptisia australis*, or false indigo.

Gray-green foliage is pretty in its own right, until you see the beautiful deep blue-purple pea-like flower spikes emerge in mid June. Easily four feet tall and three feet wide, *Baptisia* is a nice specimen perennial - one plant is certainly enough per grouping.

The size of the plant you purchase may lead you to think otherwise, though, since transplants are usually puny and take a couple of seasons to establish.

Site false indigo in full sun or part shade in rich soil. Refrain from moving the plant once it reaches full size or its

deep tap root may be compromised.

Blackish seed pods are hardly decorative on the plant, but do look nice in autumn decorations.

One of my favorite blue flowers is *Aquilegia vulgaris*. Although there are many cultivars of garden columbine, we grow the species variety at Old Sturbridge Village.

It can be found in white, pink, maroon, purple, blue and almost black.

Ours tend to be mostly blue in a hue hard to describe - perhaps more royal blue than purple-blue.

If the color is hard to describe, the flower shape is even more difficult - maybe something along the lines of nodding bells with reflexed sepals?

Lobed leaves are another attractive feature of this plant, although vigilance against the dreaded leaf miner is a must in order to keep it looking good. Here too, full sun or part shade will grow decent two foot to two-and-a-half foot whipsyish plants - a size perfect for the middle row of the border.

Mountain bluet, or perennial bachelor button, as it is sometimes called, is one of my most treasured perennials.

There is nothing rare about *Centaurea montana*, or even all that unique about it. I just plain like its oversized cornflowers and their lovely true blue shade.

At eighteen inches tall it is another plant best suited to the middle row of the garden. Plant in full sun or slight shade for best results. Cut back after it is done flowering for a chance at late season rebloom.

Jacob's ladder, *Polemonium caeruleum*, is another of my favorite blue perennials. Its pinnately compound leaves surely resemble a ladder, hence the Biblical reference, but it is best known for its pretty cup shaped, light blue flowers that hang from multi stems growing 18 inches to 2 feet tall and blooming in May in part shade locations.

Have fun playing with blue hues this spring. By high summer blue will be few and far between in the landscape.

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.



I received an email from an Oakham resident last week, who had "three very raucous sandhill cranes" fly past his house, heading northeast.

He said he went to a web site to verify their call and he included the link in his email. To hear sandhill cranes visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DYnH19MqkE0>.

The sandhill crane is a 45 inches tall heron like bird. It is gray with a dark red patch on its forehead and a black bill. Some feathers on the back and wings are rusty-colored, possibly due to staining while preening from iron rich mud on its bill. They feed by picking or probing with the bill and eating weeds, agricultural grains and small animals.

A pair of sandhill cranes have nested in Hardwick for several years and successfully raised young. The cranes the Oakham resident heard flying over might be those.

The sandhill crane makes a mound like nest



of arch plants, grasses and weeds placed on the ground or in shallow water. The female lays one to three olive eggs with dark marks. There call is a low pitched "karooooo, karooooo karooooo." Courtship displays are often seen during migration and involve graceful jumps off the ground in a dance like manner.

Years ago, a Barre resident saw a pair doing their courtship antics while they were in a field in Barre. This was years before the nesting pair appeared in Hardwick, so I assume they were in route to their summer breeding grounds further north.

Sandhill cranes form huge flocks in winter and during migration. They are often seen in agricultural fields and roost at night in the center of shallow lakes or large shallow rivers.

Nesting bluebirds

An Oakham resident said she has nesting bluebirds again this year. She said usually the bluebirds and swallows squabble over the nest

Letters to the Editor

Gratitude for food donations

I would like to thank all the Palmer letter carriers for facilitating the food drive that took place in Palmer last week.

They collected over 2,000 pounds of food for the patrons of the Palmer Food Share.

We are so grateful to have these caring postal workers and the residents of Palmer and all the letter carriers that step up time after time to help our neighbors in need. Palmer Food Share is a 100% volunteer pantry and because of your constant generosity we are able to service everyone that graces our door.

This food drive demonstrates the caring and sharing of the people of Palmer and all the letter carriers at the Palmer Post Office. From the Palmer Food Pantry, we would like to thank all who participated in this food drive. We are neighbors helping neighbors and you make the world a better place.

Cathy Plouffe
Director of the Palmer Food Share

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Dear Monson Voter,

Hello, my name is Pete Warren, and I am running for the open Select Board seat.

Currently I serve on the Finance and Summerfest committees, Memorial Hall Renovation Committee, am an Election Officer, and previously served on the Tree Planting Committee. I also volunteer for two local charitable organizations.

My wife and I moved to Monson almost seven years ago and love being a part of this wonderful community.

As you can see, I am an active member of the town and also have a solid working relationship with both Select Board members and the Town Administrator.

Two years ago, I retired from my sales and project management position in the Commercial Life Safety, and Security field. My career also included time as a general manager in the same field. There, I was responsible for 23 employees, a fleet of vehicles and managing the day-to-day activities.

I have a strong history of negotiating as well as an extensive knowledge in corporate profit and loss. Currently I work part time for the Monson Housing Authority.

I believe that my prior work experience has provided me with the skill set needed to be an effective communicator and member of the Select Board. If elected, my first priority would be to bring unity for our residents.

Looking forward, my goals are responsible commercial development in town. Renovate and promote the use of Memorial Hall, and begin updating our current bylaws.

If you have any questions or are interested in hearing more about my vision and what I have to offer, please send me a message at peterwarren58@hotmail.com. I would love to hear from you about your concerns or suggestions.

Sincerely,
Peter Warren

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box, but she has not seen the swallows this year. She was wondering if anyone else has seen swallows.

I have seen them in my hayfield and I also saw some flying over Long Pond in Rutland.

Nesting ospreys

I received another email this week about the nesting pair of ospreys in Wilbraham. He said the pair were on or near the nest. If the eggs hatched, the young were too small to be seen. He will make a return trip later.

In a previous column he said for anyone wanting to go see this nest the best place to view the nest is from the Wilbraham Senior Center parking lot and park on the side of the lot facing the playing fields. There are stick nests on three light poles.

Hummingbirds

An Oakham couple reported lots of hummingbirds at their feeder. They keep busy filling the nectar feeders. People may make their own nectar by adding 1/4 cup white sugar to 1 cup water and bring to a boil. I make extra nectar, which I keep in the refrigerator. It will keep up to a week, but I am refilling every two to three days so it never gets past the one week mark.

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

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For more information, call editor Michael Harrison at 413-283-8393.

Campaign news
As part of its election coverage, the newspaper plans to print stories about contested races for Congress, state Senate, state House, district attorney and Governor's Council during the weeks leading up to the election, as well as a question-and-answer voters guide. In order to ensure fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed, nor will reporters cover political rallies or fundraisers.

Candidates who wish to further publicize their candidacy, beliefs and events may contact advertising, 413-283-8393 about paid advertising in The Journal Register.



Caitlin Phelps, the Cooperative Education Coordinator at Grants Administrator at Pathfinder, presented awards to the business owners.



Superintendent Duda presents a certificate to Tii-3D Solutions.



Eric Duda presents a certificate for Sanderson MacLeod's partnership with Pathfinder students.



Food was prepared and served by Pathfinder students (from left) Alissa McKinney, Samantha Lowe, Isabella Perez, and Jaden Lougee.



Eric Duda presents a certificate to the Town of Palmer for the partnership between Pathfinder and the Department of Public Works.

