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PALMER

School District survey results provide insight

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PALMER – As the Palmer School District welcomes new superintendent Matthew Francis, effective July 1, employees completed a survey aiming to provide insight about their experiences and beliefs regarding the District.

Survey results were revealed in a presentation hosted by Ribas Associates and Publications Senior Consultant Dr. William Lupini at the June 14 School Committee meeting, with a total of 165 survey respondents.

Lupini said, “the data collected through this set of questions will be provided to the new Superintendent for his use in his entry to Palmer as well as by the School Committee to support the work of our teachers and administrators.”

Employees Valued

Of the 165 respondents, 73 are Palmer High School employees, 77 are Old Mill Pond Elementary School employees and 13 participants did not specify.

When asked if they believe the District values their employees, 14% of participants strongly agreed while 50% agreed and 30% answered neutral.

“I think it’s trending in a positive way,” said Lupini.

Throughout the survey, a large percentage of staff answered neutral on several questions.

Lupini said some comments suggested responses may reflect employee’s experiences in the Dis-

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Student Elizz Cobbins is shown laughing as she puts a plate of Cool Whip in Kerry Lynch's face.

Ending the year on a sweet note

Old Mill Pond students
pie the principals

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PALMER – After a school year filled with calendar sales, raffle tickets and several other fundraising initiatives, the students of Old Mill Pond celebrated their accomplishments with a reward as sweet as pie.

Last Thursday afternoon, students lined the school yard grabbing plates heaping with Cool Whip to “pie the principal” of their choice.

Members of the OMP Parent Teacher Organization spearheaded the event, selecting capture the flag winners, top calendar sellers, raffle ticket sellers and PTO students to participate.

Though Principal Holly Riopel said she was feeling “pretty confident” going into the event, by the end, Riopel and assistant principals Penny Manteria and Kerry



Shown is Assistant Principal Mrs. Kerry Lynch giving a “thumbs up” as she smiles through a pile of Cool Whip.

Lynch left school covered in Whip.

PTO member Christa Nompoggi said 160 kids participated in the event and went through 27 large tubs of Cool Whip in the process.

One PTO member said the students “were so ready for this,” adding that the more they went up in grade, the rowdier students became.

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REMEMBRANCE

Carol Rivest Memorial Foundation hosts 9th annual benefit



Submitted Photos

Dave Deraleau and Sheila Rivest are shown holding the Carol Rivest Memorial Foundation banner at last year's annual benefit.

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MONSON – In an effort to raise funds and awareness for domestic violence education and resources, the Carol Rivest Memorial Foundation will host this year's annual benefit Saturday June 24, from noon-7 p.m., at Westview Farms Creamery, 109 East Hill Road.

Monson's own Jordyn Doyle will perform live music from 12:30-2 p.m. with local band “Time Trippers” performing tunes from the 1960s-1970s from 3-7 p.m.

Brother to Carol, Robert Rivest will also provide a well-being laughter segment, offering techniques and laughter-based healing practices.

Sister to Carol, Sheila Rivest

said the event is family oriented and will offer over 60 raffle baskets, paid hay rides and other outdoor activities including a corn hole contest.

“Carol loved live music and concerts...the annual outdoor fundraiser at Westview Farms Creamery is a great way to celebrate her life and bring awareness to domestic violence,” said Sheila Rivest.

Rivest established CRMF years after the tragic loss of her sister who was killed at 22 years old at the hands of her ex-boyfriend on May 11, 1982.

Rivest said Carol had been with the boyfriend for five years, caught in the toxic cycles of abuse.

However, before the ex-boyfriend killed her, the family believed the relationship was finally healing practices.

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Photos by Marcelo Gusmao

From left: Mel Gustafson, Dianne “Dee” Brennan, Sue Keough, and Kathryn Costa work on art for the upcoming art show.

Senior Center Art Show

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PALMER – This Friday, the Senior Center will be hosting an art show, featuring artwork put together by local seniors.

Art classes started at the Senior Center back in September, and are taught by Grant Strange. The Art

Show, scheduled for June 23, will feature “Our very talented seniors displaying their work that they worked on throughout the year,” according to Lisa Jacques.

“We meet once a week, on Tuesday afternoons from 2 to 3,” said Dianne Brennan, one of the students at the art class.

There are about 10 total members that regularly attend the classes, which go from 1:30 to 3 p.m., and attendees paint whatever they

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VETERANS

Race Cars for a Cause

Military Appreciation
Day honored veterans
at PMP

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PALMER – For the sixth year, Race Cars for a Cause held its annual Military Appreciation Day at Palmer Motorsports Park, giving veterans and their families a chance to feel the thrill of Whis-

key Hill.

Despite a steady fall of rain last Saturday morning, veterans were lined up at the gate well before the 8 a.m. opening, ready to pair up with volunteer drivers on one of the top 10 road courses in North America, according to Road & Track Magazine.

The 2.3 mile track has several unique features, including a 190-foot vertical evaluation and some of the most breathtaking views in the northeast.

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Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

Race Cars for a Cause offered a free day of fun for military veterans and their families during Military Appreciation Day at Palmer Motorsports Park this past Saturday, including laps on the track in high-performance cars. Shown from left are Carolyn Galica, Ron Savorner, Founder and President Jeff Archambeault, and newest crew member John Giasullo. Giasullo, a U.S. Army veteran, is also a driver for Race Cars for a Cause.

MONSON

School Committee discusses Summerfest

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MONSON – The School Committee saw some new appointments at its recent meeting, and discussed arrangements for the upcoming Summerfest event.

At the beginning of the meeting, Emily Graves-Harrison was named Chair, Alison Morgan was named Vice Chair, and Jamie Murphy was named Secretary.

Superintendent Cheryl Clarke also announced the hiring of a new Principal for the High School, Arthur Murphy, who is leaving his six-year position as Principal of Gardner Middle School to come to the district.

“We went through quite an extensive search to choose that Principal,” Clarke said, “everyone in the school community was involved.”

Clarke described Murphy's first faculty meeting last week as “wonderful,” and said that he will start in the new position on July 1.

Chairman of the Summerfest event, Steve Slozak, then presented to the Committee about the upcoming fireworks display, announcing that a second band has been hired to fill the 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. time slot at the Saturday,

June 24 event. The first band will be The Beginnings, and the second will be Aquanet, according to Slozak.

“I booked them back in September,” Slozak said. “They’re a very popular band.”

Slozak then discussed the need to access the kitchen at Quarry Hill School for electrical hookups, though he assured the Committee that the only people who would be coming in and out of the school would be associates of Summerfest, and the members of the bands if they need to change outfits.

When asked if they would need faculty posted to guard the door, Slozak said, “the electrician is usually there most of the time that evening, that’s kind of his spot.”

Slozak presented to the Committee about parking for the event, including putting up fences for the fireworks and a snow fence on Margaret Street, through coordination with the Police Department.

Slozak said there will be no parking behind Quarry Hill School, as it is too challenging with the playgrounds located there. He said they tried it one year and it didn’t work well.

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OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

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Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

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/.



Photos by Marcelo Gusmao

Larry Humason on bass, Dave Pielock and Don Lacey on guitar, Ken Butcher on drums, and Dawn on vocals make up The 60s Experience.



People get down on the dance floor for The 60s Experience.

60s Experience plays cruise night at Pulaski Park

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PALMER — This past Friday, the park welcomed The 60's Experience cover band to Pulaski Park for the weekly concert and cruise night.

To accompany what would have been their Camaro and Firebird Night, though rain led to a lower turnout than expected. According to the President of the St. Stanislaus Polish Club, Josh Hoy, the Club will extend the theme to upcoming cruise nights.

The 60s Experience, formed in 2018, reproduces music by bands from the '60s and early '70s, "to remind audiences of a simpler time of peace, love,

and harmony." They performed music by The Beatles, The Foundations, Creedence Clearwater Revival, and others, while dressed in period clothing.

Pulaski Park asks that attendees of upcoming cruise nights not bring food or alcohol to the park. "Our liquor license does not allow it," said the notice on the Polish Club's Facebook page, warning that "If we find you drinking from a cooler in your car or anything of the sort, you're out!"

Park representatives also ask that attendees follow instructions when parking, and are careful not to tear up the grass.

Concerts and cruises will be held at the park every Friday from 5 to 9 p.m. until September, except for July 7.



Debbie and Ed Kozdronkiewicz, Bruce and Dolly Gallagher, and Pepper (front).

The June 23 cruise night will feature a concert by Pure Country, and on June 30 a band called Looney Tunes will perform, accompanying the Mustang theme night.

Fire dept. offers condolences

PALMER — The Three Rivers Fire Department offered condolences following a recent motor vehicle accident that left a Pathfinder tech student dead.

The accident occurred on Sykes Street in the vicinity of Pathfinder. According to a press release from the TRFD, Engine 1 and Car 1 responded to the scene while support was provided by surrounding communities.

"Upon arrival, crews found one occupant

entrapped. Following a determination by the paramedic on scene, the individual was pronounced deceased. The scene was handed over to law enforcement partners from Palmer Police, the Massachusetts State Police and investigators from the Office of the District Attorney," the release states.

Fire crews from Engine 1 remained on the scene and support crews staffed the station to ensure a response in the event of another emergency.

"The thoughts and prayers of the Department are with the victim, their friends and loved ones, and the broader community impacted by this tragic loss," Three Rivers Chief Scott Turner said.

"Emergency crews worked to ensure that every possible measure was taken. The Department offers its condolences to all those mourning."

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Free smoke, carbon monoxide detectors offered

THREE RIVERS — The Three Rivers Fire Department is reminding the community that residents of the village are eligible to receive free smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, courtesy of the department.

"It is so important that homeowners, landlords and tenants practice sound fire prevention techniques," said TRFD Firefighter Samantha Hoy, who serves as the Fire and Life Safety educator.

"In addition to planning, each home should ensure that smoke and carbon monoxide de-

tectors are in place and functioning."

Residents are encouraged to contact the department by phone to request detectors and to schedule an appointment for installation. Crews are available 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Headquarters and Station House can be reached at 413-283-7161.

The department also added the reminder that it is mandatory for landlords to comply with fire codes requiring smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

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feel like, usually working with acrylics.

"Sue (Keough) is our slate specialist," Brennan said, to laughs from the other ladies.

The art pieces will be available for sale, according to another student, Kathryn Costa. "Art is ther-

py," Costa said, and mentioned how painting has helped her focus.

In an article for the Alzheimer's Society, Heather O'Neil wrote, "Art has helped my mom to live a meaningful life, staying happy and engaged despite her condition."

This sentiment is shared by the

students at the Senior Center. "My memory's gotten way better," Costa said.

The art show will be held from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Friday, June 23 at the Council on Aging building on Central Street.

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Instead, Slozak said, "We'll use the parking right here, behind the pool."

The School Committee unanimously approved Slozak's requests.

Summerfest will be held at Quarry Hill School on Saturday, June 24 starting at 5 p.m., with a rain date of Sunday, June 25.

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CAMPUS NOTES

Holyoke Community College

The following local students were named to the Dean's List at Holyoke Community College for the spring 2023 semester:

Macy Beth Jensen and Harrison Meitzler of Brimfield; Joshua Granger, Lauren Marie Harris, Nicole Helen Messina, Kristy Marie Pivcio, Bianca Marie Roncarati and Samantha Ann Sevigne of Monson; Jocelyn Marie Benard, Matthew Shane Charon-Smith, Colin William Doktor, Andrea Elizabeth Marie Morris and Rielle Renae Wynn of Palmer; Catherine Rose Caney and Angela June Tindell-Gula of Three Rivers; and May Marie Adams and Esai Laferriere of Wales.

A student is placed on the Dean's List if their G.P.A. is 3.2 or higher.

Fitchburg State University

Charles L. Moran of Holland was named to the Dean's List at Fitchburg State University for the spring 2023 semester.

A student is placed on the Dean's List for the semester if an average grade of 3.20 or better is attained and the student is attending the university full time.

Western New England University

Western New England University recently announced the selection of Matthew Sweet of Monson to serve as one of 10 Orientation Group Leaders for the 2023 Summer Orientation and Registration program. These student leaders will play a vital role in guiding incoming students and their families as they transition into the Western New England University community, a news release states.

The Orientation Group Leaders, known as OGLs, have been chosen based on their consistent demonstration of solid citizenship and active involvement within the Western New England community. Their selection was influenced by their exceptional communication skills, leadership qualities, and ability to foster strong relationships with students and families alike.

The SOAR program at Western New England University serves as a cornerstone for academic readiness and the successful integration of new students into the university community. OGLs will provide essential support and guidance to entering students and parents, ensuring they receive the necessary information and structure for a smooth adjustment to the university environment.

Also, the following local students were named to the Dean's List at WNEU for the 2023 spring semester: Matthew Sweet of Monson, who is majoring in Creative Writing; Katie Burnham of Monson, who is ma-

ajoring in Psychology; Madison Cole of Palmer, who is majoring in Chemistry; Kathryn Henry of Palmer, who is majoring in Forensic Chemistry; Noah Lee of Palmer, who is majoring in Health Sciences; Elizabeth Shvetsov of Palmer, who is majoring in General Business; Grace Kaiser of Palmer, who is majoring in General Business; Jacob Crafts of Monson, who is majoring in Biomedical Engineering; and Maxfield Phaneuf of Brimfield, who is majoring in Civil Engineering/Environmental Engineering.

American International College

The following local students recently received their degrees from American International College: Kerilyn Barrios of Palmer, Master of Science in Nursing; Andrew Rolinger of Brimfield, Master of Science; and Madison Paul of Palmer, Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Muhlenberg College

Leia Resnick of Monson recently graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in the Media and Communication Major and a Creative Writing & Journalism Minor from Muhlenberg College.

College President Kathleen Harling presided over the ceremony, telling the graduates, "It has been a privilege to serve as your president and I am incredibly proud of you and all your outstanding accomplishments."

University of New England

Meghan Leach and Kaitlyn Santos, both of Monson, were named to the Dean's List at the University of New England for the 2023 spring semester. Dean's List students have attained a grade-point average of 3.3 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester.

Russell Sage College

Anna Breidenbach of Monson was named to the Dean's List at Russell Sage College for the spring 2023 semester. To be placed on the Dean's List for the semester, a student must earn a grade-point average of 3.50 or higher while carrying a minimum of 12 credits in courses graded A-F, with no grades of incomplete.

Norwich University

Two local students, Scott Kustra of Monson and Dalton Maenpaa of Wales, were recognized on the Dean's List at Norwich University for the 2023 spring semester. Full-time undergraduate students who earned a semester grade-point average of at least 3.40 are awarded Dean's List honors.



