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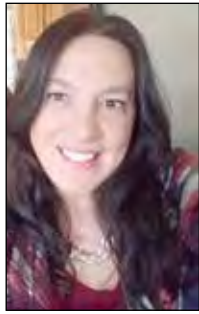
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**SCHOOLS**

## Turner named interim Principal at Pathfinder

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PALMER – Pathfinder Regional Technical Vocational School has selected alumna and long-time staff member Brenda Turner to fill the role of interim Principal, starting this summer.



**Brenda Turner**

After years of service, Carrie Auffrey has parted ways with the school to pursue other opportunities, Superintendent Eric Duda said. In the meantime, Brenda Turner has stepped up to become the interim Principal.

“Working in this building in any capacity is just heaven to me,” Turner said. “I’m a graduate as well, so I feel like my connection and commitment to this building is at the highest level.”

“I had the most phenomenal high school experience here, so to have had the opportunity to come back and work here, and kind of give back to what I feel is an environment that gave so much to was honestly something that I really treasured.”

Duda described Turner as “a tireless advocate for the kids.”

“I have always admired her leadership style, and her ability to inspire others,” Duda said. He added that, “Her vast background in mental health as a counselor, Director of Guidance, and her most recent position are ideal experiences and attributes for the role of principal.”

After graduating from Pathfinder, Turner worked at the Juvenile Courthouse in Springfield, an

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## MONSON

# Summerfest



The Youth United banner leads a giant puppet down Main St.

## No raining on 4th of July Parade

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MONSON – Rain could not stop this year’s 4th of July parade, which drew hundreds of town residents for the parade, and an afternoon full of activities at Veteran’s Field.

After having to reschedule Summerfest last month, the Summerfest Committee chose to hold the Independence Day parade, which was held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday on Main St. Both Main St. and Chestnut St. were closed for the parade, with the latter used as the site for paraders to line up before marching down Main St.

Dan Rittlinger announced the parade from a podium in front of Town

Hall, which involved a number of local organizations, including the police and fire departments, the Girl Scouts, and various local businesses and organizations. Nicole Ouimet was scheduled to sing the National Anthem as the parade closed.

Following the parade, a celebration was held at Veteran’s Field, with live music by Sarah the Fiddler and the James Paul Band. Food and craft booths and bounce houses added to the celebrations in the field, and beer, cider, and malts were sold by the Summerfest Beer

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Nick LeBel with Skylar, age 10, and Samantha Dang, with Addie, age 7, attended the parade.



**SCHOOLS**

## Old Mill Pond welcomes new principal

New principal,  
 Familiar face

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PALMER – After 23 years serving the Palmer Public School District, Holly-Beth Riopel is ready to begin her 24th year with a new title - Principal.

While Riopel was announced as Old Mill Pond Elementary School’s Principal in May, the 2023-2024 school year will mark when she started with the official principal title.

“I am so invested in this school system - I have friends and family who have kids here, my kid goes here...I am so invested in their success and I want things to be great,” said Riopel.

Riopel said she always wanted to work with children and pursued education as a career immediately after graduating high school.

Having attended Three Rivers Elementary School, Converse Middle School and Palmer High School, Riopel’s decision to enter the education field was strongly influenced by her experiences as a student.

“My path has always been children...my education in Palmer, overall, inspired that [and] my teachers inspired that,” said Riopel.

While she started her career in special education, over the past 23 years she has gained experience as a team lead, classroom teacher, assistant principal and interim principal.

In her time as a paraprofessional, Riopel said she “found [she] really clicked with students with behavioral issues,” as she “liked working with kids with a little bit of sass.”

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**REMEMBRANCE**



Turley Photos by Dallas Gagnon

Mary’s family members, Billy Forget, Neil Collins, Will Collins, Nick Collins, Lily Tracy and Kim Tracy are shown standing before Mary’s black and blue 1996 GMC Sierra.