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of the school's operation, this year was the first time the businesses were formally recognized with a dinner and ceremony.

"Employers take a risk hiring a student," said Caitlin Phelps, the Co-Op Coordinator. "We so appreciate that leap that they take. But they also reap the rewards and find that the young individual whom they hired is competent and reliable. We often hear that our students are contributing to the development of other staff, since they're abreast with up-to-date trade knowledge."

Phelps described the co-op as "a symbiotic relationship that would never be possible without an employer who's willing to take a chance on an opportunity to nurture a young person by offering the opportunity of paid employment and the chance to demonstrate their professionalism."

"To be honest, we were slightly embarrassed, when Caitlin presented it as an option, that we hadn't thought of it prior to that," said Principal and Assistant Superintendent Carrie Auffrey.

The ceremony consisted of speeches from Phelps as the Co-Op Coordinator and Superintendent Eric Duda, and each of the businesses was presented with a certificate thanking them for their partnership.

"We're hoping you display these prominently in your business," Duda said about the certificates. "It's a partnership with us, a public high school that has a delivery model of education that works, and the partnership with you is something that we're proud of."

Phelps told the assembled businesses that she felt "very connected to all of you," during her speech at the ceremony.

"I read the student journals every week, that detail the activities in which they participate during their work week," Phelps said. "In their journals I read about their daily tasks; sometimes challenges and frustrations, sometimes successes and accomplishments. And in these journals, I can truly see the growth that these students are experiencing through the year."

"It's growth in the tasks that these students are assigned as they become more competent," Phelps continued. "And I can also see the growth in the confidence with which they describe the work that they're doing."

During the dinner, Phelps shared an anecdote about a student who she described as "very cool, cool guy," who didn't often show much excitement, and how this student would light up when telling her about the garage that the students are working in.

"This is our community," said Auffrey, "these are the employers that we're getting our students ready to go work for."

"We're trying our very best here to make sure we're getting the students an education that's meaningful and makes them career-ready," said Duda.



A certificate was presented by Eric Duda to Hair Expressions.



RCE Co., Inc. was recognized for their partnership with Pathfinder's electrical department.

Girl scouts at the Memorial Day Parade



Submitted photos
Girl Scouts from Troop 64913 stand proudly with members of Amvets post 74 as they held the Amvets banner during the parade



Girl Scout Ambassador Julia Lanzillo leads the Girl Scouts in the Memorial Day parade for the last time before she graduates this week.

C4R's opening day paddle explored Ware River

By Paula Ouimette
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REGION – This past Saturday, a group of canoers and kayakers took to the Ware River for an 8.5-mile paddle from Robbins Road to Bennett Street in Palmer.

This event was the opening day paddle for the Chicopee 4Rivers Watershed Council, and also the inaugural launch for the new section of Blue Trail, the Lower Ware River Blue Trail.

C4R Team Coordinator Keith Davies along with Events Coordinator Jim Emerson talked about the creation of the Blue Trails, and how C4R is working to promote and protect the rivers that make up the Watershed.

"We're kind of like a volunteer group trying to connect people to the rivers," Davies said. "One way to connect people is paddling trails."

Those rivers include the Ware, Swift, Quaboag and Chicopee.

Davies said C4R now has four Blue Trails, made possible through the Department of Conservation and Recreation's MassTrails Grant program, with plans to create another on the Swift River.

Saturday's paddle included several points of historical interest, with the launch site at the location of the former Banas Farm.

After passing through Gibbs Crossing, paddlers went by stone outcroppings that marked where Lamberton's Bridge used to span the river.

Named after a local family, Lamberton's Bridge was built over a ford which people had used since the 1700s to cross the river. The Bridge was ultimately abandoned in the 1800s and Gibbs Crossing became the primary means of crossing the river.

The paddle ended at the launch site at Bennett Street in Palmer, where abutments can still be seen from the covered toll bridge that served the Forest Lake area up until 1938, when it was lost in the hurricane.

C4R is hosting more paddling events, including the Upper Chicopee Blue Trail on Saturday, June 17 and an inaugural paddle of the Upper Ware River Blue Trail on Sunday, June 25 at Old Furnace, Hardwick to Ware River Park, Gilbertville.

Other dates and locations include Saturday, July 22, Quaboag River Blue Trail; Saturday, Aug. 19, Swift River; Saturday, Sept. 16, Ware to Barre; and Saturday, Oct.



Chicopee 4Rivers Watershed Council Coordinator Keith Davies prepares paddlers for the inaugural launch on the Lower Ware River Blue Trail.



(Turley Publications Photos by Paula Ouimette)
Paddlers head down the Ware River from the Robbins Road launch site to Bennett Street in Palmer.

21, Lower Quaboag.

C4R is also hosting an "Our Local Rivers" Haiku and Picture Contest, open to all ages as of June 1. Deadline to enter is Sept. 18.

There are two age categories, youth (under age 18) and adult (18 and over). Please note your age upon submission.

People are encouraged to capture a haiku moment or an image of a river or tributary in the C4R Watershed, share what it means to them, how it looks to them, why they enjoy it, and how it makes them marvel at the world around us.

The haiku poems should be related to nature, and each person can submit up to three poems (original work, preferably unpublished). Please send two copies, one with your name and one without if sent by paper; or in a Word Doc if sent electronically.

Photos should be printed in a 5

by 7-inch format, or sent electronically as a jpeg.

Winners will be announced in time for C4R's annual summit in November.

Submissions can be mailed to C4RWC, P.O. Box 126, Three Rivers, MA 01080, or emailed to chicopeewatershed@gmail.com.

C4R is also looking for trail stewards. These are folks who would adopt a trail segment or launch site and help keep an eye on it, keep it clean, clear, report any issues, etc.

C4R also needs volunteers to grab river samples for water quality sampling of the Ware River on Thursdays at 7:45 a.m. in June through early September.

If you're interested, email Davies at chicopeewatershed@gmail.com.

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AmVets Post 74 wave the American flag for the parade.



Girls Scout Troop 64913 proceeds to Main Street.



A cart makes keeping up with the parade much easier.



The Palmer Soccer Association marched on Monday.



Members of the Operation Veteran Vacation non-profit wave to the crowd.



The band from Palmer High School played music as they marched in the parade.



A truck from Team Clean Dumpsters carried families past Tailgate Tavern.



Local homeschoolers were represented in the parade by the Small Town Homeschool/Unschooling Friends.



The Palmer baseball team gathered for a picture in front of Converse Middle School.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE *Palmer*



District Four Councillor Matthew Lemieux (left) and Town Manager Ryan McNutt, holding a picture of honored veteran Walter Sprague.



The Palmer Strippers Swim Team gets their land legs by walking in the parade.



Ready to watch the parade (from left), Dan and Dawn Gregoire with Braelynn, age 3, Madison Robare, Cassidy Odell, Andy Robare, Nicole Odell, Kenneth Odell, John Holstein, and Kevin Odell.



Pictured on Main Street (from left), Dain Nute, Abi Nute, Kayleigh Rodriguez with Makaila, age 10, Erin Rodriguez with 4-year-old Liam, and Jose Rodriguez.

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built the first fighter bomber wing for the U.S. Air Force in Germany. They built air bases in 24 hours. And then, when it was all over, he came home, he took his uniform off, he became active in his local Baptist church, and he lived a nice, quiet life and passed away at the age of 90.”