Jessica McGarry



Shantie Prashad



Blair Robidoux



Cindy Saucier

Country Bank Announces Promotions

WARE- Country Bank recently announced their newest promotions.

Jessica McGarry has been promoted to Senior Vice President, East Region Commercial Lending Team Lead. Jessica has over 20 years of experience in the banking industry and has been a commercial leader in the Worcester market for the past ten years.

Shantie Prashad, Cindy Saucier, and Blair Robidoux have been promoted to Assistant Vice Presidents, Retail Banking.

Shantie Prashad has over 26 years of sales and leadership experience. She graduated from The New England School for Financial Studies in 2022, and is highly active in the Worcester community. She serves on the Board for the Learning First Foundation and the YWCA and serves as an Ambassador for the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Cindy Saucier has over 20 years of banking and leadership experience, serving as the Retail Banking Officer of the Charlton

Banking Center. She graduated from the New England School for Financial Studies in 2021 and is a Board Member and Vice Chair for the Central Mass South Chamber of Commerce, along with various non-profits and committees within the Charlton community.

Blair Robidoux currently leads the West Street Banking Center and has over 17 years of experience in the retail division. Blair has held various roles throughout her tenure at Country Bank and graduated from the New

England School for Financial Studies in 2019.

"We are committed to helping each team member identify their career goals and work with them to reach those objectives. Their performance contributes to the Bank's overall success, and we're pleased to be able to promote these individuals for their hard work and dedication to the organization," said Miriam Siegel, first senior vice president, chief culture and development officer of Country Bank.

Palmer School Committee hosts final meeting

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PALMER - The Palmer School Committee shared closing remarks for the 2022-2023 school year, as well as plans moving forward for 2023-2024.

Old Mill Pond elementary school principal Holly Riopel said OMP has completed their data driven preparations.

Riopel said the school's intervention team collects data at the beginning and end of the school year to analyze and identify strengths and weaknesses within the school.

"We have a lot of positive things that have come out of this data...we also have a few areas that we will work on and address going into next year," said Riopel.

She added OMP has had "lots of staff" voice interest in starting clubs and after school activities.

Some include a kindness club, fifth grade student council, a newspaper club and a book club.

Riopel added OMP is ending the school year "on some high notes."

OMP hosted preschool graduation Wednesday June 7, kindergarten graduation Thursday June 8, and fifth grade graduation Friday June 9.

She said all graduations were "very successful" and "very well attended."

"Our preschool graduation had over 144 parents which is the highest we have ever had so we were super, super happy about that," said Riopel.

After graduation, students participated in a "block party", held at the school and organized by the Parent Teacher Organization.

"There were animals, there was dancing [and] there was a dunk tank...hats off to PTO who really helped to pull off a wonderful year," said Riopel.

The fifth grade students had their own "private glow party" inside and were allowed to stay a half hour later than the other students.

Riopel said it "boosted them up a little bit," and made them feel "a little cooler because they stayed a little later."

She acknowledged the custodial staff and thanked them for their help throughout the year.

She especially recognized the efforts and support of Interim Director of Facilities Anthony Granger.

"It was so easy on my end to know that I had somebody who was actually executing what I needed," said Riopel.

Riopel also thanked the town Recreation Department, adding she "felt like we worked very well with them."

She recognized their work clearing the school grounds and weed whacking the preschool play area.

Palmer High School end of year remarks

Palmer High School principal Susan North shared her condolences with the Pathfinder Regional High School community as they cope with the loss of a student.

North said Palmer High School sent "all six of our adjustment counselors and guidance counselors over to Pathfinder to help support the students and the staff."

As the school year comes to an end, North said PHS has been working "for a smooth transition" for fifth graders to join the high school.

PHS hosted a step up day earlier this month and invited fifth graders to the high school to play Kahoot on June 13.

"One of the questions was 'who are the administrators at the high school?' and all the students were able to answer it," said North.

Sixth grade orientation will be held August 24 at 6 p.m. in the auditorium.

North congratulated retirees Heather Perron, Kathleen Pertz and Chris Beaudry on their retirement.

North acknowledged their commitment to the district with Perron working for the Palmer public schools for

23 years, Pertz for 25 years and Beaudry for 35 years.

"That alone says a lot about Palmer public schools and what an amazing school district we are..." said North.

She added "these individuals have impacted so many students and they will be missed tremendously."

Finance Report

Interim Director of Finance and Operations Sara Menard said the district is "on track to where we should be at this point in the year."

"We have asked all the departments to go back through [and] double check that all of the invoices that they have, have been received," said Menard.

Menard said some line items may have increased since April as a result of paying invoices that may have fallen "through the cracks earlier in the year."

She added the district also saw an increase in solar charges due to a rate increase in May.

There are no additional updates on purchasing a generator for OMP.

Interim Superintendent Colleen Culligan said "part of what we plan to do over the summer is look at our capital expenses in general."

She added there are Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds available that

the school may be able to use to purchase a generator.

However, "we don't know what qualifies for that and what does not so we are going to be making a lot of applications for that in September," said Culligan.

Menard said she attended a Budget Subcommittee meeting for Town Council and was able "to observe the budget discussion."

"At the end of the meeting we did get up to the school's budget... They asked for us to provide some more details," said Menard.

She said they were able to provide the information requested and are willing to attend more Budget Subcommittee meetings to answer any other questions.

Approvals

The Committee unanimously voted in favor of approving Cathy Les', Kids Corner Director, request to host an out of state field trip to Hartford Connecticut, August 3.

The field trip will allow 75 students to visit the Connecticut Science Center with no additional costs to students.

The trip will be funded by the Kids Corner general funds, with a chaperone ratio of one chaperone to seven students.

Two nurses will also attend the trip and students will be transported by bus.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

Matters

By Russell Gloor

Will work earnings affect my Social Security at age 80?

Dear Rusty: I am 80 years old, and I receive monthly Social Security benefits, but I'm thinking about returning to work. At this age, am I limited in how much income I generate without affecting my benefit? If so, how much can I earn without affecting it?

Signed: Spry Octogenarian.

Dear Spry Octogenarian: Since you have already reached your Full Retirement Age for Social Security's purposes, you can earn as much income from working as you like without your monthly Social Security payment being affected. Social Security's earnings test applies only to those who collect benefits before reaching their full retirement age, which is somewhere between age 66 and 67, depending on year of birth.

However, although the earnings test will not apply to you, it's important to know that Social Security benefits are subject to income tax if the annual combined income from all sources, also known as your "Modified Adjusted Gross Income" exceeds certain thresholds. The income tax filing status is an influencing factor - if filing as a single and the MAGI is more than \$25,000 or filing as "married/jointly" and the MAGI is more than \$32,000, then 50% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year becomes part of the overall taxable income. And if your MAGI as a single filer is more than \$34,000 or, as a married filer more than \$44,000, then up to 85% of the SS benefits you receive during the tax year becomes part of your overall taxable income at your standard IRS income tax rate. Thus, returning to work may result in Social Security benefits unexpectedly becoming taxable income.

For complete clarity, the "MAGI" is regular Adjusted Gross Income on income tax return, plus 50% of the Social Security benefits a person received during the tax year, plus any other non-taxable income (except Roth IRA withdrawals) they may have had.

So, while earnings from working at age 80 and beyond will not affect the monthly Social Security benefit payment, you may - depending on the total income or "MAGI" - find that your Social Security benefits will become taxable if the combined income from all sources exceeds the above thresholds. And if your benefits will become taxable, you may wish to consider having income taxes withheld from your monthly Social Security payments, which you can do by submitting IRS form W-4V to your local Social Security field office.

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It's all about the pie

In our family we get the privilege of requesting a special dessert to celebrate birthdays or other special occasions.

My husband asked for a strawberry pie for Father's Day. My oldest daughter made the crust while my youngest and I picked the strawberries.

After making a sauce with half the berries we mixed it with the other half of chopped fruit and poured it into the crust. Now to wait two hours while it chills.

We'll whip up some cream and, voila! The taste of my summer in my opinion!

I love having a small patch of strawberries in my garden. I think I am in year four or five with this particular planting.

I've thinned and replanted but I am starting to worry that having them in close to the same spot for this length of time has lured a strawberry-specific bug to the garden. Let's learn about this bug and maybe figure out a game plan as to how to combat it.

Many of my riper strawberries have damage consisting of circular holes, some of which go deep into the fruit. Occasionally there will be a beetle inside the strawberry, caught in the act.

Upon closer examination, I've determined them to be the strawberry sap beetle.

It's tiny, measuring less than one eighth of an inch long, brown, and oval shaped. They are drawn to ripe fruit and because of this, we can come up with creative ways as to how to catch them.

Pesticides are shown not to work - nor would we want to use them on fruit we are ready to eat!

Folks have had good luck with traps of stale beer, vinegar, fermenting juice, or a mixture of water, molasses and yeast.

Add a few inches of the liquid of your choice into a bucket or other deep container placed outside, but near the strawberry patch. Typically the insect will get lured in and drown.

This type of trap, albeit shallower, will also catch slugs.

Slug holes on strawberries are irregularly shaped, not circular, and most

often they extend into the fruit as if the critter is eating its way through it.

A basin or saucer, even a pie plate buried to soil surface level will catch slugs when they come out of hiding to feed. Empty these types of traps every few days, replacing the liquid.

I'm a bit nostalgic today. Thinking of my own dad, of course!

If he were still alive his pie of choice would have been apple, not a la mode, but topped with a piece of cheese!

One thing I am experiencing in my mini orchard right now is "June drop." While my apple orchard is still too young to bear many apples, there are tiny apples at the base of my best bearing tree.

Some say that June drop is due to pollination problems; others surmise that it is caused by a competition for carbohydrates. Roots and shoots are competing with the newly formed apples and sometimes there isn't enough to go around.

I had always thought that insects were to blame. Regardless, June drop isn't necessarily a bad thing.

We are taught to thin clusters of fruit so that individual fruits get to a respectable size. This is Mother Nature taking care of that for us.

Therefore, if you do plan on thinning, it is best to wait and see what happens between now and the first week of July before you thin down to one or two fruits per cluster.

Well, the strawberry pie was a big hit. I'm already thinking about the leftovers for tomorrow's dessert and what pie I'll have for my next big day.

Blueberry, anyone?

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.



GUEST OPINION

What drew me to caring for people in my community

By Hannah Niemiec

I have wanted to be a nurse since I was young. My journey into the health field began while in high school when I signed up for a Certified Nurse Assistant program and this started me on my career path. Since graduating from nursing school, I completed the Baystate Health Nurse Residency Program and have been working at Baystate Wing Hospital since July, 2022.

I completed my one-on-one preceptorship for nursing school at Baystate Wing on the Med/Surg Unit during my last semester of nursing school. Being able to start a job on the same floor I had done my clinical rotation on gave me great headway in the world of nursing and I felt so welcome in the unit when I took a full-time job there.

I became a nurse to make a difference. I love being able to be a light to my patients on some of their darkest days. Caring for people living in my community is another important part of what I do, and I am proud of the knowledge, compassion, and skill that go into the care I provide each shift I work.

I love coming to work! Each day I learn something new, from skills, to fun facts, and about different diseases. Being a nurse means being committed to constant learning, practice, and reflection for continuous improvement.

My favorite moments with patients are the everyday moments of caring for them and spending time getting to know them better. I love when I can discharge a patient home and can see the improvement they have made. I love when they thank our team for the care we have given them that makes them feel better and able to go home with the education we give them to stay healthy.

We have a great team, and we work so well together. Our team makes each member feel welcomed and valued. I am grateful for the great relationship I have with all my coworkers. The Patient Care Technicians I work with daily play a huge role in the care I give to each patient. We all work side by side and make each day a good day while taking care of our patients as a team from admission to discharge.

I make compassionate connections with my patients each shift. Each connection I make is different and how to make that connection sometimes has to change based on the patient and their personalities. Because I am from the local area and live in the community, I can relate to my patients many times.

Something many people would find surprising about being a nurse is a nurse's role is more than just being a nurse. We can have different roles each day depending on the needs of our patients. Many would not know how many different types of patients/diagnoses and skills we use and see on a day-to-day basis.

These experiences help build a good foundation for each nurse. I am grateful for the team I work with each day.

Hannah Niemiec, BSN, RN, works in the Med/Surg Unit at Baystate Wing Hospital in Palmer. For more information visit Baystatehealth.org/wing



Green-tailed towhee

I received a note from a Williamsburg resident along with a newspaper clipping about a green-tailed towhee spotted in Newport, Rhode Island at Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge.

She said they are native to the Southwestern United States and "having gotten so far, they might be here any day now." The green-tailed towhee is the smallest towhee. They are small, but chunky songbirds with a big head, stocky body and a medium to long tail. Their bill is thick.

They are fairly common in the western mountains and spend most of their time in dense, low thickets where they forages on the ground. It has a gray body, fairly greenish wings and tail with a rufous crown and white throat. These towhees do sometimes wander east.

The female lays three to four white eggs with heavy dots of brown or gray, often concentrated at the larger end of the egg. They build their nests on the ground or in low shrubs. It is a large, deep cup loosely made of twigs, grass, weeds, strips of bark and lined with finer grasses, rootlets and animal hair.

They eat mainly seeds and insects, but they will sometimes feed on berries or small fruits. They make a cat like meowing sound.

Best cities for birdwatching

New York, New York recently was ranked the number one city for birdwatching; I assume because of



Comments on CONGRESS

By Lee Hamilton

Before the memory of the recent debt ceiling negotiations disappears and we confront the next drama in Washington, let's pause a moment to acknowledge what just happened.

You can debate from here to eternity whether the American people were winners or losers in the deal (I'd say winners because the government didn't default; losers because we had to go through the whole charade in the first place) but what's not debatable is one key point: Congress and the White House provided a lesson in how negotiations and bipartisanism are supposed to work.

We live in an era when this can seem impossible, as hard-line conservatives in the GOP and a few determined progressives in the Democratic party try to push policy to the extremes and appear to reject the idea of even talking to the other side. But Washington has a way of imposing the discipline of hard numbers - in this case, a House controlled by Republicans with a bare majority; a Senate with a very small Democratic margin;

and a presidency in Democrats' hands.

For either side to make progress, they have to negotiate with the other.

What's easy to forget is that this has been the norm for more than a half century. Of the 28 Congresses since 1969, 19 have been divided (if you include the 107th, which began and ended under unified Republican control, but for most of its two-year length was divided because of a senator's party switch).