## Classmates host Car Show in memory of friend

Car Show Memorial for  
 Mary Collins

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PALMER/SOUTH HADLEY – Friends, family and car enthusiasts from all across New England

gathered to support the Memorial Car Show for Mary Collins at St. Joseph’s Field, Saturday, July 1.

Collins, a 16 year old South Hadley resident and Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School student pursuing auto body, passed away unexpectedly in an automobile accident on June, 13.

Classmates Trevor Press and Brendon King organized the show to honor Mary and raise funds to



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**MONSON**

## Select Board discusses Senior Center; cemetery plots

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MONSON – Last week, the Select Board held its first meeting since the Town Election, and discussed issues involving signage, the Senior Center, and trash, among other things.

The meeting opened with the Select Board welcoming Peter Warren as the newest Board Member.

“I just wanna say thanks for everyone that helped me along the way,” Warren said. “Whether it was just some advice, or holding a sign, or telling me, you know, ‘don’t slow down, just keep going, you gotta keep going.’”

Warren also thanked the Monson voters.

“Thank you very much for everything you did for me, it was very humbling,” he said.

After Warren’s opening comments, John Morrell suggested that the Board return to its traditional structure, with the member whose term is about to expire assuming the duties of Chair for the year. This would make Patricia Oney the Chair going into 2024, which was confirmed with a unanimous vote, with Warren voted in as the Clerk.

**Council on Aging**

Karen King, of the Planning Board and Community Preservation Committee, approached the Select Board to request that they waive the \$200 building permit fee.

“I’m hoping tonight I can set everything straight about who does what at the Senior Center, or who’s in charge of what,” King said.

King said they applied for a grant through the Monson Home for the Aged, through Community Preservation, to have a handicapped ramp on the front to have access for people into the business office.

“In the grant, when we asked for the prices from the vendors, building permits were not put in...because in 100 years, we’ve never had to pay because it’s a Senior Center,” she said.

King said she was told that the Senior Center is private property, owned by the Monson Home for the Aged. King said the building was donated by the Cushman family to create a home for the elderly, then turned into a Senior Center through agreement with the Council on Aging when it was closed in 1975.

“The Home for the Aged

**FITNESS**

## Athletes compete in first ever local IRONMAN triathlon



Turley Photo by Deanna Sloat

Andrew Les finishes his first IRONMAN in 5 hours and 36 minutes.

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SPRINGFIELD – In its first western Massachusetts event, the

IRONMAN 70.3 saw 1,141 athletes from around the world compete in the sports of swimming, biking and running.

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# Pet of the Week



ELLIOT

This is Elliot. It's easiest to get a good picture when he's snoozing and not running around like a looney! Is your fur friend a dog, cat, chicken, lizard, horse, bird, mouse...you get the point. Is there a pet you're fostering and trying to re-home? All pets are welcome! Email a high-resolution jpg of your pet with a little information to mharrison@turley.com.

## Nominations sought for Healthcare Heroes

SPRINGFIELD — In the spring of 2017, BusinessWest and its sister publication, the Healthcare News, created a new and exciting recognition program called Healthcare Heroes.

According to a recent press release, "it was launched with the theory that there are heroes working all across this region's wide, deep and all-important healthcare sector and that there was no shortage of fascinating stories to tell and individuals and groups to honor. That theory has certainly been validated."

There are countless heroes whose stories still need to be told and the publications are asking the public to help. Nominations for the class of 2023 are due Saturday, July 29. There are seven categories:

- Patient/Resident/Client Care Provider
- Health/Wellness Administrator/Administration
- Emerging Leader
- Community Health
- Innovation in Health/Wellness
- Collaboration in Health/Wellness
- Lifetime Achievement.

Nominations can be submitted at [businesswest.com/healthcare-heroes/nominations](http://businesswest.com/healthcare-heroes/nominations).

For more information, call Melissa Hallock, Marketing and Events director, at 413-781-8600, ext. 100, or email [hallock@businesswest.com](mailto:hallock@businesswest.com).