“That’s who I’m here to remember today, Walter Richard Sprague,” McNutt said. “Thank you all for doing it with me.”

State Representative Todd Smola made a speech where he talked about how Vietnam changed the way Americans thought about war, and the importance of providing for the soldiers who return from the war.

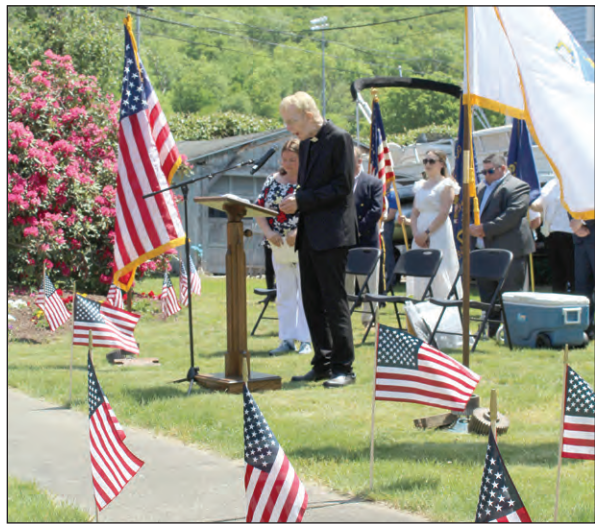
“This year marks the 50th anniversary of the American withdrawal from the war in Vietnam,” Smola said. “Very different war in comparison to the wars before it, because it was the first one that Americans got to see on their televisions, from their living rooms. It changed perceptions, it changed attitudes, it changed thoughts and feelings that people had about American involvement overseas in different conflicts.”

Smola went on to say that “We were ill-equipped in this country to provide them with the resources that they need, the mental health, and resources in their homes.”

At the ceremony, Chris Beaudry was called up to receive certificates for his years of service to the town as music director at the Palmer Public Schools.

“These ceremonies are special within our community because they are truly community events,” said Smola. “And one of the special parts of our community ceremonies is the band from Palmer High School. Chris Beaudry (...) is always loyally here for the Town of Palmer and what community event is occurring.”

“Chris is retiring officially in just a couple of weeks, (...) but we didn’t want this to go by because as the leader of our music program in Palmer High School, this should be his last Memorial Day event,” said Smola.



Father Rick of St. Thomas Parish Center read a sermon for the ceremony.



A crane raised the American flag over Main St.



State Representative Todd Smola spoke during the ceremony about the importance of veterans’ services.



Veterans fire off their salute to conclude the Memorial Day services.



Chris Beaudry conducted the band from Palmer High School.



Chris Beaudry was recognized for his service to the community at the event.

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SOFTBALL

Monson upset by Lenox in WMass tournament

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

MONSON—At the beginning of April, Monson sophomore righthander Molly Szado didn't have very much trouble posting a victory against Lenox High School in a non-league home game.

The two varsity softball teams faced each other for the second time this spring in the Western Mass Class D quarterfinals at the Quarry Hill Community School softball field in Monson.

This time, the Millionaires, who entered the Western Mass. tournament as the sixth seed, enjoyed their long bus ride back to the Berkshires following an 8-5 upset victory over the third-seeded Lady Mustangs, last Tuesday afternoon.

"We did beat them earlier in the regular season and this is definitely a very tough loss for us," said Monson head coach Jill Carneglia. "I thought my players were a little bit more nervous in today's game than they normally are. We just made too many errors and we couldn't make a comeback."

The Millionaires made their first appearance in the postseason tournament in more than 15 years.

The Lady Mustangs have won a total of 28 games since the start of the 2022 regular season, but only one of those victories came during the postseason tournament. It was a 16-0 home victory against Minuteman Regional High School in a Division 5 state tournament preliminary contest last June.

The Lady Mustangs, who entered this year's Western Mass. tournament with a 14-3 regular season record, suffered a 10-7 home loss to Smith Academy in last year's Class D quarterfinal game.

Szado hurled a one-hitter when she faced Lenox at the beginning of the regular season. She didn't receive very much support from her defense in the quarterfinal game. The Lady Mustangs committed a total of six errors leading to a couple of unearned runs.

The home team took advantage of two Lenox errors in the bottom of the first inning to take a 1-0 lead.

Eighth grade first baseman Chelsea Hull, who went 2-for-4, grounded a single into left field leading off the frame. Then Natalie Hull, who's a sophomore shortstop, put down a perfect sacrifice bunt.

Chelsea Hull was able to score the game's first run on the play following a throwing error by the first baseman.

The Lady Mustangs rally continued when Szado was safe at first base following a fielding error by the third baseman. Sophomore centerfielder Ella Corthell followed with a flyball single into center.

The two runners were left on base as Lenox seventh grader Evelyn Julieano retired the next two batters.

The visitors took a 3-1 lead when freshman first baseman Grace Julieano hit a two-run single into left field with two-outs in the third. She also scored on a wild pitch.

Lenox loaded the bases in the fourth inning. Corthell caught a line drive off the bat of junior shortstop Aliza Munch, which kept the score at 3-1. If the ball gets past Corthell, three runs would've scored, and Munch probably would've had an inside the park grand slam.

"Ella made a couple of outstanding catches in today's game," Carneglia said. "She has been battling a leg injury and she had to come out of the game in the sixth inning."

Lenox did put two more runs on the scoreboard in the fifth inning. Grace Julieano drove in another run with a ground ball out. A couple of

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LACROSSE



Chiacchia scores 100th point in Monson win

Nevaeh Chiacchia looks to score.

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Samantha Shrewsbury makes a fake toward the goal before passing.



Lyla Strycharz holds her stick away from her opponent.



Caitlyn Saunders carefully makes her way up the field.

MONSON – On May 19, Monson girls lacrosse held off Chicopee 11-9. In the matchup, Nevaeh Chiacchia notched her 100th career point. Monson would go on to finish the regular season with a 7-12 record. The Mustangs finished below the top 32 and will not make the state tournament.



Claire Wahlund makes a line for the goal.



Teammates surround Nevaeh Chiacchia after she notched her 100th varsity point in a game against Chicopee.

BASEBALL

Tantasqua advances in Central Mass. tournament

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

FISKDALE—The Tantasqua varsity baseball team entered last Wednesday's Central Mass. Athletic Director's Association Class A quarterfinal game riding a seven-game winning streak.

The third-seeded Warriors needed a little bit of help from junior first baseman Jack Raposse to keep the streak alive. Raposse

delivered an RBI single into left field with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning as the Warriors celebrated an exciting 5-4 walk off victory over the sixth-seeded Westborough Rangers in the rain at Emrich Field.

"I've been slumping at the plate during the past couple of games, so it feels awesome getting the winning hit in today's game," Raposse said. "My main goal was just to put the ball in play in that situation."

Tantasqua (17-2) also won a walk-off game, 5-4, against SWCL rival Uxbridge on a chilly afternoon in the second game of the regular season. The winning run in that contest scored on a wild pitch.

"It seems like every time that we play a game in bad weather, we win on a walk-off," said Tantasqua head coach Jon Leroux. "I'm just glad that we found a way to win today's game. That's what we've done all season long."

The Warriors hadn't won a

BASEBALL

Mustangs suffer close loss to Lee



Niko Matthieu gets the tag on a runner.



Jake Beaupre gets a backhand.