Anyone who's spent time in the nation's capital during this long era of mostly divided government knows that with power so distributed, there is no single path to success in trying to make the Congress work. As long as they're playing by the rules, the chief way to judge success is by the results. And on that front, the debt ceiling debate was a success - even if the harder-core members of the GOP caucus in the House are now trying to punish Speaker Kevin McCarthy for the deal he struck.

You may know the broad out-

This is how divided government should work

line of the agreement: It buys the government two more years before the next debt ceiling clash; imposes a freeze on some federal spending; broadens work requirements for food stamps; and makes other changes designed to appeal to either Republicans or Democrats. As The New York Times' Katie Edmondson wrote after it passed, "The compromise was structured with the aim of enticing votes from both parties. It allowed Republicans...to say that they succeeded in reducing some federal spending - even as funding for the military and veterans' programs would continue to grow - while allowing Democrats to say they spared most domestic programs from the severe cuts."

This allowed both McCarthy and President Joe Biden - and their parties - to claim victory. In a set of negotiations like this, that's actually what you're aiming for: the ability for everyone to walk away saying, "This is what I've done for you." It's a classic illustration of how democracy works, especially when political leaders are content to share credit. In an analysis after the bill passed, longtime Times Washington correspondent Peter Baker noted, "The president's approach to the negotiations - and especially their aftermath - reflects

a half-century of bargaining in Washington. When someone has been around the track as long as Mr. Biden has, resisting the temptation to spike the ball and claim victory can be critical to actually securing the victory in the first place."

The recent floor rebellion by some disgruntled members of McCarthy's caucus is a reminder that none of this is easy. But the overwhelming majority by which the debt ceiling compromise passed in both houses is also a reminder that, when the chips are down, many members can remember a key fact about life on Capitol Hill: You have to be flexible and work with what you can patch together when you're trying to lead the country.

That's what our system offers - the chance for political leaders to do their jobs and make democracy work.

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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.

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trict throughout different periods.

One staff response read, "there has been a shift since COVID and the teacher shortage is being more valued. Prior to this I felt more expendable."

Another respondent wrote, "in previous years this would have been 'disagree,' however, things have shifted and are moving in the right direction."

When asked if employees felt supported by the School Committee, 7% strongly agreed, 26% agreed, 52% selected neutral, 10% disagreed and 7% strongly disagreed.

One employee wrote they "have no interaction with them," while another said "at times [it] feels like the School Committee caters more to the requests of students and parents than the expertise of staff members."

Over 75% of survey participants responded that they felt supported by the Palmer School District administration.

"Our administrators have been most supportive," said one respondent, adding "they are exceptional leaders and great role models for staff and students."

Another employee said, "the High School administrators have supported my role as an educator to a great degree."

Nearly one third of the participants selected neutral when asked if they believed their feedback was heard and valued.

Lupini said this result was one he wondered about, as it is "usually a question people have an opinion on, one way or another."

Despite the amount of neutral responses, 57% of people responded positively to feeling their feedback is heard and valued.

One employee responded that "this survey makes [them] hopeful," while another said they believe there is "no time for real conversation about what is best for the kids."

Disciplinary actions

Although responses were consistent between the two schools throughout most of the survey results, Lupini observed a "big difference" in how employees believe their school's address disciplinary matters.

The data revealed 20% of the 165 respondents agreed their school's disciplinary systems were clear and consistent, with over 35% responding neutral and nearly 30% disagreeing.

Old Mill Pond results showed 36% of respondents agreed disciplinary systems are clear and concise, though 40% responded neutral and 20% disagreed.

Palmer High responses showed 42% of respondents disagreed, with 13% strongly disagreeing.

One respondent said, "there are different understandings of how to enforce expectations throughout the building."

Another added they believe "the systems are clear but they don't seem to be effective."

Dress code

When asked if the school dress code should be discussed and updated, 30% strongly agreed, 27% agreed and 29% answered neutral.

One respondent said they "do not feel a student's attire has any impact on their learning ability or the learning of others."

Another said they believe it is "a major issue... students push the limits with dressing for school on a daily basis."

They added, "it is a very complex issue and very challenging for a male teacher to address issues with female students."

Improvement plans

When asked if the District improvement plan and school improvement plan drive instruction and improve student achievement, 52% of participants answered neutral.

One response said the participant didn't "know what these are."

Another said, "our District improvement plan is not routinely shared out and/or discussed with our staff."

Nearly 70% of respondents agreed that the District is aware of and invested in the social emotional concerns of students.

One response said, "the social and emotional concerns for our students are changing and evolving almost as quickly as we can put things into place."

Another responded "there is much room for improvement in this area including the creation of a social emotional learning committee to spearhead district wide practices."

While 50% of employees answered they believed the District communicates clearly to employees on important issues, 30% responded neutral.

Some responses said, "communication could be clear," and "many things are communicated last minute."

One respondent believes communication "has improved considerably at the building level but still only as superficial communications to all staff."

Curriculum

When asked if employees believe the current curriculum material enhances their ability to provide rigorous instruction to students, 37% agreed and 18% of respondents strongly agreed.

One employee suggested "the elementary school is in dire need of an updated science and social studies curriculum," adding "math and ELA [courses] would be worthwhile."

Another suggested the addition of a curriculum director.

Although 20% of respondents answered they agree the District professional development offerings are relevant and meaningful, 35% responded neutral, while 25% disagree and 13 strongly disagree.

One employee said they believe "paraprofessionals need their own development which is different from the teachers."

Morale

When asked if employees believe the District morale is trending in a more positive direction, one employee said they "somewhat agree but I think it's going to be a long process after what the past administrations have done."

Another responded they "regularly see our administrative team going out of their way to create a positive environment and I truly appreciate those efforts."

However, they "the current state of public education is extremely stressful and I often see colleagues who are exhausted and discouraged."

Over 50% of respondents said they agreed the morale is trending in a more positive direction, though nearly 30% responded neutral.

Lupini recommended new superintendent Francis use these survey results, "as a basis for his entry plan work with administration, educators, the community and School Committee."

He suggested that future employee surveys "not allow for a neutral response," and "include additional demographic questions in order to allow for additional analyses of results."

School Committee member Sandra Noonan thanked those who answered the survey.

"I think we have some work to do as a School Committee in maybe making ourselves more visible and more present to members," said Noonan.

Committee member Erica Nadeau said the responses "were really good to hear," adding the Committee appreciated the honest feedback.

She said without the honest feedback, "both positive and critical," the Committee would not know what to do "to move forward."

Monson Savings Bank donates \$1,000 to Empowerment Scholarship

MONSON – Monson Savings Bank recently made a \$1,000 donation to The Women's Empowerment Scholarship.

Dan Moriarty, President and CEO of Monson Savings Bank met with Cori Medeiros, vice president of The Women's Empowerment Scholarship, to present the donation on behalf of Monson Savings Bank.

"Our community members chose The Women's Empowerment Scholarship as a donation recipient through our Community Giving Initiative voting," Moriarty said.

"Monson Savings is honored to support this organization. We know that this donation will help support local women reach their education goals."

As a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization, The Women's Empowerment Scholarship works to empower females by encouraging and empowering them to pursue higher education, a news

release states. The foundation provides educational grants to women while paying special attention to women entering one of many male-dominated career paths, including, but not limited to, science, technology, engineering, finance, and law.

In aiding women financially, the Women's Empowerment Scholarship team aims to propel their careers and allow them to shatter all glass ceilings and stereotypes. Learn more at womenempowermentscholarship.org.

"The repeated support we have received from my hometown bank is so meaningful to me," said Bailey Medeiros, president and founder of The Women's Empowerment Scholarship.

"Our organization awards females educational grants so that they can further their education. This would not be possible without our supporters. I can't thank Monson Savings Bank enough for once again holding the Com-



Contributed photo
Dan Moriarty, Monson Savings Bank President and CEO, recently presented a donation to Cori Medeiros, vice president of The Women's Empowerment Scholarship.

munity Giving Initiative."

To learn more about Monson Savings Bank's commitment to the local communities, visit monsonsavings.bank. To learn more

about The Women's Empowerment Scholarship, go to womenempowermentscholarship.org.

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over and "things were going to be different this time," as he had started a relationship with someone else.

"It was so heartbreaking to try to change her mind that [she didn't] deserve what was happening to her," said Rivest.

Rivest was only 18 at the time and, being the youngest sibling, learned a lot from her older sister. "So much of my self worth came from her," she said.



The Carol Rivest Memorial Foundation will hold its annual benefit at Westview Farms Creamery on Saturday, June 24 from noon-7 p.m.

"[Domestic violence] doesn't discriminate...it's not a place for judgment, anger or retaliation...It's a place of understanding...this can happen to anyone," said Rivest.

Proceeds from the event are donated to local agencies that provide services for domestic violence, including shelters and programs that offer assistance as well as education.

One program is Alianza Domestic Violence shelter in Holyoke.

Rivest believes Carol would have benefited from resources such as therapy and programs that provide access to more opportunities as "many people feel stuck."

"I know she wanted better, she was a great big sister," said Rivest.

She added Carol was a young, devoted mother, who "loved an adventure."

"She had a beautiful smile..."



Submitted Photos
Front row from left are Gianna Fusco and Bella Fusco. Back row from left are Jesse Rivest, Hailey Rivest, Ian Kelly, Lindsey LaFlamme and Robert Rivest.

and had a way of talking people into things," said Rivest.

Carol had dreams of furthering her education to become an administrative assistant.

After her passing, Rivest said she had been donating to shelters and domestic violence awareness programs, long before establishing CRMF.

"I decided down the road that maybe I could donate a little more money and speak more often," said Rivest.

Rivest participated in an Accountability Program for many years at the Hampden County jail where she shared Carol's story with inmates and explained how "their actions are a ripple effect."

"I was actually healing by telling her story...it was a relief for me she didn't die in vain," said Rivest.

She added throughout the years she has had "so many people" come up to her and share their stories.

Domestic violence is "not all physical - it is verbal, emotional and monetary abuse,"

said Rivest.

She added it "is not a personal matter," and people should talk about it.

Rivest said the 2022 benefit raised nearly \$17,000 towards the cause and she hopes to raise as much or more this year.

Raffle baskets include donated prizes from local businesses, community members and local government agencies.

Rivest said some of the most popular raffle prizes include Adirondack chairs donated by the Hampden County Jail and House of Corrections in Ludlow as well as a handcrafted guitar donated by family friend Paul Pelletier.

Rivest recognized the commitment of Board members Lisa Lin Allen, Sarah Gloster, Lindsey

LaFlamme and Kim McClintock, adding they are "amazing."

"We are so thankful for all the support," said Rivest.

She included a special thank you to Westview Farms Creamery owners Donnie Foster, Kathy Foster and Kevin O'Malley.

To enjoy a fun-filled day with hay rides, live music and take a chance to win raffle prizes while supporting a great cause, swing by Westview Farms Creamery this Saturday between noon-7 p.m.

For those who would like to support the cause and are unable to attend the benefit, please visit <https://carolrivestfoundation.org/make-a-donation/> to donate.

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Submitted Photo

A sculpture by Juliet Bacchas featuring her mother may be admired in the gardens at the studio on Reimers Road in Monson.

Local potter featured on site for artistic businesses

MONSON — Juliet Bacchas, a co-owner of Juliet Rose Pottery Studio, will be featured for the month of July on ArtsyShark.com, a national website for artistic businesses.

The website, which contains hundreds of articles on the business of art offers marketing and sales tips, inspiration, out-of-the-box ideas and opportunities to grow as a creative entrepreneur. ArtsyShark.com's focus is on publishing information that is useful for readers and artists who are business owners. It features articles that are complete free of charge, and available 24/7. It offers local artists an opportunity to meet a wide audience.

Bacchas was accepted for the site through a competitive process offered to all submitting artists. Each artist features the portfolio of a single artist and tells their story in the artist's own words. Links in the article send traffic to the artist's website as well as their social media profiles. This gives artists the opportunity to sell their work, build awareness, and grow their email list for follow up purposes.

Bacchas is co-owner with Linda Spelko of Juliet Rose Pottery Studio located at 191 Reimers Road in Monson. Their studio is widely patronized by area lovers of beautiful handmade ceramic art and functional pottery. Bacchas responded to the website call for artist information with her artistic biography and story of the studio and is delighted to find her story featured on artsyshark.com complete with photographs of her work.

To see more information about Bacchas and the Juliet Rose Pottery Studio, go to artsyshark.com.

Pack 164 has a day of adventure at CubClave event



Submitted photo

Katerina K., with the help of her father, works on a project using leatherworking tools during a day of activity at CubClave.

PALMER — Cub Scouts and families of Cub Scout Pack 164 recently attended CubClave at Horace A. Moses Scout Reservation in Russell.

At the facility, they joined the Arrowmen of Pocumtuc Lodge in a day full of Bigfoot-themed activities, including archery, rock climbing, leatherworking, crafting and scavenger hunting.

Pikes Peak, the tallest BSA climbing tower in the Northeast, was the favorite stop as parents and Cub Scouts attempted to reach the top — with one Cub Scout able to make it all the way.

In leatherworking and craft-

ing, Cub Scouts used tools to make items out of leather and crafted their own Bigfoot mask. In archery, they learned the rules of using the range and were able to take aim for some target practice.

Cub Scout Pack 164 welcomes children in kindergarten through fifth grade. The pack is chartered by Second Congregational Church in Palmer and is part of the BSA Scouting family of Cub Scout Pack 164 (grades K-5) and Scouts BSA Troops 5164 and 64 (ages 10.5-18).

To learn more about pack and troops, send an email to bsarecruiter164@gmail.com or visit Cub Scout Pack 164 Palmer on Facebook.

WRITING WORKSHOP AT GML

Author teaches how to tap into dreams for creativity

SOUTH HADLEY — Author Tzivia Gover will present a program called "Dreaming on the Page: Tap into Your Midnight Mind with Dreams and Writing" at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, June 30, at Gaylord Memorial Library.

According to a news release,

the workshop will help aspiring writers "Learn how to use the science and psychology of sleep, dreams, and mindfulness to supercharge your creativity and wake up to your best life."

The program will include a discussion on

how anyone can benefit from the 'Dreaming on the Page' method whether you remember your dreams or not and whether or not you consider yourself a writer. Bring a pen and prepare to be inspired.

A resident of Western Mass., Gover is a certified dreamwork professional and the author of several books, including "How to Sleep Tight Through the Night" (with Lesléa Newman) and "The Mindful Way to a Good Night's Sleep," among others. Using a unique blend of dreamwork and mindfulness-based practices, she awakens people to the extraordinary joy, beauty and wisdom hidden within the ordinary moments of daily life and has led events at the Esalen Institute, Sivananda Ashram Yoga Retreat, the New York Open Center and a variety of conferences, colleges and universities, among many others.