Lukas Morin of Hardwick is shown standing beside his two trucks. Shown from left to right are a 1974 Chevy Cheyenne Super and a 1989 Power Ram.



A collage of photos is shown on the dashboard of Mary's truck in her honor.

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help the family with funeral costs.

Collins' mother, Kim Tracy said Mary "grew up around cars so it was a given," that Collins would pursue a related field.

Mary's father, Neil Collins said Mary often "knew more than her friends" in shop, and they "would ask her for help."

The family said they believed a car show was an appropriate way to honor her as Mary was always very involved with automobiles.

Collins said Mary had planned to officially work with him after she graduated from PRVTH, though she had been helping him work on cars in their garage since she was a toddler.

One car she helped Collins work on was his blue '78 Camaro, however, she claimed it was "hers since she was five."

Collins said "she was in and out of the garage fixing it since she was little," doing things like waxing the vehicle and being a "tool gopher."

Mary had recently made plans to customize the family's 1996 GMC Sierra.

After her father, mother and brother had their turns driving the Sierra, Mary was ready



Mary Collins

to make it her own.

"She was a very good artist...She was going to fix it and paint it how she wanted it - black and blue," said Tracy.

She added Mary had just recently found the paint color she wanted to use while she was in shop class.

The family said they plan to customize the vehicle the way Mary wanted it and add a tribute to her on the back windshield.

Family friend and car show participant, Lukas Morin of Hardwick said he believed Mary liked trucks more than cars, though "she appreciated everything."

Morin entered both of his trucks, a 1974 Chevy Cheyenne Super and a 1989 Power Ram.

"I know the family very well [and] I was lucky to be able to come," said Morin.

He added he attends car shows regularly in the spring, summer and fall in his free time. Morin said his Cheyenne is his "dream truck."

After finding it on Facebook Marketplace 2 years ago, Morin said he has done "quite a bit of work," to the vehicle on his own, including some "engine stuff," and all the maintenance.

Morin restores antique vehicles for a living and plans to "do a ground up restoration" of his Cheyenne.

"I liked the original paint job - the two tone orange and white...I love the 70s' look," said Morin.

He said he would like to "bring it back to stock."

"Perhaps originality is more rare - I appreciate it," said Morin.

He added that Neil Collins' work "is really good," and hopes they can eventually paint the Cheyenne together.

Dennis Walker of Amherst also brought his car for showing.

Walker's 1965 Chevy Impala Caprice has made an appearance in Generator & Distributor Magazine as well as at a PRVTH car show.

Since purchasing the vehicle in 2018, he has restored the engine and interior.

Walker said he has five different mechanics for his vehicle including one for interior, one for engine work and one for the body.

Walker heard about the event through the Car Club of New England.

"It's a devastating event for any family... it is human nature to combine in groups," said Walker.

Morin said "it was very nice for the town to allow this, and that everybody showed up...you never know how many people care until they come together."

Classmate, Trevor Press said at the peak of the show, about 75-100 cars were in the field.

Tracy said "we really appreci-

ate everybody coming together...the outpour of people to support [us] has been amazing."

Press and King organized the event in just two weeks - contacting the owner of the property, acquiring donations for raffle prizes and working on community outreach to gain traction.

Ware resident Joe Barrows volunteered to help coordinate the event as he has hosted several car shows in the past.

While Press said there were "no planned volunteers," many stepped up during the event to make it all happen.

Tracy said what the young men accomplished "in the past two weeks is nothing short of amazing."

Press said he and King "went into places and handed out fliers," asked businesses if they'd like to donate raffle prizes, and shared information on Facebook.

"The word got out very fast," said Press. While the event was free entry with no cost to enter vehicles into the show, donations were accepted and money raised from raffle ticket sales were given to the family.

Tracy said Mary was an "amazing young lady."

Her family described her as "sarcastic," "caring," "funny," and someone who could go from being covered in grease to cooking mashed potatoes.