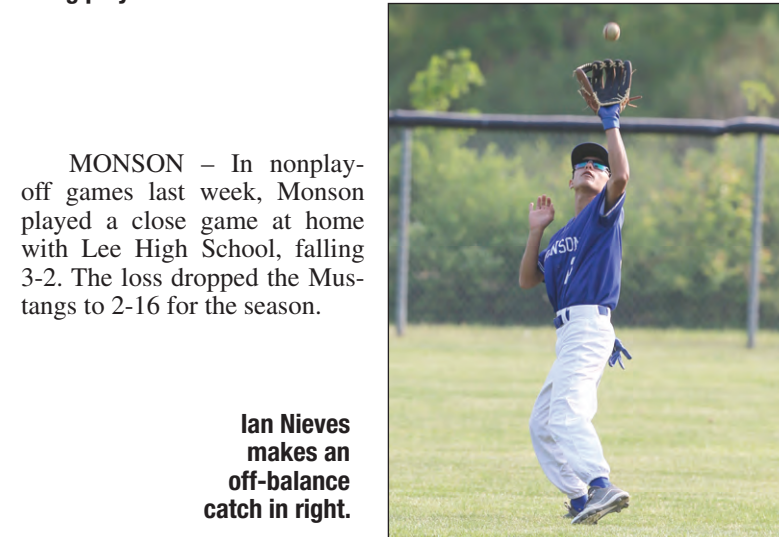


Colin Beaupre catches the out at first.



Austin Meacham makes a diving play.

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Ian Nieves makes an off-balance catch in right.

MONSON – In nonplay-off games last week, Monson played a close game at home with Lee High School, falling 3-2. The loss dropped the Mustangs to 2-16 for the season.

game in the CMADA tournament since posting an 11-0 shutout victory versus Nashoba Regional two years ago. They then lost to Westborough in the semifinals.

"We lost Westborough in this tournament two years ago. We lost to Shrewsbury last year," Leroux added. "We're now going to be facing Wachusett Regional, who's another very good baseball team, in the semifinals on Friday afternoon. We really do enjoy facing talented baseball teams before the start of

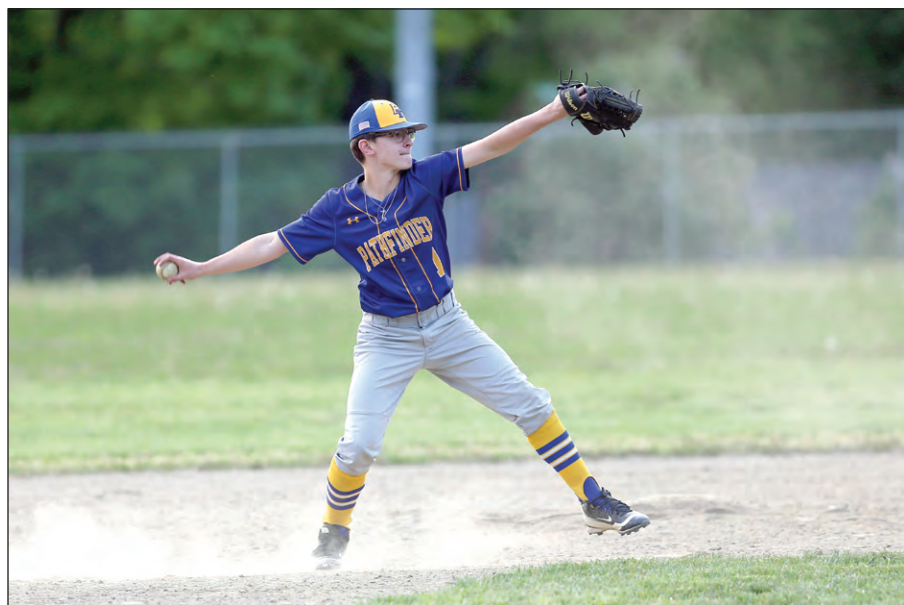
the state tournament. Miles (Blake) will be our starting pitcher in the semifinal game."

Blake, who's a sophomore lefthander, is the Warriors ace. He recently verbally committed to playing Division 1 college baseball at Northeastern University in a couple of years.

The weather wasn't that bad at the start of last Wednesday's quarterfinal game, which was delayed

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Pioneers makes semifinals



Brayden Mega gets the throw off to first.



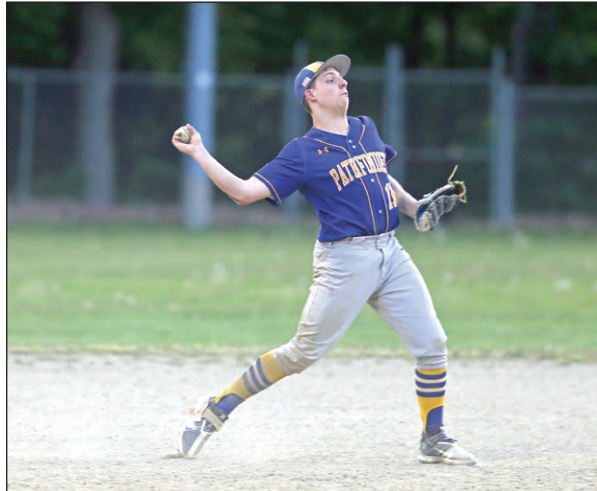
Austin Lagimoniere fields a ground ball to center.

Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

PALMER – Last week, Pathfinder baseball took part in the Western Mass. Class C tournament. The Pioneers would narrowly defeat Drury 2-1 in the quarterfinals, then be defeated 6-1 on the road at Frontier Regional. The Pioneers have qualified for the state tournament and will await their seeding later this week.



Trevor Millet makes the short throw to second.



Jesse Cygan pitches for the Pioneers.

Hirschman dominates to win at Granite State Derby

LEE, N.H. — In the inaugural Granite State Derby at Lee USA Speedway, Matt Hirschman dominated early but came up short in the stretch. This time around, Hirschman would not be denied.

“Big Money Matt” took charge on the third lap and never looked back en route to his first NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour win of the year and his first at “New Hampshire’s Center of Speed.”

“We just finally closed one,” Hirschman said in victory lane. “These races are tough to win, and I think we should have had five or six of them in recent years.”

The Northampton, Penn., veteran started third and only needed a couple laps to get alongside polesitter and defending race winner Doug Coby. Once at the front, Hirschman checked out, maintaining a modest advantage over Coby, Sam Rameau and Jon McKennedy as the leaders plotted their tire strategy.

Patient and clean racing through the pack was paused on lap 69 when Max Zachem spun down the frontstretch, opening the pit strategy window. Hirschman led the entire field down pit road for tires, then beat Coby and McKennedy back to the track to lead the field back to green.

Coby stumbled on the restart with clutch problems, sliding back through the pack as McKennedy and Austin Beers set-



Submitted photo

Matt Hirschman gets the win in the Granite State Derby

led into second and third. Beers snuck past the reigning series champion and into the runner-up spot, but Hirschman was setting a steady pace at the front that the sophomore could not outmatch. The leaders prepared for one last pit stop, all the while managing their tires to go the distance if necessary.

McKennedy slipped back around Beers with 25 laps to go, carving time off Hirschman’s advantage as the leader dispatched slower traffic. But the caution McKennedy needed to erase that advantage never came.

Hirschman, ever disciplined at conserving equipment, crossed the line 1.120 seconds ahead of McKennedy to win his sixth career NWMT race and his first since the 2021 season opener.

“We deserve better than what the results have been, and a lot of that is on me,” Hirschman said. “I take the most responsibility for that. But today, we delivered.”