For more information, visit her website at TziviaGover.com.

Gaylord Memorial Library is located at 47 College Street. To learn more, visit the library or call 413-538-5047.

Second Chance gets some 'Love' from national nonprofit

EAST BROOKFIELD — Second Chance Animal Services recently received a \$5,000 grant investment from national nonprofit Petco Love in support of their life-saving work for animals in Massachusetts.

According to a news release, Petco Love is a national nonprofit leading change for pets by harnessing the power of love to make communities and pet families closer, stronger, and healthier. Since its founding in 1999, Petco Love has invested \$350 million in adoption and other lifesaving efforts. Petco Love helps find loving homes for pets in partnership with Petco and more than 4,000 organizations — like Second Chance — across North America, with 6.7 million pets adopted and counting.

"Our investment in Second Chance is part of more than \$15M in investments recently announced by Petco Love to power local organizations across the country as part of our commitment to create a future in which no pet is unnecessarily euthanized," said Susanne Kogut, president of Petco Love.

"Our local investments are only part of our strategy to empower animal lovers to drive lifesaving change right alongside us. We recently launched Pet-

co Love Lost, a national lost and found database that uses patented image-recognition technology to simplify the search for lost pets."

The donation was well appreciated. "We are extremely grateful to Petco Love for their continued support," said Sheryl Blancato, CEO and Founder of Second Chance.

"This generous, lifesaving investment helps provide care for homeless pets who come to Second Chance with great medical needs. It is awe inspiring to see these pets get their second chance with loving families here in our community."

Second Chance is a nonprofit organization that helps over 44,000 pets a year to live better lives through four community veterinary hospitals that provide access to full-service care in addition to adoption services, a pet food pantry program and more. Since 1999, Second Chance has been helping pets in Massachusetts and beyond. At the end of 2022, the nonprofit had helped over 337,000 pets.

For more information about Second Chance, visit secondchanceanimals.org. Learn more about Petco Love here: petcolove.org.



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The Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School's Class of 2023 graduated on June 9.

Pioneer Valley Performing Arts celebrates 2023 graduates

NORTHAMPTON — Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School's Class of 2023 celebrated their graduation on Thursday, June 9, at The Academy of Music before a sold out house of family, friends, and faculty and staff from the school.

According to a news release, the crowd welcomed the Class of 2023 with thunderous applause as they danced down the aisle to PVPA's House Band playing a medley of Jimi Hendrix, Curtis Mayfield and...not your usual "Pomp and Circumstance."

A poignant short film, produced by graduating senior Ariana Felici, played next, featuring photos of many of the seniors throughout their time at South Hadley-based PVPA set to Phoebe Bridgers and Maria Taylor's version of "Summer's End." Dance and musical performances by graduating seniors were interspersed between inspiring speeches by students and faculty.

Before giving his speech as Senior Class President, Firas Hashmi was presented with a Four-Year Type I Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps scholarship funded by the U.S. Space Force, covering the full cost of his tuition to attend the University of Chicago. Firas shared that PVPA's unique community offered him "a sense of belonging and educational freedom" where he could

be accepted and appreciated in his interests to be both a Space Force Officer and, on the side, a pipe organist.

In a celebration of PVPA's appreciation of their diverse community, Black Student Union President Thandiwe Delgado-Kinyatti and Latinx Student Union Pres-

ident Ryan Gordon spoke next, taking turns sharing their speech in Swahili and Spanish, alternating with translations to English. They spoke of how lucky they felt to have classmates and teachers from "different walks of life, different cultures, languages, and interests."

Thandiwe and Ryan celebrated PVPA's learning traditions where the "arts and the academics are fused together to make a wonderful world of interdisciplinary study. Our classes have masterfully incorporated the arts into our academics, and vice versa. In history we were able to learn about social movements through the music of the decades and in English we had opportunities to paint and express our interpretations of the themes through visual arts. In artistic classes we not only learn about styles of art but the culture they come from and the history it took to make them what they are today."

And perhaps most importantly, they shared what they have learned by being open to the perspectives of others.

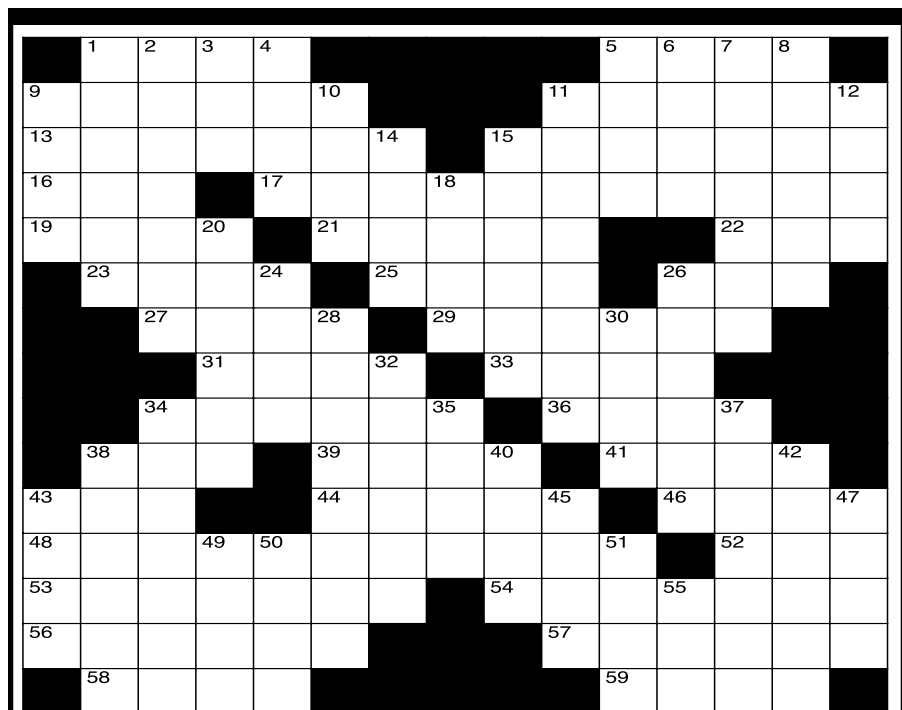
"Perspective doesn't just change with language, but interest, passion, identity, and the arts. Thandi and I ended up sharing this stage because we learned from our differences," Ryan said.

"Ryan and I, We were able to work together and share our backgrounds and cultures with each other, expanding our perspective. This resulted in a valuable friendship and potential life long connection," Thandiwe said.

Before presenting the graduates with their diplomas, scholarships were awarded to graduates in each of the performing arts disciplines. The community enthusiastically celebrated the following scholarship recipients: Edward Godlieski Music Scholarship; Eli Schalet, Dance Scholarship; Tamerah Rollin, Visual Arts and Technical Theater; Rhea Davies, Theater Scholarship; Nicolas DiMambro.

PVPA is a regional public charter school serving 400 students grades seven to 12, from over 50 towns throughout Western Massachusetts. PVPA seeks to connect the creative process with critical thinking to inspire a love of learning. Its mission is to offer students an intensive exposure to the performing arts within the context of an excellent college preparatory curriculum.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Understand intuitively
5. Two of something
9. Not involving computer tech
11. Acclaimed
13. Undermine
15. The condition of being concealed or hidden
16. Irritate
17. The process of developing a theory
19. Ceramic jar
21. Not fresh
22. Dad's fashion accessory
23. Popular review site
25. New Mexico county
26. '___ death do us part
27. Fees
29. Takes with force

31. One-time Yankees rookie sensation
33. Gordon and Snider are two
34. Body parts
36. Arranges
38. Fiddler crabs
39. Mimics
41. Witnesses
43. They ___
44. Lasso
46. Runs down
48. In response to
52. Bird-like dinosaur
53. Metamorphic stages
54. Conditions of incapacity
56. Sodas are sold in these units
57. Break away from
58. Ethereal
59. Buggy

CLUES DOWN

1. Mangled
2. Ruffled some feathers
3. Not young
4. Lakers legend
5. Nocturnal S. American rodent
6. Direction (Scottish)
7. Intestinal inflammation
8. Spring back in fear
9. Owl genus
10. Girls
11. Unbeliefs
12. Force unit
14. Expired trade agreement
15. Went alone
18. Animal noises
20. Woman who graduated from a specific school
24. The very top
26. Organs in males
28. Earnings
30. Z Z Z
32. Reddish browns
34. A salt or ester of acetic acid
35. A place to get off your feet
37. More disreputable
38. Kidney condition
40. Cease moving
42. Quick
43. Extra seed covering
45. "Survivor: Panama" winner
47. Six
49. One who inspects lamps
50. Small parrot
51. Primordial matter of the universe
55. ___ fi (slang)

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Ending the year on a sweet note



Principals and PTO members shown from left to right are Jessica Miner, Holly Riopel, Erin Chevalier, Kerry Lynch, Christine Camacho, Christa Nompoggi and Penny Manteria.



Fifth grader Aria Nompoggi is shown wiping Cool Whip off her face after a principal "pied" her back.



Charlotte Wystepek laughs as peers pie the principals behind her.



Kindergartener Summer Tempesta smiles before "pieing" Assistant Principal Mrs. Penny Manteria.

Turley Photos by Dallas Gagnon



PTO mom Kristine Camacho is shown hugging Dominic Camacho and Ramon Aponte.



PTO mom Christa Nompoggi and daughter Aria smile after filling plates to "pie the principals."



Manteria is shown smirking at students.



Students Samantha Opielowski, Amelia Baldwin, Jaclyn Swiatlowski, Amelia LaBarre, Willow Laboy, James Mason and Xavier Martin are shown beside Manteria.



Xavier Martin is shown pieing Lynch as classmates line up to put "Whip" on Riopel.



Principals Penny Manteria, Holly Riopel and Kerry Lynch are shown covered in Whip after the event.

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Fifth grade teacher Lauren Parzivad said "this is a fantastic way for [students] to end their year."

She added for the fifth graders graduating from the elementary school, the event serves as an opportunity for "them to see principals having fun."

While some students said they had "been waiting for this for so long" others brought the principals' wipes to clean the Cool Whip off of their science goggles.

Lynch, Manteria and Riopel took turns asking students if they wanted a hug, though the kids just laughed and ran away from the mess.

Riopel joked with her son, an OMP student, "you'll be grounded all summer if you get your mother."

He teased back saying "too bad," and pied her anyway.

"I don't think they knew what they were signing up for," said one PTO member.

Riopel said when the PTO asks the principals to participate in activities with the kids, they "just say yes."

"Our PTO is wonderful... they have done so many things throughout the year[s]," said Riopel.

She added they volunteer to set up and "all we [the principals] have to do is show up."

Manteria said she "didn't like [Cool Whip] to start with," and may not eat it again after the event.

Last year, instead of Cool Whip the students used silly strings on the principals.

At the end of the event, principals took string from behind their backs and strung students back.

Nompoggi said although the Whip was "smelly" as a result of the 27 open containers, it did seem "cleaner" than the silly string.

PTO member Jessica Miner said the event is "all about having fun," adding "that's what Palmer is all about."

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Pioneer Valley's carnival day



Turley photos, by Matty Anderson
Kate Corriveau, Malaika Ogola, and Cabernet the Great Dane.



William Coleman at the ready to help carnival goers.

By Matty Anderson
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BRIMFIELD— Delicious wine slushies, rides and concerts? Now that's family fun!

Over the weekend, Brimfield Winery teamed up with Fanelli Amusements to present the Pioneer Valley's Carnival Day. This carnival had something for the whole family, from wine for wmoans and Dads, music lovers, children, dog lovers and everyone in between.

As members of the community arrived they were greeted with the sound of live music, as they walked deeper into the carnival one of many things may have caught their eyes. Adults may have been drawn to the Beer and Wine Garden, families probably chased after their kids as they raced towards their favorite ride or game and foodies had many sweet treats to choose from.

Rides and games were available for the young and the young at heart, including a Ferris Wheel, The Yoyo, The Pharaoh's Fury and many more. Fanelli Amusements has provided a whole lot of entertainment to our area recently.

They provided the rides and games for Granby's Charter Day and they participated in most of the fairs and carnivals in our neighboring towns. If you've been to a fair or carnival recently you may have seen a sign that says "Natalie Needs A Kidney, BE HER HERO."

Natalie is a 19 year old girl who is undergoing dialysis, her uncle is a member of Fanelli Amusement's team. They have been promoting Natalie's cause and the National Kidney Registry wherever they go, for more information please visit nkr.org/RPK459 or call 860-696-2021.

Kate and Rusty Corriveau, have been the owners of Brimfield Winery for about 5 seasons, they are open from May to October. During their business season, they organize many fun events such as this very carnival, the nearest upcoming

events include the "Trailer trash Concert" on June 24, "Brimfield Old Home Day" on July 29, "Hitchcock Academy's Sip N Stars" on Aug 12, the "Zydeco Crawfish/Shrimp Party" on Aug 19 and "Pioneer Valley's Brimfield Blues Festival on Aug 26.

That exciting roster is only the tip of the iceberg of fun that the Brimfield Winery has planned for this season. If you're interested in the full list of events check out their website for more information and keep an eye out for spontaneous events.

At the Brimfield Winery, they offer eight varieties of wine including their new non-alcoholic CBD-infused wine, they also brew hard cider and beer. All of the grapes that go into their wine is actually imported from California so as Kate Corriveau says, "we basically make California Wine in Massachusetts."

Contrary to what many would assume, the Brimfield winery actually collaborates with other local wineries such as the Hardwick winery. Most of the local wineries actually have a great relationship, they've formed a kind and supportive community, so support all of your local wineries.

With high quality wine comes high demand, their wine is sold almost exclusively out of the Brimfield Winery and the Brimfield Market because it sells so fast. Kate Corriveau said "We're so proud of our product and the community that we serve, I hope we can continue to grow together."

Jack Leland said "I think we have the best wine in New England, we achieve a wide range of flavors without relying on syrups and artificial flavoring, we hold ourselves to a high standard." Jimmy Deblin added "I encourage past and present friends and patrons to come see us at one of our upcoming events."

Five year-old, Malaika Ogola's eyes lit up when she saw Cabernet, a huge great dane and one the winery's two mascots. Their other mascot is a dog



Kate Corriveau, Jack Leland, Jimmy Devlin and Laurel Boland are ready to serve patrons.



There were many rides at the carnival for adults and kids to enjoy.