"There was never a dull moment with her...She told it like it was - what she lacked in height she made up for in attitude," said Tracy.

The family is still accepting donations at this time. For those who would like to donate, please scan the QR code.



To donate to Mary's GoFundMe in an effort to help the family with funeral costs, please scan the QR code.



Joe Barrows of Ware is smiling beside his truck after volunteering.



A side profile of a yellow El Camino SS is shown.



Shown is an American flag placed inside the hood of the Walkers' 65' Chevy Impala Caprice.



Joe Barrows is shown raffling off 50/50 prizes.

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# Individualized learning for locals



Student and aspiring teacher, Mouna Almasri and Director of Adult Literacy/ Operations Officer, Donna Kimball.



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Resources students and tutors use for learning and studying.



Kimball is standing beside English language tutor, Gina Lopez and Almasri's son, Daniel.



A bulletin board with upcoming events and other information is shown hanging outside of Top Floor Learning.

## One-on-one affordable tutoring

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PALMER – For those seeking to achieve their GED, fine tune their math, ELA or technology literacy skills, Top Floor Learning at 1455 N. Main Street offers one-on-one tutoring services to help learners meet their educational goals.

For nearly 20 years, Top Floor Learning has provided a wide range of adult literacy programs and life-long learning courses, workshops, and computer classes to the residents of the Quaboag Hills region and surrounding areas.

Director of Adult Literacy/ Operations Officer, Donna Kimball said Top Floor Learning helps learners identify their educational needs by discussing goals with tutors and taking appropriate placement tests.

Kimball said the organization aims to “find someone to meet all [learners] needs.”

She added learners “come in, talk with us, and we figure out what they need - whether it’s a HiSET/ GED equivalency [or] English language learning.”

Being conveniently located on the top floor of the Palmer Public Library, educational resources are also very accessible.

Additional services Top Floor Learning offers include specialized license preparation for ASVAB and SAT tests, basic reading, writing and math skills, as well as computer skills.

The organization is a privately funded, non-profit corporation made possible by the efforts of local, specially trained, volunteer tutors.

For just \$5 a session, learners receive two hours of one-on-one tutoring.

Kimball said the organization is actively seeking more volunteer tutors.

“Tutoring appointments within library hours can be held in our space, the library or somewhere else,” said Kimball.

“We need more people because more people are needing our services,” said Kimball.

Tutors are asked to volunteer for just two hours a week, at a time that works best for them and the learners.

Mouna Almasri is one student who has benefited from Top Floor Learning services.

“Mouna started as a student... She is a young lady from the Ukraine studying English,” said Kimball.

Almasri is also a student teacher at Springfield Technical Community College, where she assists her calculus professor.

According to Kimball, Almasri sought out tutoring services to improve her English language skills to “prepare for college.”

Almasri is set to graduate with her Associates Degree in Math with the goal of becoming a Math teacher.

Kimball said Almasri is a “math whizz,” who Kimball would like to have tutor for the organization one day.

“I squeezed myself in here until I became a member of the family,” said Almasri.

Kimball said an advantage learners have when using Top Floor Learning tutoring services is the in-person connection.

“We are one of the very few places that do in-person tutoring,” said Kimball.

She added the in-person experience is important because “there is more to learning than just spoon fed information.”

Kimball said Top Floor Learning tutors help learners “cope with the changes they need to.”

In remote settings, students “are missing a huge part of that connection,” said Kimball.

Kimball’s son, Alex Kimball, also volunteers for the organization. He often offers seniors device training such as smart phones and laptops.

Recently, Donna and Alex Kimball both received certifications through the American Association of Retired Persons to offer various senior classes at local senior centers and the library.

The organization has also partnered with POST Computer Systems of Wilbraham to offer seniors cyber security classes.

The next cyber security class will be offered on July 26 at 1 p.m. on the top floor of the library.