Beers held on for third place, with Rameau and Ron Silk rounding out the top five. Coby raced his way back to sixth at the finish.

Hirschman’s win is a small step toward repeating last year’s Whelen Granite State Short Track Cup championship for car owner Roy Hall’s Pee Dee Motorsports. Coby won the first leg of the triple-race program, the Duel at the Dog 200 at Monadnock Speedway.

In addition to the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour, six more feature races kept fans on the edge of their seats with a mix

of local and regional star power. Supermodified wunderkind Jeffrey Battle passed his uncle Eddie Witkum with the white flag in sight to claim victory in the 350 Supermodifieds. Tom Harwood prevailed in a three-way battle to win the 25-lap New England Dwarf Car Series showdown. The New England Pro 4 Modifieds staged their inaugural Dan Meserve, Sr. Memorial Race, with Brayden Meserve taking an emotional win for the family.

Massachusetts’ Ryan Kuhn topped Lee’s best Pro Stock racers, leading wire-to-wire in a commanding performance in the 80-lap Pro Stock open. Wade Gelinus turned in a similar performance with the NHSTRA Late Models. And setting the stage for the night’s main event, Kyle Valeri took his first-ever win with the NEMA Lites.

The next scheduled event for JDV Productions is the inaugural Winchester Open Modified 100 at Monadnock Speedway in Winchester, N.H., where the JDV Open Modifieds will make their debut at “Mad Dog” Saturday, June 3. More information on this special event will be released later this week.

For more information on JDV Productions, visit JDVProductions.com and follow on social media for the latest updates throughout the season, including updates from the track on race day with feature winner posts.

Hall adds new lighting display

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame announced a recent addition to the museum’s iconic exterior, a state-of-the-art LED projection lighting display. The dome, one of the city’s most prominent structures, will be lit up every night and will display an array

of festive colors and patterns for holidays and events throughout the year.

“We’ve completed a major renovation on the inside of the Hall, and adding this dynamic lighting package to the building’s exterior demonstrates our ongoing commitment to beauti-

fying the property and enhancing the riverfront area,” said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. “We couldn’t be more pleased with the result and to be able to help light Springfield’s night sky.”

In an effort to honor those who have sacrificed everything in ser-

vice to the nation, the dome and building will be lit red, white, and blue this Memorial Day Weekend, May 25-29.

This summer, the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame will light the night to celebrate the winner of the NBA Finals, Independence Day, Enshrinement Weekend, and more.

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Athlete of the Week



NAME: Neveah Chiacchia
SCHOOL: Monson
The Monson girls lacrosse player recently notched her 100th career point for the Mustangs.

To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.

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30 minutes because the Westborough bus arrived late to the field.

Tantasqua junior righthander Joe Amaru, who had a cheering section behind the backstop, retired the Rangers very quickly in the top of the first inning on three groundball outs.

His teammates gave him a 1-0 lead to protect in the bottom half of the frame.

Junior third baseman Colm McGrath drew a leadoff walk against senior lefty Cooper Hagen, who struck out the next two batters. Senior catcher Henry Blake didn’t make the third out, as he lined a single to the gap in left center scoring McGrath with the game’s first run.

Henry Blake, who’s one of the Warriors five seniors, will be playing college baseball at MCLA next year. Tantasqua’s other four seniors are Devin Krochmainyckyj, Aubyn Phillips, Ryan Kelly, and Steven Parent.

The Rangers tied the score in the third inning following a sacrifice fly to left field by junior second baseman Andy Carneglia. The visitors took the lead for the first time with one-out in the fourth when senior Owen Tarasiak (2-for-3) blasted a run scoring triple to center.

It began to rain in the bottom of the fourth inning and the batter’s box became muddy, but the contest continued without a stoppage.

The Warriors used some small ball to retake the lead in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Junior left fielder Cole Nussey began the rally with a leadoff walk. Then junior centerfielder Ryan Wright put down a bunt, which was fielded by Hagen. Nussey just beat the pitcher’s throw to second base. The next batter struck out and sophomore right fielder Chace Fredette had a bunt hit, which loaded the bases.

Krochmainyckyj brought home the tying run with an infield hit. Wright also scored on a wild pitch to the backstop, which gave the Warriors a 3-2 lead.

Amaru, who loaded the bases

with no outs in the sixth inning, was replaced on the mound by sophomore righty Lucas MacNevin, who wound up being the winning pitcher.

“Joe always does everything that we ask him to do on the mound. They did score a couple of runs against him, but he just kept battling out there,” Leroux said. “Lucas has performed very well in his role all season long.”

Amaru finished his outing allowing four runs on six base hits. He struck out three and issued only one walk in five plus innings. He also picked off a runner at first base.

Following a force out at the plate, Tarasiak drove home two more runs by hitting a double into left field, which gave the Rangers a 4-3 advantage.

Hagen, who went the distance, hit Raposse with a pitch leading off the bottom of the sixth. MacNevin then put down a sacrifice bunt and Raposse, who stole second, scored the tying run on a throwing error by the pitcher.

MacNevin issued a two out walk in the top of the seventh before striking out the next batter, which set the stage for the dramatic finish.

Krochmainyckyj lined a leadoff single into right field. He was forced out at second base when Henry Blake bounced into a 6-4 fielder’s choice play. Blake stole second and moved to third on a single by junior second baseman Hunter Normandian.

With Raposse at the plate, Leroux called for a suicide squeeze bunt play. The play failed as Raposse couldn’t make contact on a high fastball and Blake was tagged out by the catcher. Normandian did move into scoring position, which made things a little less painful for the Warriors.

“We didn’t execute the suicide squeeze, but we still had a runner at second with two outs,” Leroux said. “Jack has been in a slump and I’m very glad that he got a base hit in that situation.”

Raposse sent a fastball into left field for the game winning hit before being mobbed by his teammates.

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batters later, eighth grade right fielder Amaya Alger hit a ground ball single into centerfield, which plated another run, which increased the Millionaires lead to 5-1.

At that point, Carneglia decided to make a pitching change.

“The Lenox batters were making contact with Molly’s pitchers,” Carneglia said. “I just wanted to give them something different to look at.”

Chelsea Hull, who’s a lefty, replaced Szado in the circle. Hull got out of that inning with a comebacker and strikeout.

With two-outs in the bottom of the fifth, Natalie Hull sliced the deficit to 5-3 with a two-run single into right field.

Lenox got one of those runs back in their next at-bats.

Corthell left the game after leading off the bottom of the sixth with a triple to left field. She was replaced at third base by sophomore pinch runner Emma Alban. She scored on a ground-out by right fielder Ailis Kealy, who’s the only senior listed on the Lady Mustangs varsity roster. Kealy also scored on a wild pitch and the Lady Mustangs entered the final inning trailing by only one run.

Lenox scored a pair of runs in their final at-bats and Evelyn Juliano retired the side in order in the bottom of the seventh ending the Lady Mustangs dreams of winning the Western Mass. title.

During the next couple of weeks, Monson will be trying to capture the Division 5 state title.

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HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox is still searching for a few host families for the 2023 season.