Plenty of carnival games were available to try your luck.

named Pinot, what fitting names for the winery's treasured mascots.

Overall the carnival was a huge success, it provided a weekend of fun to the community and helped promote a cause that could potentially save a life.

Ware Veterans Carnival returns June 22-24

By Paula Ouimette
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WARE – The Ware Veterans Carnival is returning for its second year this week, starting the summer season off right with fun, games, music, food and drinks.

Held at Memorial Field located just off South Street, the Carnival will be open Thursday, June 22 and Friday, June 23 from 5-10 p.m.; and Saturday, June 24 from 3-8 p.m. Admission and parking are both free.

Event organizer John Morrin said there will be a couple of new rides added to the Carnival this year, as well as more food vendors. There will also be a craft/vendor fair.

"Every year it will get bigger and bigger," he said.

Morrin said for many years, Parks and Recreation Commission Chair Bill Imbier tried to bring a carnival back to town, after St. Mary's had to end their beloved annual event.

"I said I would keep trying," Morrin said. "I emailed everyone in the carnival business, and they all said 'no.'"

However, after the COVID-19 pandemic put a pause on large gatherings, many of those carnivals were looking for new locations, including R.W. Commerford & Sons of Connecticut.

"These people emailed me back. He came, pulled into Memorial Field and said, 'this is a great place for a carnival...this is perfect,'" Morrin said.

Next, Morrin had to decide what to do with the proceeds from the carnival, and being active in both the AM-VETS and American Legion, helping veterans was a natural choice.

After trying to set up an account with either of the veterans organizations before the start of the Carnival last year without success, Morrin hired someone to establish the nonprofit Ware Veterans Fund.

"Finally in early May we got all of our paperwork in. So, once we got the paperwork, I went down and opened an account at Country Bank," he said.

Money in the account is used to cover expenses related to the Carnival, and the rest is used as a "last resort" fund for town veterans. Morrin said there are many resources available for veterans to help with their expenses, but they don't always cover all costs, and this fund could help bridge that gap.

The community's reception to the Carnival has been very positive, with many happy to see a longstanding town

tradition be picked up and continued. Town organizations, businesses and committees have volunteered their time and energy to be involved with the three-day event, including the Knights of Columbus, Country Bank, Quabog Hills Substance Use Alliance, the Americans with Disabilities Act Commission and the Youth Committee.

Country Bank employees will also help to staff the ticket booth, in addition to being a sponsor, Morrin said.

The Ware Knights of Columbus Council 183 will once again be serving up delicious food for hungry carnival goers.

ReSource Waste Services of Ware has returned as the event's biggest sponsor. Morrin said the company's general manager has a soft spot for veterans.

Local businesses It's Wine O'clock and B'leaf Wellness Centre have teamed up to host a beer garden under the tent, offering a variety of popular and craft beers, hard seltzer and wines.

Live music will be provided Thursday night by rock and roll band Half Staff and Friday night by southern outlaw band The Alley Kings.

The Alley Kings performed at last year's inaugural Carnival.

Volunteers are still needed to help with parking, as well as other jobs at the Carnival, Morrin said. This is sure to be a rewarding experience, helping to put on a fun community event, while also giving back to veterans in need.

To volunteer, contact Morrin by emailing johmorrin13@gmail.com or calling 413-949-0716. If people would like to support the Ware Veterans Fund, they can mail checks made out to "Ware Veterans Fund" to John Morrin, 170 Monson Turnpike Road, Ware, MA 01082.

Parking for the Carnival is available at St. Mary's School, as well as American Athletic Shoe Co. (after 6 p.m.). Handicapped parking is available at the back of Memorial Field, accessible through Monroe Street.

Morrin thanked all of those that have made the event successful, including St. Mary's Church and American Athletic Shoe Co. for use of their parking lots, the residents that live around Memorial Field, Roy "Sonny" Erickson for his graphic design skills, as well as the Ware River News.

Morrin also thanked R.W. Commerford & Sons for making Ware part of their summer circuit.

"We definitely want to thank the carnival people for giving us a chance," he said.

Toto kicks off Summer Reading program



Submitted Photo
Toto the Tornado Kitten returns to help Warren Public Library kick off Summer Reading.

WARREN – Come and meet Toto the Tornado Kitten as he helps the Warren Public Library kick off "All Together Now," the 2023 Summer Reading program.

Toto will be on the Common on

Thursday, June 29 at 11:30 a.m. Kids can meet Toto, listen to his story and sign up for the summer reading program.

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TENNIS

Mumper leads Post 241 past Wilbraham



Nathan Kaczuwka makes a throw to first.

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By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WILBRAHAM — A solid pitching staff is a key ingredient for any successful baseball team.

John Mumper was an outstanding pitcher for the Ware varsity baseball team this past spring.

In the Class D championship game, the righthander hurled a masterpiece against top-seeded and previously undefeated Pioneer Regional. The outstanding performance helped Ware capture the Western Mass. title for the first time since 2010 with a 3-1 extra inning victory.

Mumper also pitched very well in his first career start as a member of the Monson Post 241 Legion

team. He allowed one run on seven base hits with ten strikeouts in six innings, as Monson celebrated a 10-2 season opening victory over Wilbraham Post 286 (#2) at Minnechaug Regional, last Friday night.

"I just wanted to make a very good first impression," said Mumper, who's one of five players from Ware High School listed on the Monson Legion roster. "I went out there and threw strikes with my curveball."

His younger brother, Jason, is also a first-year member of the Monson team.

Monson didn't have enough players to field a Legion baseball team a year ago. There are 18 players listed on this year's roster and

14 of them showed up for the road game against Wilbraham (#2).

"I love the game of baseball and it feels awesome to be back on the field again," said Monson manager Steve Tripp. "I think we have some outstanding baseball players on this year's team. They're also very good kids."

The only players listed on this year's Monson Legion roster, who played on the 2021 squad, are Austin Lagimoniere (Pathfinder Tech), James Delaney (Belchertown High School), Dom Allen (Palmer High School), and Mike Mayberry, who graduated from Palmer last year.

Tripp saw Mumper pitch in a

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SOCCER



Hannah Murphy dribbles up the field.



Sierra Martinson goes for a corner kick.



Addison Peterson makes her way up the field after a defensive recovery.



Chelsea Hull keeps play moving.



Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Offense continues into summer

MONSON — Last Wednesday evening, the Monson girls summer soccer league opened up the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League season. The Mustangs, whose high school team made it to last year's state finals, handily defeated visiting Northampton 12-4. Scoring has been a major strength of Monson's successful squads for many years. Monson is 1-0 to start the summer.

Ciara Monaghan tries to outrun her opponent.

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Grace Burke races up the field.



Addie Petraszewicz fights to keep the ball.

Charlotte Theriault follows through as she shoots past her opponent.

Summer soccer season opens up

PALMER — The Granby and Palmer girls summer soccer teams kicked off their summer season last Tuesday evening at Lavolette Field. The two teams, which have had moderate success during the past few years in high school action, battled to a 1-1 tie. Palmer girls have a team after not fielding one last summer.



Loretta Petraszewicz races up the sideline.

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SOCCER

Mutiny 'rush' past Albany

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW — The June 11 United Women's Soccer match between the Albany Rush and the New England Mutiny featured several outstanding soccer players from Western Massachusetts.

There was also a talented soccer player from Eastern Massachusetts, who put on the home jersey for the final time during the regular season.

Before heading back to the University of South Carolina to prepare for the upcoming fall soccer season, Catherine Berry scored a second half goal leading the Mutiny to a 2-0 shut-

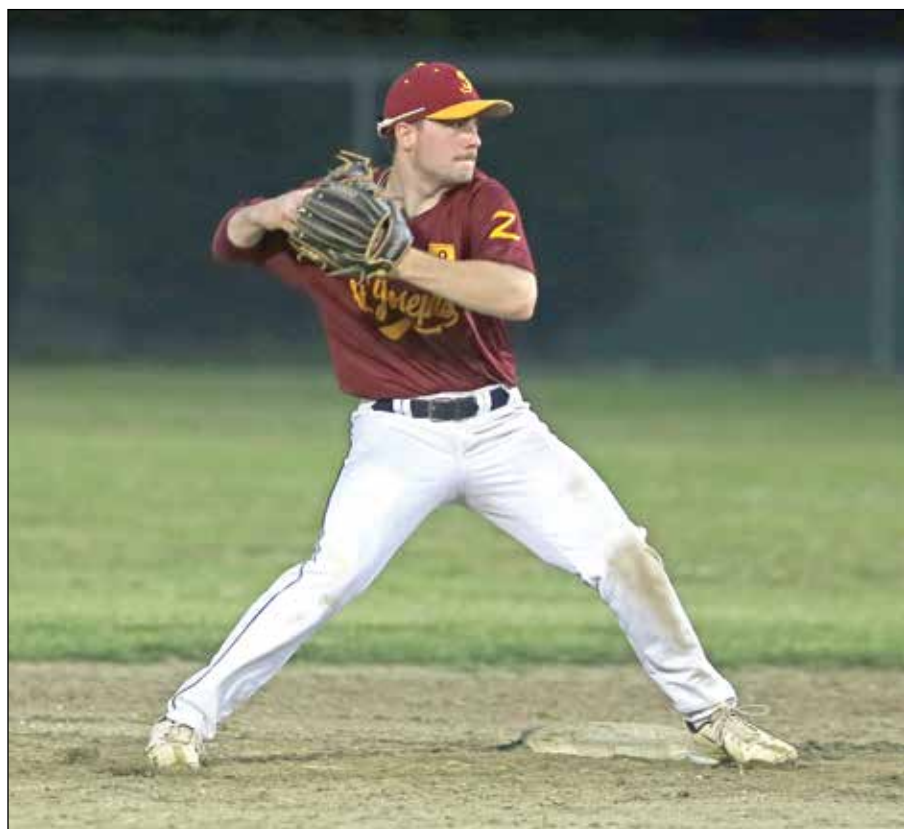


Goalie Ela Kopec makes a save.

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St. Joe's falls to rival PeoplesBank



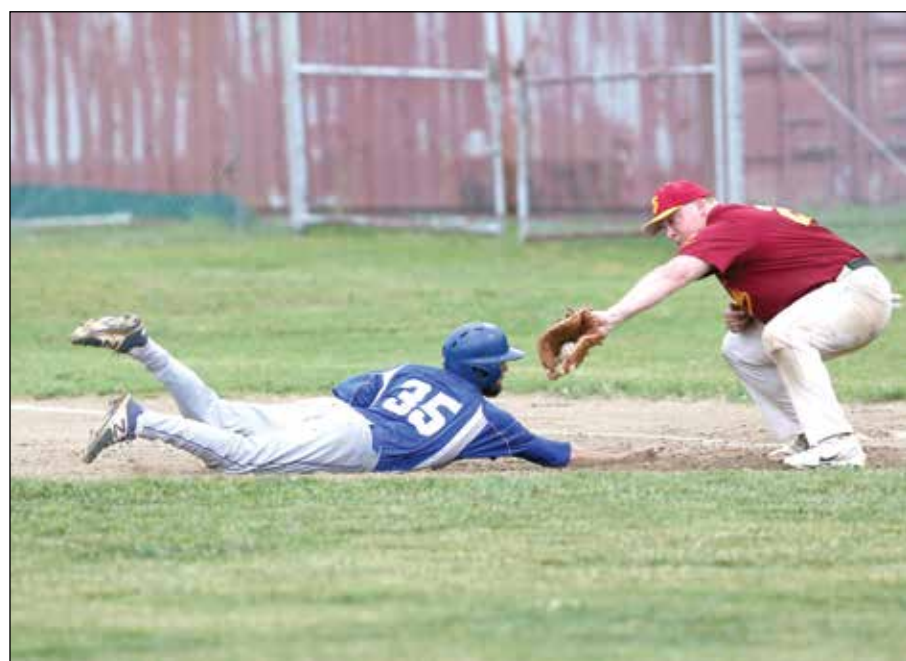
Devin Slattery, of Ware, fires a relay throw to first. Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com



Brendan Clark throws across the diamond.

PALMER – Last Friday night, PeoplesBank hit their way past St. Joe's 14-1. The loss dropped St. Joe's to 3-4 on the season. The Saints are in third place in the Tri-County Baseball League with

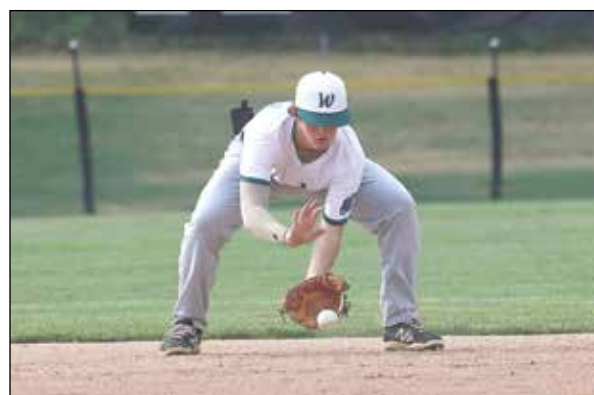
six points. The Saints are back in action on Friday night with a matchup with 413ATC at 7:30 p.m. at St. Joe's Park in Palmer.



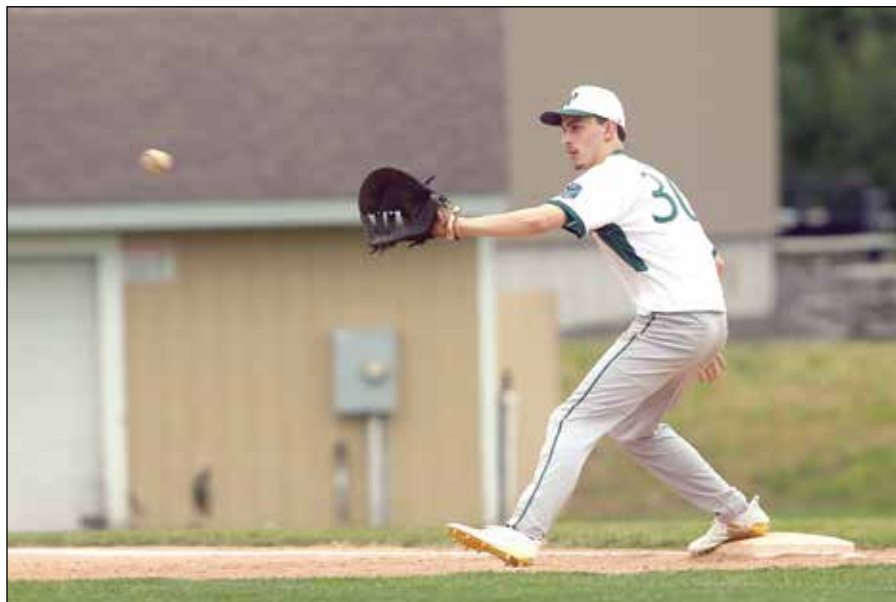
Max Silverman attempts to make a tag.