While the class costs \$10, it will cover a variety of information, including how to create passwords and keep them safe, how to avoid phishing, how to spot fake emails and websites, how to tell if you have been hacked and what to do if you are.

Kimball said the class is expected to last about an hour and a half to two hours depending on how many people attend and how many questions are asked.

Donations are accepted and go towards purchasing supplies, operating costs and teaching resources.

To volunteer or inquire about tutoring services, call 413-283-2329 or stop by the top floor of the Palmer Public Library.

As Kimball’s grandmother always said, “a day you don’t learn anything is a day you have lost.”

# CAMPUS NOTES

## Rochester Institute of Technology

Matt Breidenbach of Monson was named to the Dean’s List for the 2023 spring semester at Rochester Institute of Technology. Breidenbach is in the computer engineering program.

Full-time degree-seeking undergraduate students are eligible for Dean’s List if their term GPA is greater than or equal to 3.400; they do not have any grades of “Incomplete”, “D” or “F”; and they have registered for, and completed, at least 12 credit hours.

## MassBay Community College

Joice Ortiz of Monson has been named to the Dean’s List at MassBay Community College for the 2023 spring semester. Ortiz studies Computer Science.

To be eligible for the MassBay Dean’s List, students must complete at least six credits of college-level courses, be in good standing with the College, and earn a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher.

## Western New England University

The following local students were named to the President’s List at Western New England University for the 2023 spring

semester:  
Alison Fortier of Wales, who is majoring in Biomedical Engineering.

Carly Phaneuf of Brimfield, who is majoring in English.

Cole Crosby of Brimfield, who is majoring in Sport Management.

Ethan Griswold of Palmer, who is majoring in Computer Engineering.

Haley Bronson of Monson, who is majoring in Neuroscience.

Hannah Somers of Monson, who is majoring in Political Science.

Jaimie Talbot of Palmer, who is majoring in Health Sciences.

Jason Malouin of Palmer, who is majoring in Computer Engineering.

Joel Wyzik of Monson, who is majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Maggie Klassanos of Monson, who is majoring in Criminal Justice.

Natalie Bruneau of Monson, who is majoring in Elementary Education/Psychology.

Stephen Ventura of Palmer, who is majoring in Business Analytics & Information Management.

Taylor Mitchell of Monson, who is majoring in Political Science.

Taylor Mersfelder of Palmer, who is majoring in Computer Science.

Taylor Browne of Palmer, who is majoring in Business.

## University of Hartford

The following local students were named to the President’s Honors List at the University of Hartford for the 2023 spring semester:

Daniel Fiester, Cameron Kratovil and Katherine Roberts, all of Monson.

The President’s Honors List is made up of an extremely select group of students who earned a grade-point average of 3.75 or higher in the semester.

## Plymouth State University

Noel Melnick of Thorndike has been named to the President’s List at Plymouth State University for the 2023 spring semester. Melnick is majoring in Psychology.

To be named to the President’s List, a student must achieve a grade-point average of 3.7 or better for the semester and must have attempted at least 12 credit hours during the semester.

## Dean College

Elizabeth Perreault of Palmer has earned a place on the Dean’s List at Dean College for the 2023 spring semester.

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# Viewpoints



## Comments on CONGRESS

By Lee Hamilton

In the Constitution, Congress comes first. In real life, not so much.

There's a reason the founders started with Congress when they created the blueprint for our representative democracy: It's the institution closest to the American people.

This isn't just political theory. For all their faults, members of Congress throughout our history have made an effort to stay close to and understand their constituents. They still do. More than any other branch of government, Congress reflects the feelings of the diverse and ever-evolving population of the United States — even if, with population shifts boosting rural power in the Senate these days and gerrymandering affecting House districts, the proportions are out of whack.

So one of the more puzzling aspects of the evolution of power in Washington has been the extent to which Congress has sat by over the decades while its strength has ebbed. For the most part, we think of this in terms of its relations with the presidency, with everything from war powers to budget-making to an increasing reliance on executive orders putting presidents of both parties in an ever-stronger position to set and steer the national agenda.