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DEATH NOTICES

Chaiffre, Gerald A.
Died May 20, 2023
Services are private

Monette (Pease), Audrey J.
Died May 2, 2023
Services June 9, 2023

St. Amand, Edward R.
Died May 13, 2023
Services June 3, 2023

Hewinson, Bruce E.
Died May 18, 2023
Services May 30, 2023

Nadolski (Sherman), Dorothy C.
Died May 24, 2023
Services May 31, 2023

O B I T U A R I E S

Gerald A. Chaiffre



PALMER — Gerald A. Chaiffre, 76, passed away Saturday, May 20, 2023. Gerald was born in Pittsfield, MA December 7, 1946 to the late Horace A and Rosemary (Viner) Chaiffre. He served in the US Airforce from 1964-1968 and was honorably discharged. He earned his degree in Business Management and Engineering. For many years he was a Construction Superintendent overseeing the construction of commercial buildings throughout most of the northeast. Gerald enjoyed deep sea and freshwater fishing, hunting, listening to country music, playing softball and watching football especially the Giants and Patriots. As Gerald always said "family is everything" and

he was happiest when spending quality time with his family.

Gerald was predeceased by his son, William M. Chaiffre. He leaves his daughter Melissa A. Hibbard and her husband Jack of Pelham; sons, Arthur G. Chaiffre, Hunter A. Chaiffre and his partner, Gina Richards, Ryan M. Chaiffre all of Palmer; sister Judy Wilson and her husband Gary of Raleigh, NC; lifelong friends William Mickle and his wife Kathy of Dalton; three granddaughters, Lauren Messer and her fiancé Jae Zemianek, Jamie Farnum and her husband David Farnum, Amber Messer



and her fiancé, Tyler Rogers; great grandchildren, Forrest, Eleanor and Wilhelmina Farnum; goddaughter/niece, Karen Martello and her husband Stan Martello and their family; niece, Amanda White, Jeff White and their family; three godsons Scott Campbell, Richard Campbell, and William Mickle IV, and many friends and extended family members.

All services are private and have been entrusted to Lombard Funeral Home of Monson. For on-line condolences please visit www.lombardfuneralhome.com.

Bruce E. Hewinson

MONSON — Bruce E. Hewinson, 64, passed away at home Thursday, May 18, 2023. Bruce was born in Palmer August 24, 1958 to the late Earle G. and Catherine Hewinson. He attended Monson Schools and has been a life long resident of Monson. Bruce enjoyed fishing anytime he could. He loved both freshwater and deep sea fishing. He was an outdoorsman as well, spending as much time as he could gardening, tending to his fruit trees and relaxing by a bonfire.

Bruce leaves his son, Gregory Wallander of Jonesboro, ME; a brother, Jeffrey Hewinson and his wife Rebecca of Shatesbury, VT; sisters, Donna Keough and her husband James of Mason, Ohio, Laurie Chasse and her husband Joseph of Monson and Linda Sbrogna and her husband John of Leominster, along with many nieces, nephews and friends. Bruce was predeceased by his parents



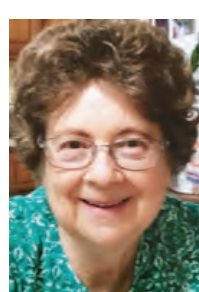
and his brother Glenn Hewinson.

Visiting hours were held Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at Lombard Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children 516 Carew Street Springfield, MA 01104. For online condolences please visit www.lombardfuneralhome.com

Audrey J. (Keith) Monette

PALMER — Audrey J. (Keith) Monette, 89, passed away May 28, 2023. Born in Palmer on December 23, 1933, she was the daughter of George H. and Ethel H. (Pease) Keith. Audrey grew up in Thorndike, MA and graduated from the Palmer High School class of 1951. In her younger years she enjoyed roller skating, shopping and going to the movies for a night out on Main Street in Palmer.

On May 19, 1956, Audrey married Lyle E. Monette and raised her family in Brimfield and then returned to Palmer in 1990 when she and her husband built their new home on Pinney Street. Audrey was proud of her various jobs through the years, working after high school at Warren Pumps and later for many years in the retail store for Wrights Manufacturing. She was very artistic and enjoyed drawing, sewing and crafting along with weekly Bingo with her late



sisters, Elsie, Ruth and Marion. Audrey was very organized and truly a kid at heart with her feminine side always being made up with red lipstick and jewelry. In addition to loving all holidays and especially Christmas, she loved to giggle, laugh, dance and eat waffles with strawberries and whipped cream. To say that she was an avid Red Sox fan is an understatement. Audrey's love for the baseball team had her listening, watching, reading and keeping stats on the players through the years. Her memory will forever be cherished by her husband of 67 years, Lyle E. along with her children, Steven L. Monette and his wife, Annie of Walpole, NH and Douglas A. Monette and his wife, Teresa of Ludlow. Nana, as she was lovingly called, also leaves

brothers Alice, Elsie, George, Ruth, Marion, Donald, David and her infant son John Michael Monette. Visitation will be Friday, June 9 from 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. at the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home with a service to begin at 11:00 a.m. Burial to take place following the service at Brimfield Cemetery. Donations may be made in her memory to the Alzheimer's Association. Please visit www.beersandstory.com

Dorothy C. (Sherman) Nadolski

PALMER — Dorothy C. (Sherman) Nadolski, 91, passed away May 24, 2023 at Baystate Medical Center. She was born December 2, 1931 in Palmer and has been a lifelong resident. She was the daughter of Charles and Rena (Ahrens) Sherman. Dorothy has various jobs through the years as a school bus driver, at Mass Mutual and Church Company. Her greatest passion was her flowers and gardening. She was a part of a garden club, and her green thumb was evident by all. She also loved photography and was a part of Ware Camera Club for over 20 years.

Crafts, fine needlework along with traveling and square dancing was also enjoyed in her leisure. In 2006, Dorothy was predeceased by her husband, Thaddeus J. and she will be dearly missed by her children, Steven Nadolski and his wife Karen of Palmer, Carol Foucault of Albuquerque, NM, and Patricia Gibbs and her husband Stephen of Palmer. Dorothy also leaves her grandchildren, Gregory and his wife Erin Gibbs, Stephanie Gibbs,



Joshua Gibbs and his wife Lya and Melanie Foucault. Besides her parents and husband, she was predeceased by a sister, Ruth Bell, a brother, Kenneth Sherman, and a grandson, Christian Foucault. Visitation was held Wednesday, May 31 from 10-11:00 a.m. at the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home followed by a graveside service at Oak Knoll Cemetery. Please visit www.beersandstory.com

O B I T U A R I E S

Edward R. St. Amand

PALMER — Edward R. St. Amand, 55, passed away May 13, 2023 after developing life-long complications as a result of epilepsy. He was born on June 6, 1967 in Newport, VT, to Robert and Margaret (Higgins) St. Amand. Ed graduated from Cathedral High School in 1985, attended Holyoke Community College, and later worked as a painter. He was a member of The Orange Ducks. Ed was an avid Red Sox fan and enjoyed listening to the games on the radio. He also enjoyed studying Philosophy, specifically the works of Dostoevsky and Brothers Kara-

mazov, and recently began studying the Orthodox Russian Bible. Ed was also an active participant and volunteer in the Palmer Senior Center programs and services.

Edward was predeceased by his parents, Robert and Margaret. He is survived by his brother, John and Patricia St. Amand, and their daughter Abby, all of W. Roxbury, MA.

A period of visitation will be held at the Beers & Story Palmer



Funeral Home on June 3, 2023 from 2:00-3:00pm with personal reflections to be shared at 3:00pm. Burial will be held at the family's discretion. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Palmer Senior Center by visiting www.townof-palmer.com or by mail c/o The Palmer Senior Center, Inc., 1029 Central St., Palmer, MA 01069. Please visit www.beersandstory.com to extend online condolences.