Matt Rzyk pitches for the Saints.



John Mumper gets the start for Post 241.



Hunter Griswold fires across the diamond.



Jesse Cygan catches the out at first.



Brayden Mega makes a play at second.

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home game for Ware and he was very impressed.

"I watched John pitch against Quabbin during the high school season and I really liked what I saw. He pitched very well in tonight's game," Tripp said. "We do have a lot of pitchers on this year's team, which is great. They're all going to get their turns on the mound. This is probably the best pitching staff we've had since I've been coaching the Legion team."

The other members of the Monson pitching staff are Nathan Kaczuwka (Ware High School), Ty Miller (Palmer High School), Brayden Mega (Pathfinder), Jesse Cygan (Pathfinder), and Mayberry.

Cygan, who relieved Mumper, allowed a run in the seventh inning. He walked a couple of batters.

"Jesse is a hard thrower, and he has a lot of potential," Tripp said. "He just needs to work on his mechanics."

Because of a couple of make-up games, Monson was scheduled to play their first four

games in four days.

Mumper's batterymate in last Friday's game was Dylan Sutkaitis, who was the Indians starting catcher.

Sutkaitis threw out two Wilbraham base runners in the first two innings.

"The Monson starting pitcher deserves a lot of credit because he pitched very well against us," said Wilbraham (#2) manager Don Laware. "Their catcher also shut down our running game. You just have to tip your hat to those two players."

For the first time since before the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Wilbraham has two Legion teams competing at the senior level. They also have a junior team, which had an outstanding season last summer.

Wilbraham (#2) (0-2) lost to East Springfield Post 420, 2-1, in their season opener on June 12.

Their starting pitcher against Monson was John O'Connor, who attends Wilbraham & Monson Academy.

The righthander also pitched well during the first three innings. During that span, he allowed only two singles and recorded four

strikeouts.

Wilbraham (#2) catcher Paul Diehl also threw out a Monson baserunner trying to steal third base in the second inning.

O'Connor didn't get out of the fourth inning.

Monson had two runners in scoring position with two outs in the top of the fourth when a bunt base hit by Lagimoniere, who started in centerfield, scored the game's first run.

Lagimoniere stole second before shortstop Hunter Griswold (Pathfinder) delivered a two-run single to right field.

At that point, O'Connor was replaced on the mound by righthander Ryan Atkin.

Delaney contributed with a two-run single to right, which gave Monson a 5-0 lead.

Delaney scored Monson's sixth run of the frame following a throwing error by the catcher before extra hitter Jarrett Skowrya capped things off with a run

scoring single to left field.

"After we scored all of those runs in that inning, it felt nice to have a little bit of a cushion," Mumper said. "If you do make a mistake, it's not as costly."

Mumper did get into a little bit of trouble in his final inning.

With one-out in the bottom of the sixth, Atkin grounded a single up the middle into centerfield. A couple of batters later, shortstop Bryce Barlow (2-for-3) drove him home with a line-drive single to center, which ended Mumper's shutout bid.

With two outs in the bottom of the seventh, Diehl had an RBI single to center before the next batter flied out to right giving Monson their first legion win in two years.

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Athlete of the Week

Jesse Cygan

Pathfinder

Cygan had a big inning in relief for Monson Post 241 in a win over Wilbraham. Cygan is also playing first base this summer for Monson Legion. 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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Rachel Marchini settles the ball. Laura Gouvin, of Monson, makes a pass. Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

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out victory over the Rush before a large crowd at historic Lusitano Stadium.

"It's a bittersweet night for me," said Berry, who's from Hingham. "I do have a commitment at my school, and I'm required to be there next week. I'm very grateful for every game that I do get to play for the Mutiny. I have two more years of eligibility remaining at South Carolina and I'm hoping to play for the Mutiny again next summer."

Joe Ferrara, who's the Mutiny's owner/general manager, is hoping Berry will be returning to Lusitano Stadium in the middle of July if the Mutiny qualify for the U.S.S. playoffs.

Berry, who's entering her senior season, has scored 24 goals and has 14 assists for a total of 62 points in her first three years playing college soccer.

Berry scored four goals in the Mutiny season and home opener against the Worcester Fuel, which was a 7-1 victory.

The Mutiny (2-0-1), who also played a 1-1 tie at the Maine Footy on May 21, had a couple of weeks off before hosting the Rush (2-1-1).

"The support that we receive from our fans at this stadium is something that's very special. I wouldn't trade being a part of this for the world," Berry said. "Joe Ferrara is also an awesome person. He has become a close friend to my family during the past few years. The players on this team are also very special."

Berry is following in the footsteps of her mother, Lauren, who played soccer at Middlebury College. Her father, Chris, played college basketball at Middlebury. Her parents attended last Saturday's home match.

The local players that played in last Saturday's home match for the Mutiny are Alexis Legowski (South Hadley), Hope Santaniello (Agawam), Ela Kopec (Ludlow), Laura Gouvin (Monson), Avery Klingensmith (Belchertown) Chandler Pedolzsky (Westfield), Emma Pedolzsky (Westfield), and Catherine Bean (Westfield).

Klingensmith, who started in five

games as a freshman on the American University women's soccer team last fall, has enjoyed being teammates with Berry.

"Cat is a great soccer player," said Klingensmith, who's a midfielder. "We can always count on her to score goals for us. Playing for this soccer team is very similar to my college team."

Kopec, who was Mutiny starting goalie against Albany, didn't have to make any saves in recording her first shutout of the season.

The Mutiny defense, which was led by Laci Lewis, Meghan Cunningham, Rachel Marchini, Sofia Weber, Anna Carson, and Bean shutdown Albany forward Katelyn Krohn. She had scored a team leading seven goals in her team's first three regular season matches.

"We do have a very strong defensive unit this year," said Mutiny first-year head coach Mauricio "Toto" Coimbra said. "Their chemistry has been getting better and better in every match. It's always nice to post a shutout."

Berry had several shots on goal during the first 45 minutes of the contest, but Albany goalie Emma Anderson (10 saves) was able to make the saves on them.

The contest was still scoreless at halftime.

Following a breakaway shot attempt by Santaniello that deflected off the right post, Berry gave her team a 1-0 lead in the 56th minute. She fired a line-drive shot from the top of the box into the left corner of the net.

"We did put a lot of pressure on them in the first half," Berry said. "I had a scoring opportunity early in the second half and I didn't want to miss it. It's always special whenever you score a goal, especially in this stadium."

With less than five minutes remaining in regulation, Chandler Pedolzsky knocked home a rebound shot giving the home team a 2-0 advantage.

Berry was scheduled to play in her final regular season match for the Mutiny against the Scorpions SC on Monday night in a make-up game at Medway High School.

Valley Blue Sox out to 6-3 start



Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Matthew Garcia hops over the runner as he makes a relay to first.



Nick Callano delivers a pitch.



Eliot Dix fields a grounder.



Matthew Bergevin gets the high throw.

HOLYOKE – The wins keep coming for the Valley Blue Sox in the early goings. The team defeated the Danbury Westerners last Saturday by a score of 8-6 to increase their lead in the West Division to two games. The Blue Sox now sit at 6-3 on the season.

Thomas Ballard started for the Blue Sox today, an pitched four innings with four strikeouts allowing three runs. Greg Jeffries and James Vaughn both made their team debuts. Jeffries earned the win after he pitched a clean fifth inning with one strikeout. Vaughn pitched two innings and struck out three batters.

The bottom of the lineup was the story of the game for the Blue Sox. The seven, eight, and nine hitters combined for four RBIs in the ballgame.

Third Baseman Zach Ketterman went 2 for 3 with an RBI single. The Pennsylvania native boosted his average to .208 on the season.

Second Baseman Jeff Pierantoni went 2 for 2 with two singles and two RBIs. He was also hit by a pitch twice in this game, getting on base in each of his four plate appearances.

Catcher Efrain Correa Jr. went 1 for 2 with an RBI and a walk.

Danbury had a chance to come back in this game in the seventh and eighth innings, but hit into two double plays to minimize the damage. The defense was on full display tonight as AJ Guerrero made an excellent over-the-shoulder catch on the run to end the game in the top of the ninth inning.

Blue Sox holding promotional games

The Valley Blue Sox revealed their home promotions for the rest of June. The team is offering different promotions each night in cooperation with sponsoring companies.

The next night on Thursday, June 22 vs. the Newport Gulls at 6:35 p.m., the team will give away water bottles sponsored by Holyoke Gas and Electric.

Sunday June 25, vs. the Danbury Westerners is Military Appreciation Night. The Blue Sox will celebrate the courage and sacrifice of the United States Military by giving away military towels. The night will be sponsored by

the Veterans Affairs of Central Western Massachusetts as well as UMassFive College Federal Credit Union.

Finally on Friday June 30, vs. the Bristol Blues, the official bus drivers of the Blue Sox, Michael's Bus Lines, will sponsor a giveaway of seat cushions for the first 150 fans to enter the ballpark. Additionally, Michael's Bus Lines will raffle off a free 25-person ride to a destination of the winner's choosing.

The Blue Sox are looking forward to ending the month of June right, and encourage fans to come out to Mackenzie Stadium to join their celebrations and promotions.

Athletes invited to participate in sports clinics

LUDLOW – Lions Pride Sports Clinics are back. Young inspiring athletes have the opportunity to participate in one or all of our exciting clinics. The 2023 lineup consists of, Soccer session 1 from June 26 to 30, Soccer Session 2 from July 17 to July 21. Athlete Prep strength and conditioning program from June 27 to Aug. 10, Basketball from July 10 to 14, High School and Beach Volleyball June 20 to Aug. 15,

Volleyball Basics July to Aug. 16, and Wrestling July 10 to Aug. 16. All clinics are held on the campus of Ludlow High School and are geared toward the development of fundamental skills. For more information log on to lionspridesc.wix.com/lpsc or contact Tim Brillo TBrillo1723@gmail.com. Registration is now online at https://www.familyid.com/organizations/lions-den-sports-clinics

Rep. Smola appointed to Budget Committee

BOSTON – State Rep. Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) was named a member of Massachusetts's Budget Conference Committee for the eighth consecutive year.

The function of the Conference Committee is to report a final compromise budget bill to the House and Senate, which will be voted on for acceptance in each branch.

"I am deeply honored to have been appointed to the FY24 Budget Conference Committee," Smola said.

"I recognize the significant responsibility that comes with this position and I am committed to working diligently with my colleagues to develop a budget that reflects the priorities of our constituents and fosters the continued growth and prosperity of our state."

The Conference Committee kicked off its first meeting on June 7 with a goal of reconciling the House and Senate budget documents of approximately \$56 billion. The conference committee, composed of three House members and three Senate members, is one of the final steps in concluding the State budget.

"With the end of federal COVID relief funding and the continued uncertainty surrounding the economy, it is imperative that the House and Senate come to an agreement on a state spending plan for Fiscal Year 2024 that is balanced and sustainable," House Minority Leader Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (R-North Reading) said in a news release.

"As the Ranking Republican on the House Ways and Means Committee, Todd has always prioritized the needs of the state's taxpayers and our local communities, and I am confident he will do everything he can to ensure that the conference committee produces a fiscally responsible budget that addresses those needs."

The conference committee will produce a budget recommendation that will then go to the full House and Senate for an up or down vote. If passed, the document will go to Gov. Healey for approval.

For additional information, contact Smola at Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov or (617) 722-2100.

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.

NEXT WEEK

Ware Grange's next gardening workshop, Pollinator Gardens, will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 30, in the Grange Hall at 297 Belchertown Road in Ware. At this workshop, presenter Allison Rosendale will teach you how to encourage pollinators to your backyard and provide practical information for any space from a terrace to a farm to attract and help pollinators thrive. Visit us on Facebook or at waregrange.org for more information.

UPCOMING

JIMMY FUND WALK: Registration is now open for the 2023 Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk Scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 1. Proceeds from the event support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at one of the nation's premier cancer centers, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. All four routes will culminate at the Jimmy Fund Walk Finish Line in the Fenway neighborhood. If walkers want to participate a bit closer to home, the Jimmy Fund Walk has flexible opportunities, including virtually. Register as an individual walker, team member or start a team at JimmyFundWalk.org or by calling 866-531-9255.

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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Central Park and the sea coast. Other cities on the list from two to ten were: San Diego, California; Houston, Texas; Seattle, Washington, Los Angeles, California; San Francisco, California; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Phoenix, Arizona; Austin, Texas and Chicago, Illinois.

On the worst cities for birdwatching list Kansas City, Kansas came in at number one. Other cities were Montgomery, Alabama; Olathe, Kansas; Overland Park, Kansas and Mobile, Alabama (tied for fourth place); Des Moines, Iowa; Huntsville, Alabama; Murfreesboro, Tennessee; Sioux Falls, South Dakota and Henderson, Nevada.

Wild turkeys
I recently saw a hen turkey with her poults on the edge of the road. The hen was standing on the edge of the road and her young were in the tall grass so I was unable to accurately count how many she had.

Geese and goslings
Last week, I saw two pairs of adult Canada geese with some young goslings in my hayfield. I spotted the adults heads in the tall grass and stopped to watch. I could see the goslings when they jumped up or stretched their necks to eat grass.

Nesting cardinal
One of my daughters had a cardinal nest-

ing in her rhododendron bush. They could be observed from a window in the living room and not be disturbed. The nest is now empty and I hope they fledged and did not meet up with a predator.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing backyard88@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, please visit qvc-dc.org or call Carol at 413-497-4407.

DEA warns fake pills contain lethal fentanyl

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration is alerting the public of a sharp nationwide increase in the lethality of fentanyl-laced fake prescription pills.

According to a news release, the DEA lab found that, of the fentanyl-laced fake prescription pills analyzed in 2022, six out of 10 now contain a potentially lethal dose of fentanyl. This is an increase from DEA's previous announcement in 2021 that four out of ten fentanyl-laced fake prescription pills were found to contain a potentially lethal dose.

"More than half of the fentanyl-laced fake prescription pills being trafficked in communities across the country now contain a potentially deadly dose of fentanyl," DEA administrator Anne Milgram said in the release.

"This marks a dramatic increase - from four out of ten to six out of 10 - in the number of pills that can kill. These pills are being mass-produced

by the Sinaloa Cartel and the Jalisco Cartel in Mexico. Never take a pill that wasn't prescribed directly to you. Never take a pill from a friend. Never take a pill bought on social media. Just one pill is dangerous and one pill can kill."

Last year, the DEA issued a Public Safety Alert on the widespread drug trafficking of fentanyl-laced fake prescription pills in American communities. These pills are largely made by two Mexican drug cartels, the Sinaloa Cartel and the Jalisco Cartel, to look identical to real prescription medications, including OxyContin, Percocet, and Xanax, and they are often deadly. In 2021, the DEA seized more than 20.4 million fake prescription pills. Earlier this year, the DEA conducted a nationwide operational surge to target the trafficking of fentanyl-laced fake prescription pills and, in just over three months, seized 10.2 million fake pills in all 50 states. Through its One Pill Can Kill campaign, the DEA is working to alert the American public of the

dangers of fake prescription pills.

Fentanyl remains the deadliest drug threat facing this country, according to the DEA. It is a highly addictive synthetic opioid that is 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more potent than morphine. Just two milligrams of fentanyl, the small amount that fits on the tip of a pencil, is considered a potentially deadly dose. According to the CDC, 107,622 Americans died of drug poisoning in 2021, with 66 percent of those deaths involving synthetic opioids like fentanyl.

The Sinaloa Cartel and Jalisco Cartel in Mexico, using chemicals largely sourced from China, are primarily responsible for the vast majority of the fentanyl that is being trafficked in communities across the United States, the DEA says.

For more information, go to the Fentanyl Awareness page at dea.gov.

Still time to sign up for summer dance and drama programs

PALMER - Kids and teens ages 7 to 17 are invited to a Summer Drama and Dance Program Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Palmer Historical and Cultural Center, 2072 Main Street in Three Rivers through Aug. 27.

The program instructor is Torie Jock, who started singing and acting at 9 years old. She has been writing her own music since she was old enough to write and has been in many theatrical performances in various starring and supporting roles. Jock has written many plays and film scripts and has been working with youth as a dance assistant/teacher since she was 12.

The cost is \$120 for drama only, \$100 for dance only or \$150 for both.

Sign up for either drama or dance or both. All students will take part in an end-of-season performance. A registration form is available at tinyurl.com/mrx2ek57.

For more information, email Jock at truly-torie2000@gmail.com, call or email the PHCC at palmerhcc@gmail.com or 289-9295 or go to palmerhcc.org.

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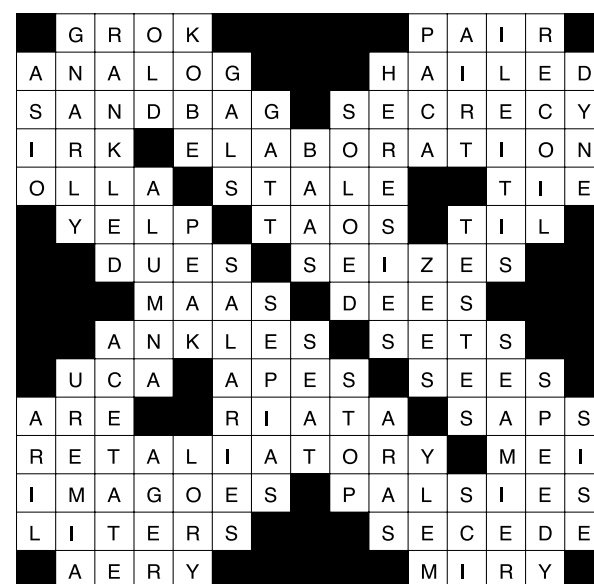
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O B I T U A R I E S

Helen S. Klisiewicz, 1925-2023

MONSON — Helen S. (Kristenson) Klisiewicz, 98, passed away Wednesday, June 14, 2023 surrounded by love of family. Helen was born April 2, 1925 in Brooklyn, NY to the late Sander Kristenson and Anna (Kristenson) Ohrn. She has been a resident of Monson for many years where she and her husband raised their family. Helen was the assistant Town Clerk in Monson for 18 years and was a member of First Church of Monson, Congregational. Helen enjoyed taking care of her cats, reading, bird watching, knitting, cooking and spending time with her family and friends and most especially with her grandchildren and great

grandchildren. During her later years, she appreciated the support and kindness of the staff at Life Care Center of Wilbraham.

Helen was predeceased by her husband John Klisiewicz. She leaves her sons, John W. Klisiewicz and his wife Donna of Agawam, Ronald C. Klisiewicz and his wife Carol, and Donald R. Klisiewicz and his wife Denise all of Monson; grandchildren, Paul Klisiewicz of Agawam and Kristin Szado and her husband Curt of Monson; five great grandchildren, Jack and Jordyn Szado, Callie, Alexa, and



J.P. Klisiewicz; a cousin Frank Gerle and many nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

Services were held Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at Lombard Funeral Home in Monson. Burial followed at Hillcrest Cemetery in Monson. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation in Helen's name to the Monson Fire Department Ambulance Fund PO Box 335 Monson, MA 01057. For online condolences/information please visit www.lombardfuneralhome.com.

FIREWORKS SEASON

Leave it to the professionals, public safety leaders say

STOW— After a record-setting number of fireworks-related fires in 2020 and a sharp decline in 2021, fireworks incidents in Massachusetts rebounded last year, according to Massachusetts State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey and State Police Colonel John E. Mawn Jr.

The two remind residents "to leave fireworks to the professionals this summer," a news release states.

Fireworks-related fires and explosions in Massachusetts skyrocketed at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, jumping from 57 in 2019 to 189 in 2020, the officials said. These numbers declined significantly in 2021, when 80 incidents were reported statewide.

In 2022, however, Massachusetts fire departments reported 106 fires and explosions attributed to fireworks, an increase of nearly a third over the prior year. More than half of these incidents took place in the week of July 4, 2022.

All told, the fireworks-related incidents last year caused 38 injuries and \$414,279 in damages — more than double the property loss caused by fireworks in 2020.

"Every single year in Massachusetts, people are hurt and property is destroyed by illegal fireworks," Ostroskey said.

"As we count down to the weeks when most of these incidents occur, we're reminding everyone that fireworks are illegal because they are dangerous. There will be plenty of permitted fireworks displays this summer, so stay safe and leave fireworks to the professionals."

Last year, joint enforcement efforts by the Massachusetts State Police and Department of Fire Services led to about 40 criminal summonses for violating the state's fireworks laws, the officials said, confiscating nearly 3,000 packages of aerial shells, cakes, fountains, bottle rockets, large rockets, Roman candles, sparklers and other dangerous, illegal devices worth upward of \$46,000.

Those enforcement efforts will resume this year, they said.

"The unlicensed possession, use, and sale of fireworks are ille-



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Police continue to confiscate illegal fireworks and warn about the dangers they pose, particularly serious injuries and fires.

gal in Massachusetts," Mawn said.

"Massachusetts law requires the confiscation of any illegal fireworks we encounter, even if legally purchased elsewhere. Massachusetts State Police will seize any illegal fireworks that we discover during routine traffic stops and other activity. And with our local and state partners, State Police will be conducting targeted enforcement efforts to intercept illegal fireworks coming in from out of state."

Officials emphasized that fireworks, including sparklers, are especially unsafe around children. Sparklers burn at temperatures of over 1,800 degree fahrenheit — hotter than the melting point of glass and aluminum. According to a 2021 report from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, "there were an estimated 1,600 emergency department-treated injuries associated with firecrackers and 900 with sparklers," in 2020. This accounted for almost 10% of all fireworks-related injuries that year. Of those 900 injuries from sparklers, 44% were to children under the age of 5. Sparklers burn at such high temperatures that they can easily ignite combustible

materials even after they are extinguished; Last summer, nine people were displaced after careless disposal of sparklers started a three-alarm fire in their home.

Massachusetts fire departments reported nearly 1,000 fires related to illegal fireworks between 2013 and 2022, officials said. In addition to the 42 fire service injuries, five civilian injuries, and \$2.5 million in damages attributed to these fires, Massachusetts medical facilities reported about 30 severe burn injuries extending to 5% or more of the victims' bodies that were caused by illegal fireworks.

The Department of Fire Services posts a list of permitted municipal fireworks displays and updates it each week through the summer. To view the list — and to learn more about the dangers of illegal fireworks — visit the DFS page at mass.gov.

Police/Fire

Fire Logs

BONDSDVILLE

The Bondsville Fire Department responded to no calls from June 13-19.

MONSON

The Monson Fire Department responded to four fire calls and 17 emergency medical service calls from June 12-18.

June 13 at 7:44 a.m. Responded to State Street for a public assist. Returned to service at 7:58 a.m.

June 15 at 5:13 p.m. Responded to Country Club Heights for a furnace malfunction. Returned to service at 5:42 p.m.

June 18 at 4:44 a.m. Responded to Wales Road for downed power lines. Returned to service at 5:37

a.m.

June 18 at 5:40 p.m. Responded to Wilbraham Road for smoke investigation. Returned to service at 5:51 p.m.

PALMER

The Palmer Fire Department responded to seven fire calls and five medical assist calls from June 13-June 19:

June 13 at 1:13 p.m. Responded to Bennet Street for a motor vehicle fire. Returned to service at 2:15 p.m.

June 13 at 2:26 p.m. Responded with mutual aid to Three Rivers to Sykes Street for a motor vehicle extrication. Returned to service at 2:51 p.m.

June 14 at 4:59 p.m. Responded to High Street in Thorndike for a motor vehicle accident with injury. Returned to service at 5:41 p.m.

June 16 at 7:43 a.m. Responded to Wilbraham Street for an alarm activation. Returned to service at 8:29 a.m.

June 16 at 1:14 p.m. Responded with mutual aid for Brimfield to Willow Circle for a cooking fire confined to container. Returned to service at 1:48 p.m.

June 16 at 6:40 p.m. Responded to Park Street for a brush fire. Returned to service at 7:05 p.m.

June 19 at 8:40 a.m. Responded to North Main Street for a motor vehicle accident with no injury. Returned to service at 8:46 a.m.

Police Logs

Palmer Police Dept.

The Palmer Police Department reported 515 incidents on its logs for June 13-20 including:

June 13

Theodore M. Murray, 63, of 167 Palmer Rd. in Monson, was arrested and charged with assault, disturbing the peace and OUI liquor after officers responded to an unwanted person complaint on Brecknridge Street in Palmer.

Police arrested Alexis Ambrose Sheehan, 41, of 1834 Main Road in Westport, Connecticut on charges of OUI liquor, negligent operation of a motor vehicle and vandalizing property and Abigail Chatham Mar-ean, 43, of 94 Havemeyer Street in

Brooklyn, New York of charges of OUI liquor, possession of a Class B drug and negligent operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration following a traffic stop on Commercial Street.

Also that day, police responded to an assault and battery complaint at the Palmer Healthcare Center on Shearer Street.

June 15

Police arrested an unnamed 14 year-old at Palmer High School on a charge of carrying a dangerous weapon on school grounds.

June 16

Sharie L. Robinson, 35, of 444A N. Main Street, apt. 332 in East Longmeadow, was arrested in the vicinity of Park and Walnut streets and charged with OUI liquor,

unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and operating a motor vehicle with a revoked or suspended registration.

Also that day, Dmitry Privedenyuk, 41, of 116 Berkshire Street in Indian Orchard, was arrested and charged with assault by dangerous weapon following a well-being check on Danielle Drive.

June 17

Donald W. Harper, 31, of 12 Orchard Street in Palmer, was arrested on three warrants. No other details were provided.

June 18

Police responded to a complaint of a breaking and entering of a motor vehicle in the vicinity of Babcock Tavern Road in Ware.

Register for the 35th Annual Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk

BOSTON - Registration is now open for the 2023 Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai. Scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 1, funds raised from the Walk support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at one of the nation's premier cancer centers, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

The Jimmy Fund Walk is the only organized walk permitted on the famed Boston Marathon course, and participants have the flexibility to choose from four distance options:

5K walk, 10K walk, Half Marathon walk, or Marathon Walk. All registered walkers will receive a bib, medal, and a Jimmy Fund Walk T-shirt.

Register as an individual walker, team member, or start a team.

To register for the (Walk) or to support a walker, visit www.JimmyFundWalk.org or call (866) 531-9255. Registrants can enter the promo code NEWS for \$5 off the registration fee.

Whatever route walkers choose, participants will be treated to 10 refueling stations as well as poster-sized photographs of patients displayed at each mile and half-mile marker as inspiration.

All four routes of the Jimmy Fund Walk will culminate at the Jimmy Fund Walk Finish Line. Due to construction in Copple Square, the Jimmy

Fund Walk Finish Line location has been moved to the Fenway neighborhood for 2023. The finish line will include a celebration complete with food, music, and a speaking program.

If walkers wish to participate a bit closer to home, the Jimmy Fund Walk has flexible opportunities. Participants can also join the event virtually by walking their way from wherever they are most comfortable-in their neighborhood, on a favorite hiking trail, or on a treadmill at home. Virtual programming and supporting materials will be available.

The 2023 Walk will be held

during the Jimmy Fund's 75th anniversary year and will aim to raise \$9 million in the effort to prevent, treat, and defy cancer. The Jimmy Fund Walk has raised more than \$167 million for Dana-Farber Cancer in its 34-year history, raising a record-breaking more than \$8.8 million in 2022.

Funds raised from the Walk support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The Boston Athletic Association has supported the Jimmy Fund Walk since 1989, and Hyundai has been the presenting sponsor for more than 20 years.

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Public Notices

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD23P1246EA

Estate of: James Joseph Barrett, Jr. Date of Death: 01/02/2023 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Ann Marie Barrett Noel of Hampden, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Ann Marie Barrett Noel of Hampden, MA**

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/12/2023.**

This is **NOT** a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within **thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.**
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A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court. Date: June 13, 2023 Rosemary A. Saccomani Register of Probate 06/22/2023

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Tips for driving safe with pets this summer

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION CARE AND PROTECTION TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS DOCKET NUMBER 22CP0147SP
Trial Court of Massachusetts Juvenile Court Department COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS Hampden County Juvenile Court 80 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 413-748-7714

TO: Ryan Fortier or the father of Riley Mae Demetrius born on July 8, 2022 in Springfield, MA to Samantha Joan Demetrius:

A petition has been presented to this court by DCF South Central, seeking as to the following child:

Riley Mae Demetrius that said child be found in need of care and protection and committed to the Department of Children and Families. The court may dispense the rights of the person(s) named herein to receive notice of or to consent to any legal proceeding affecting the adoption, custody, or guardianship or any other disposition of the child named herein, if it finds that the child is in need of care and protection and that the best interests of the child would be served by said disposition.