Quabbin Wire hosts health and wellness fair

WARE — Recently, Quabbin Wire & Cable Co., Inc. hosted a health/wellness fair for its employees.

Not only was the fair held in May during "Mental Health Awareness Month," it showcased many community resources that are available to the employees.

According to a press release, employees said, "Ware is a small community; it was great to see vendors, large and small, come together to provide information and assis-

stance," and "I did not know this help was out there."

Representatives from Bay State Health, the Behavioral Health Network, Cambridge Credit Counseling, Quabog Valley Community Development Corporation's Quabog Connector and Financial Fitness Club, the Town of Ware's Public Health Nurse, Substance Abuse Recovery Alliance and Food Assistance.

Health New England also provided biometric screenings to

employees who were interested in learning about their current health status.

Other tables provided information on the risks of smoking, healthy recipes and food guides. Healthy snacks were provided, and great prizes were raffled off to help employees achieve a healthy lifestyle.

Participating employees will also be crossing the finish line in the fitness challenge "Walk Across America" this month.

Aaron's Race day entering final lap

BELCHERTOWN — The second Aaron's Race Family Event being held Saturday, June 17 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., on the Common, is entering its final lap of preparations.

Building upon last year's inaugural launch to provide help and information as to preventing teen suicide, the day's program offers families a day of fun from the race to the SUPER Raffle, to the booths and demonstrations, and much more.

While much of the race day activities will take place on the Common, the actual Pinewood Derby race takes place in Old Town Hall; and will be held rain or shine.

However, the turn out for the race needs more enthusiastic racers. If you have a Pinewood Derby car from years past, you can enter it the

race.

In addition to the Pinewood Derby Car Race, the Belchertown Lion's Club will offer food for purchase and the Ice Cream Emergency Truck will offer frozen sweet treats. Other attractions and vendors include TJ's Gourmet Popcorn, SUPER Raffle tables, magic show, cotton candy, balloon animals, face painting by Carrie, henna tattoos by K's Body Art, two Western Mass Pinball games, UMass horse and motorcycle patrols and car show with C-10 Trucks and GTO's.

The Belchertown Fire Department will also have a "Touch a Truck" event on the Common.

The Aaron's Race brochure contains an application inside and is found at locations around Belchertown.

If you can't find one around town, the application is also shared on Facebook at Aaron's Race 01007. This site is updated daily for the race, SUPER Raffle, car show, mental health booths with informational help as to Teen Suicide, and other day long activities.

Everything has been thought out, planned, and now AR 01007's volunteers are hoping for a bigger crowd to come and enjoy the day before Father's Day.

Donations and sponsorships appreciated by mailing checks to Aaron's Race 01007, P.O. Box 517, Belchertown, MA 01007 or through Cash App.

SUNBURN SEASON

New immunotherapy offers hope to melanoma patients

SPRINGFIELD — Whether basking in the sun (in the first place, you shouldn't do that) in your backyard, at the local park, or at the beach, heed these warnings, noted Dr. Richard Arenas, chief, Surgical Oncology, Baystate Regional Cancer Program:

One in five Americans will develop skin cancer by the age of 70.

More than two people die of skin cancer in the U.S. every hour.

Having five or more sunburns doubles your risk for melanoma, the third most common skin cancer which causes the most deaths.

However, there is good news when it comes to melanoma.

"If detected early, the 5-year survival rate for melanoma is 99 percent," Arenas said.

Surgery is the main treatment for most cases of melanoma and can often cure early-stage cancers before they metastasize and decrease the likelihood of a cure. For patients with non-melanoma skin cancer, treatment options may include surgery and several ablative — the process to remove tissue from the body — approaches, such as cryotherapy and photodynamic therapy.

Today, immunotherapy, in particular the development of immunity checkpoint inhibitors — which rely on a person's own immune system to help kill cancer cells — is making a huge difference in how melanoma is treated. They are the first class of therapy to improve the overall survival for patients with advanced melanoma.

According to Arenas, we are only beginning to understand the impact of the immune system in fighting cancer by explaining that the use of immunotherapy before surgery can provide even better outcomes. A recent study pub-

lished this year in the New England Journal of Medicine showed that patients with advanced-stage melanoma who were treated first with pembrolizumab, a particular immunotherapy drug, had a better chance of having their melanoma successfully removed with surgery and a better overall survival.

Arenas and the National Cancer Institute recommend these tips to protect your skin from sunlight, which can also be reflected by sand, water, snow, ice and pavement:

- Wear a hat with a wide brim all around that shades your face, neck, and ears. Baseball caps and some sun visors protect only parts of your skin.

- Wear sunglasses that block UV radiation to protect the skin around your eyes.

- Wear long sleeves and long pants. Tightly woven, dark fabrics are best. Some fabrics are rated with an ultraviolet protection factor (UPF). The higher the rating, the greater the protection from sunlight.

Use sunscreen products with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15. (Some doctors suggest using a product with an SPF of at least 30.) Apply the product's recommended amount to uncovered skin 30 minutes before going outside and apply again every two hours or after swimming or sweating.

"All it takes is just a few blistering sunburns in our childhood to more than double our chances of developing a potentially deadly melanoma later in life. In fact, for a while now we have seen many more patients, especially women in their 20s and 30s, coming into our practice with melanoma and basal cell cancers," Arenas said.

The American Academy of Pediatrics and Arenas recommend the

following tips for infants and children:

Babies under 6 months of age should be kept out of direct sunlight. Move your baby to the shade under a tree, umbrella, or stroller canopy. Dress babies in lightweight clothing that covers the arms and legs and use brimmed hats that shade the neck to prevent sunburn. If adequate clothing and shade are not available, it is okay to apply a small amount of sunscreen on infants under 6 months, such as on the face and the back of the hands. Remember, it takes 30 minutes to be effective. If an infant gets sunburned, apply cool compresses to the affected area.

Kids should also cover up with clothes made of tightly woven fabrics. Cotton clothing is both cool and protective. Also, kids should wear a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses with ultraviolet (UV) protection. Stay in the shade whenever possible and avoid peak intensity hours between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Apply sunscreen with an SPF 15 or greater to areas of your child's skin that aren't covered by clothing. Before applying, test the sunscreen on your child's back for an allergic reaction. Apply carefully around the eyes, avoiding eyelids. If a rash develops, talk with your pediatrician. Be sure to apply enough sunscreen — about one ounce per sitting for a young adult. Reapply sunscreen every two hours, or after swimming or sweating. If your child gets a sunburn that results in blistering, pain or fever, contact your pediatrician.

For more information on the Baystate Regional Cancer Program, visit baystatehealth.org/brcp or to request an appointment or ask a question, call 413-794-9338.

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Dan Moriarty, Monson Savings Bank President and CEO, presents a \$4,000 donation to Susan James and David Dupuis of the Monson Arts Council.

MSB Donates \$4,000 to Monson Arts Council

MONSON – Monson Savings Bank is known for frequently displaying its support to the communities it serves and recently made a \$4,000 donation to the Monson Arts Council.

David Dupuis of the Monson Arts Council expressed his gratitude to the community Bank.

“Monson Savings Bank is very generous in their support of the Monson Arts Council and the local arts,” Dupuis said.