You are hereby ORDERED to appear in this court, at the court address set forth above, on the following date and time: **07/31/2023 at 9:00 AM Other Hearing**

You may bring an attorney with you. If you have a right to an attorney and if the court determines that you are indigent, the court will appoint an attorney to represent you.

If you fail to appear, the court may proceed on that date and any date thereafter to a trial on the merits and adjudication of this matter.

For further information call the Office of the Clerk-Magistrate at (413) 748-7714.

WITNESS: Hon. **David B. Paradis, FIRST JUSTICE,**

DATE ISSUED: 06/01/2023

Paul R Viets, Clerk-Magistrate 06/08, 06/15, 06/22/2023

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket No. 23 SM 002389 ORDER OF NOTICE TO: Frederick M. Dyer, IV

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. C. 50 §3901 (et seq):

NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Three Rivers (Palmer), numbered 2042 Pleasant Street, given by Frederick M Dyer IV to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as a nominee for Shamrock Home Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated February 28, 2020, and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 23106, Page 174, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **07/31/2023** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, **GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice** of this Court on 6/15/2023.

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson Recorder 06/22/2023

Invitation for Sealed Bids Town of Monson Highway Department

The Highway Surveyor will accept sealed bids for bituminous materials, in place, and picked up F.O.B for fiscal year 2024. All bid envelopes must be clearly marked as such. All bidders are required to be in compliance with Mass. General Laws, Chapter 149, Prevailing wage rates, where applicable. The highway surveyor reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any informalities in the bidding if he deems it in the best interest of the town to do so. Bid specifications must be obtained from the Highway Department Office. They can be picked up at 198 Main Street Monson, MA 01057, rear of Memorial Town Hall from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday or can be emailed upon request by calling the Highway Department at (413) 267-4135. Bidders must be prequalified by the Contract Engineer of Mass. D.O.T., before specifications can be handed out. Bids will be received until 10:00 a.m., Friday July 7, 2023, and will be opened and read at that time in the office of the Highway Surveyor. The bid shall include a statement of non-collusion.

Ben Murphy Highway Surveyor Monson Highway Department 06/22/2023

Section 00.11.39 ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

The **Palmer Housing Authority**, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from **Contractors** for the **Walkway Improvements** in Palmer, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by **Graves Engineering, Inc.**

The Project consists of: Select removal and replacement of concrete walkways.

The work is estimated to cost **\$68,400.**

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.30§39 & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive.

THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. The bids are to be prepared and submitted at www.biddocsonline.com. Tutorials and instructions on how to complete the electronic bid documents are available online (click on the "Tutorial" tab at the bottom footer).

General Bids will be received until **11:00 AM on Friday, 7 July 2023** and publicly opened online, forthwith.

All Bids should be submitted online at www.biddocsonline.com and received no later than the date and time specified above.

General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates), and made payable to the **Palmer Housing Authority.**

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at www.biddocsonline.com (may be viewed electronically and hardcopy requested) or at **Nashoba Blue, Inc.** at 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749 (978-568-1167).

There is a plan deposit of **\$50.00** per set (maximum of 2 sets) payable to BidDocs ONLINE Inc.

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Additional sets may be purchased for **\$50.00**

Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be

mailed to them shall include a separate check for **\$40.00** per set for UPS Ground (or \$65.00 per set for UPS overnight), nonrefundable, payable to the BidDocs ONLINE Inc., to cover mail handling costs.

P R E - B I D CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT:

Date and Time: Wednesday, 28 June 2023 at 11:00 AM

Address: Project Site Community Room, 13 Fletcher Street, Palmer

Instructions: The meeting is not mandatory.

SITE VISIT BY APPOINTMENT: NONE

The Contract Documents may be seen, but not removed at:

Palmer Housing Authority 13 Fletcher Street Palmer, MA 01069 413-283-9311

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PALMER PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 11, M.G.L. the **Palmer Planning Board** will hold a public hearing on **Monday, July 10, 2023 at 7:15 PM** in the Town Administrative Building, 4417 Main St, Palmer MA.

The applicant, **RDL Associates, LLC**, 136 Carmelina Circle, Ludlow

MA 01056, is seeking a Special Permit as required by section 171.73 of the Palmer Zoning Ordinance to remove Earth materials for a two year term (2023-2024) from the property located off Palmer Street, Bondsville, also known as Assessor's Map 24 Lot 66.

A copy of the application may be inspected at the Planning Department office in the Town Administration Building Monday-Thursday 8am - 4:30pm

Anyone interested in more information or wishing to be heard on the application can contact the Planning Department at 413-283-2605 or appear at the time and place designated above.

This notice shall also be posted on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association's (MNPA) website (<http://masspublicnotices.org>).

Michael Marciniak, Chairman 06/22, 06/29/2023

Town of Wales Zoning Board of Appeals

In accordance with the provisions of MGL Ch 40A §10 & §11, the **Wales Zoning Board of Appeals** will hold a public hearing on **July 10, 2023, at the Wales Senior Center at 5:30 p.m.** on the application of **Michael Dupont** regarding the property at 38 Walker Road in Wales. The Building Inspector has made a determination that the Special Permit for the property to operate as

a campground had expired due to Inactivity under Wales Zoning Bylaws Section 8.4.8 and Abandonment under Wales Zoning Bylaws Section 4.2.3, thus requiring a new Special Permit from the Planning Board. The applicant is requesting that the ZBA overturn the Building Inspector's decision and issue a Special Permit to operate a campground at 38 Walker Road. Any person interested and wishing to be heard on this application should refer to July 10th 2023 agenda on the Zoning Board of Appeals page on the town website (www.townofwales.net) under zoning board agenda for the above date. If you have any questions or concerns, please email planning@townofwales.net 06/22, 06/29/2023

Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

WARE- Distracted driving is of most concern in summer, when more people take the opportunity to travel, explore and visit family. Traveling with pets compounds this concern, as unrestrained pets can both cause distractions and make accidents more dangerous.



"Pets can easily take a driver's attention from the road, posing a serious risk not only to the pet but also to the passengers riding in the same vehicle," says Michael Leung, co-founder and lead product designer of Sleepypod, a manufacturer of premium pet carriers and pet restraint systems. "If there is nothing restraining a pet in a hard stop or car accident, the pet can become a projectile and potentially collide with fellow pets or human passengers."

Such a collision could be catastrophic, regardless of a pet's size. A 10-pound dog in a 50-mile-an-hour car crash exerts 500 pounds of force. Meanwhile, an 80-pound dog in a 30-mile-per-hour crash exerts 2,400 pounds of force.

Unrestrained pets may also fall or jump out of open windows or flee the car in fear after a crash, potentially becoming lost, injured, or worse.

A quality, rigorously tested pet restraint can make all the difference in preventing distracted driving and keeping human and pet passengers safe during an accident. Interestingly, an American Automobile Association survey found that, while more than 80% of

drivers admitted that they recognize the dangers of driving with an unrestrained pet, only 16% used pet restraints.

Leung spearheaded Sleepypod's rigorous advanced crash-testing program. He and his research and development team gather real-life accident data through Sleepypod's crash replacement program, which offers customers who have used a pet safety restraint while in an accident replacement pet restraints or discounts on new pet restraints.

Follow these tips for minimizing pet-related distractions and keeping pets safe during accidents:

Pets should always be restrained in a back seat to prevent them from injury if an airbag is deployed. If the pet cannot restrain your pet with a reputable, tested car restraint, the next safest option is to place the pet in the footwell behind the front seat. Smaller pets are safer when fully contained in a restrained carrier, while larger dogs should ride in a car safety harness that does not connect the pet with an extension tether. Pets should be unable to slide forward far enough to "submarine," or drop off the seat, at any point during a collision.

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Brewery sets the stage for local music

By Ryan Drago
Correspondent

HARDWICK – A sunny afternoon brought an entertaining atmosphere to the local brewery, Lost Towns Brewing in Gilbertville.

The venue is currently known for its tasty refreshments after its origin started as a small meat and grocery store, Czabaj Market.

Lost Towns got itself established as a brewery in 2018. The venue now hosts entertaining events for locals all around different towns who appreciate the laid-back atmosphere and the presence of local arts.

One of these local arts is music by local indie folk-rock musician and singer, Josh Noone.

Noone, originally from Palmer and now residing in Warren, has performed his music several times at Lost Towns. This past Sunday, Noone gave another fun performance for the patrons of Lost Towns with his acoustic guitar and vocals of mostly covers of familiar rock and country favorites, along with a few original songs.

One of the original songs performed is titled, "Affection". Covers or original songs, the entire room full of brewery patrons were enjoying the added excitement to their Sunday afternoon.

Lost Towns is currently operated by Jim and Pam Spurrell, along with their son, Alex, who was on the clock during the musical event. Alex gave well detailed information about what genres of music are popularly known in the brewery.

Noone certainly fits the description with an acoustic feel to classic rock and country favorites.

"It's perfect," said Alex. "His music fits the environment of the Brewery."

Noone was not alone on stage as he performed alongside another indie musician and singer, Jason Wood.

Living in Brimfield and originally from Idaho, Wood has been a musician for about 15 years. In addition to his acoustic guitar, Wood brought the sound of the cajon, a percussion type drum box.

While performing with Noone, Wood would play the cajon while sitting on top of it and drumming on its frontside.

Together, they brought a small-town country feel to the Brewery as they included covers of "Say it Ain't So", "Scar Tissue", "I Will Wait", and others. Both musicians always enjoy sharing the stage with each other and have the upmost courtesy for each other's time off and on stage.

"Giving each other a notice to takeover whenever one of us needs a break," said Wood.



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago
Local musicians Josh Noone and Jason Wood get ready to perform at Lost Towns Brewing.

Wood noted that he always enjoys performing with Noone, and is always grateful for the atmosphere Lost Towns Brewing has to offer.

"This is one of my favorite venues to perform...it's so appreciative," he said.

Wood's claim shows merit, as the audience in the Brewery were cheering and clapping with joy.

Wood has been performing musical gigs in the area for about five years and intends to continue. He also has his own studio, Moody Creek Studio.

After the event was concluded, Noone shared some of his regular music venues and what brings him back to Lost Towns Brewing. He also performs open mic nights at the Brewery, which take place on Friday nights.

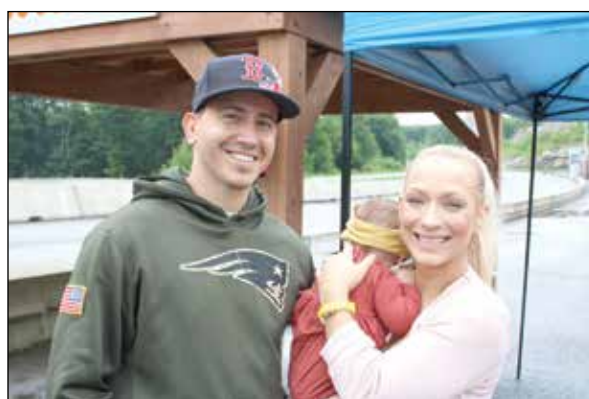
Noone's other venues include Saw Dust Coffee House and Dessert Bar in Sturbridge and he mentioned he will be performing this summer at the Brimfield Winery.

Noone and Wood have not set a return date to the Brewery, but intend to return soon.

Other events at the Brewery include a monthly Beer and Yoga event, which will take place next Saturday, June 24. The Friday open mic nights take place every Friday from 6-8 p.m.

Lost Towns also works with a local farm that delivers great food and desserts, Farmer Matt out of New Braintree.

You can follow Lost Towns Brewing on Facebook and get more information on their upcoming events and activities at <https://lrbrew.com>. Lost Towns Brewing is located at 483 Main St., Gilbertville, right off Route 32.



Bruce Cordero and Rebecca Jackson pose with their daughter between laps on the track.



Rebecca Jackson holds 7-month-old Myla.



Porsche/Audi of Norwell supplied several cars and drivers.



One of the drivers takes his turn as a passenger in Palmer Motorsports Park's Mustang.



Volunteers of all ages helped make the event successful.

Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

Veterans signed this tire at the event.

Mitchell Bourque of Brookfield was one of the drivers for the event. Bourque is an instructor at Palmer Motorsports Park.

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About 50 veterans showed up for the event, despite the weather, according to Race Cars for a Cause Founder and President Jeff Archambeault.

"In the first 45 minutes, we had 35 signed in," he said, with more continuing to arrive throughout the afternoon as skies cleared.

A total of 16 drivers volunteered their time and skills on the track, including many members of Palmer Motorsports Park. Porsche/Audi of Norwell also supplied cars and drivers for the event.

Dunkin' of Western MA was one hand with plenty of fuel to keep drivers and passengers going.

Attending Military Appreciation Day for the first time was Westfield veteran Bruce Cordero, who serves in the Air National Guard out of Barnes Air National Guard Base in Westfield.

Having served in the U.S. Air Force for 20 years, Cordero has spent eight years in the Air National Guard. "I'm a lifer," he said.

Cordero said being on the track at Palmer Motorsports Park is like nothing he's ever been able to do before.

"To actively get out and be able to see the track as the drivers do, being able to experience it in a different way than being on the side," Cordero said.

Joining him was his girlfriend Rebecca Jackson, and their 7-month-old daughter, Myla. Jackson was also able to ride along on the track, as the event serves both veterans and their family members.

Cordero said his favorite car he rode in was a Mazda Miata, while Jackson said her favorite was the 2004 Subaru STI owned and driven by Brookfield resident Mitchell Bourque.

Bourque is an instructor at Palmer Motorsports Park, and the STI is his daily driver, but it's also seen a lot of action on racetracks.

"This car has seen every track in New England," Bourque said.

This was his first year driving at Military Appreciation Day and something he enjoyed doing.

"It's just awesome that I can give back...these guys did things I never did," Bourque said.

West Brookfield U.S. Air Force veteran Ryan Quigley said Bourque's car was his favorite ride of the day and he talked about how important this event was for him.

"It's great...it's nice to have something like this to meet other veterans," Quigley said. "It means a lot."

About Race Cars for a Cause
Race Cars for a Cause was founded by Archambeault in 2015, and has already served close to 600 veterans, active military and their families at its events. Race Cars for a Cause is a nonprofit dedicated to helping veterans and active military.

Held at racetracks all over New England, the Military Appreciation Day in Palmer is their biggest event of the year.

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