“We are very grateful for their longtime support. This donation in particular will be essential to our Spring Art Exhibition and Sale.”

Susan James, also of the Monson Arts Council, was very thankful for the donation from Monson Savings.

“The Monson Arts Council is so fortunate to have a community partner like Monson Savings,” she said.

“The bank has been a longtime supporter of the Monson Arts Council.

It is because of loyal supporters like them that we can continue our mission.”

The \$4,000 donation will help the Arts Council put on its annual Spring Art Exhibition and Sale.

“Monson Savings is always happy to lend our support to community organizations in any way that we can,” said Dan Moriarty, Monson Savings Bank president and CEO.

“The Monson Arts Council does so much to bring the Town of Monson and the surrounding communities together through the arts. As a lifelong resident of Monson, I am always so impressed by the events and workshops the Council puts together.”

To learn more about Monson Savings Bank, go to monsonsavings.bank.

To learn more about the Monson Arts Council, go to monsonartscouncil.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

E-mail items to mharrison@turley.com or mail to Calendar Editor, Journal Register, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, for receipt by Monday of week for publication.

The Journal Register encourages readers to contact event coordinators and organizers for updated event times. Have an event to promote? Email the information (in sentence form and as a Word doc or plain email text – no PDFs or flyers, please – to mharrison@turley.com.

THIS WEEK

SARAH THE FIDDLER: Keep Homestead Museum, 35 Ely Road in Monson, presents a free outdoor concert at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 4, on the side lawn (weather permitting). Bring a chair or blanket. Shuttle service will be available from Colonial Village at 12:30 p.m. and the parking lot at First Church on High Street from noon to 1 p.m. For more information, go to keephomestead-museum.org.

NEXT WEEK:

Ware Grange’s next gardening workshop of the year, “Herbal Tidbits: An Introduction to Growing our Favorite Useful Plants,” will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 9, in Grange Hall at 297 Belchertown Road in Ware. The presenter will be Roberta McQuaid, author of the weekly “In the Garden” column for Turley Publications. Come learn tips for growing a wide variety of vegetables. A door prize drawing will be held. Visit the group on Facebook or at waregrange.org for more information.

UPCOMING

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER: The Monson Democratic Town Committee invites the public to its 56th annual meet the candidates night 5-8 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at the Monson Polish Club at 7 Bliss Street. Residents running in the June 13 election will deliver remarks and be available to talk. Admission is \$25 and includes a social hour, buffet and silent auction. Proceeds benefit the MDTC Scholarship Fund. To reserve tickets,

email Keith Valley at rvalley1543@gmail.com.

SUMMER DANCE PROGRAM: Kids and teens age 7 to 17 are invited to a Summer Drama and Dance Program Tuesdays and Thursdays June 20-Aug. 27 at the Palmer Historical and Cultural Center, 2072 Main Street in Three Rivers. Sign up for either drama or dance or both. All students will take part in an end-of-season performance. For more information, go to palmerhcc.org.

GOLF TOURNEY FOR PETS: Second Chance Animal Services’ 11th annual Charity Golf Tournament will be held at Cold Spring Country Club on Monday, July 24. The event offers golfers a great golf outing on a world-class course and will benefit programs assisting the underserved at Second Chance Community Veterinary Hospitals in the region. Individuals and foursomes are welcome. Second Chance encourages golfers to purchase tickets early. Check in will be 9 a.m. and the tournament will commence with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Registration and information on sponsorships and item donations can be found at secondchanceanimals.org/events/golf/.

INTERESTS

CRAFTERNOONS: Drop in 2-4 p.m. daily at the Holland Public Library, 23 Sturbridge Rd. to learn or practice different crafts. New crafts every Wednesday. For more information, call 413-245-3607.

KEEP HOMESTEAD MUSEUM: Located at 35 Ely Rd., Monson, nature trails are open daily until dusk for hiking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Trail maps can be found in the parking lot. The Phillips Sculpture Garden is open year-round (handouts in box on one of the sign posts). For more information call 413-267-4137, email khm@keephomesteadmuseum.org or visit keephomesteadmuseum.org.

QUABOAG VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD: Members meet at 1 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month in the Amvets post at 2150 Main St., Three Rivers. The Guild is a no-pressure group with varying degrees of accomplishments, from novice to Big E “Best In Show” winners. Dues are \$55 a year. For more information, contact Barbara Beaulieu at 267-4044 or Merry Mombourquette at 283-7577. Follow them on Facebook for more.

ONGOING

LINE DANCING CLASS: 3-5 p.m. and/or 6:30-8:30 p.m., every Thursday at the Monson Polish Club, 7 Bliss St., Monson. Rose’s line dancing classes include absolute beginners and beginners, and participants get to dance to all types of music. \$10 per class. Please wear comfortable footwear, no sandals.

GAME NIGHT: 6-7:45 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month at Top Floor Learning (third floor of the Palmer Library at 1455 N. Main St.). Free and open to the public. Play available board and card games or bring your own. Must be 16 or older unless accompanied by an adult. No Registration Required – just show up! Questions? Call 283-2329, or 283-3691, or email palewis19@yahoo.com.

NOTCH VISITOR CENTER OPEN FOR WINTER SEASON: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday-Monday. The center is located on Rt 116, at the center of the Holyoke Range State Park. DCR Interpretive staff will be available for visitors. Coming in January, programs will also be offered to highlight the Range’s special nature in winter, see the park web site for details.

QI GONG: 6 p.m., every Tuesday night at Memorial Hall with Randy Emerson. Free, no registration. Presented by Monson Parks & Rec and the Monson Free Library,

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Mary Hull hands a flag to a spectator.



The American Legion Post 241 Commander, Carl Santos places a wreath at the cemetery.



A gun salute by the American Legion members.



Members of the athletic teams.



Members of the athletic teams.



Cub Scout Pack 168 march along Main St.



Michael and Kourtney McLeod waited by the senior center with their dad Mathew to watch the parade.



Dominic, Jack and Andrew Petracone were all smiles to watch the parade.



The girls scouts were on hand for marching.



Jason, Emmy and Daisy Johnes enjoyed the parade from a blanket on the grass.



Turley Publication photos by Deanna Sloat
Jamie & Dawsyn looked patriotic waiting for the parade to begin in front of Monson Savings Bank.



Jaxon Ziobrowski had a front row seat on the sidewalk to watch the parade.



Hudson Pursey rode in style and had a great seat for the Monson Memorial Day parade.



Rachel Perry, Rhett and Tim Rollet watched the parade from the grass.



Members of the Monson Republican Committee.



Janice Gouvin, Brenda Manning and Louisa Curtis had front row seats for the parade.



Jordyn Doyle from Monson sang the National Anthem to the crowds gathered in front of Memorial Hall to honor those who have served our country.



Jesse, Brandon and Molly Mushenko were joined by friends Toni and Anna Uliana, Ashley Fauteux and Veteran Hamer Clarke to watch the parade traverse Main Street.

There are just a few weeks of summer left and back-to-school preparations to begin!

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lives. Many joined in the parade from the Select Board members, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and athletic teams. The parade made its way along Main Street, stopping along the way at the cemetery to pay tribute and place a wreath to show respect to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. There was a gun salute and a military jet fly over which left the crowd in awe. The parade participants and community made their way down to Memorial Hall, where Monson High School student, Jordyn Doyle sang the National Anthem.

Thank you to all the veterans for your service and sacrifice.



Lexiana Palmer had her spot to watch the parade in the shade.