But recently, CNN's Zachary Wolf drew attention to a similar process taking place vis-à-vis the Supreme Court. The mechanisms are different, but the result is the same: Congress loses room to maneuver.

Wolf was actually delving into a recently published book by University of Texas law professor Stephen Vladeck, "The Shadow Docket: How the Supreme Court Uses Stealth Rulings to Amass Power and Undermine the Republic." Vladeck's chief concern is what for the last few years has come to be called the "shadow docket," referring to cases that are not formally heard by the Court, with oral arguments and then long written decisions and dissents, but instead are generally unsigned orders that arrive without explanation.

They can be quite consequential. As Vladeck explained to Wolf in their interview, the Court last year intervened in redistricting cases in Alabama and Louisiana in such a way that it "helped to give the Republicans the majority they currently have in the House." It did so in 2020 and 2021 as well, especially to address cases involving COVID regulations. The Court's power, Vladeck points out, lies not just in its decisions, but in choosing which of the many issues arriving on its doorstep it will decide.

In fact, that's not just true of cases on the shadow docket. Until about a century ago, the Court was required to make a decision on any case under its jurisdiction. That, Vladeck argues, "made it a lot harder for the justices to have an agenda. It made it a lot harder for the justices to target particular disputes and look around for cases."

The reason it can now pick and choose — and hence steer the national agenda — is because Congress gave it the power to do so, especially with the 1988 Supreme Court Case Selections Act, which granted the Court full authority over whether to hear appeals from circuit court decisions. So it chooses which 80 or so cases it will hear out of the 5,000 to 7,000 it is asked to review each term.

To be sure, it's hardly the case that the Court has avoided precedent-setting decisions in the past — dating all the way back to Marbury v. Madison in 1803, when the Court gave itself the power of judicial review over executive and legislative decisions. Still, if you think about our recent political history, especially around abortion, you can see Vladeck's point: The Court does not reflect the thinking of a majority of Americans.

For members of Congress who would rather not have to cast unpopular votes on controversial issues that could cost them a seat, having the White House or the Supreme Court make those decisions can be handy. But as Vladeck argues, "When we look at the Court today — at the ethics issues, the docket issues, the legitimacy debates — a lot of what's going on here is a court that's just not remotely checked and not worrying about being checked." Congress historically had the authority to exercise control over the Court's ability to set the agenda, he insists, and there's no reason it can't again.

The balance of power in Washington demands it.

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## Clues that your local beach may have problems...



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## Tips for successful summer pruning

I thought it would be fun to follow up my spring pruning column with one geared towards shrubs that are best tackled during the summer months.

Enjoy this read, straight out of the archives!

After the recent (and glorious) rain we've been receiving, my shrubs have had a major growth spurt! Now is a great time to tackle much needed vegetation control.

Here are instructions for pruning five of our most favorite shrubs.

Yew (Taxus species) may not rank as top pick, but many homeowners have inherited a yew or two flanking the foundation of their home. For this pruning job you will need a pair of hand clippers, not hedge trimmers.

The new growth is obvious: it is very flexible, lighter in color and extends several inches from the shrub's silhouette.

With clippers in hand, grab a branch, and instead of removing just the new growth, make a cut well within the body of the shrub. This process is called "making windows."

The windows allow light to penetrate the plant's interior causing regeneration to occur. Repeat in various spots on each shrub for a balanced appearance.

Any straggly growth that remains can be nipped back. By pruning in this manner each year, healthy, new growth is encouraged, yet height and width control is maintained.

Too labor intensive for you? Alright, use the hedge trimmers first, then make a few windows, for nearly the same effect.

Azaleas, rhododendrons (Rhododendron sp.) and mountain laurels (Kalmia latifolia) set their flower buds the summer before bloom. Prune these bushes immediately after they flower next spring; it is just about too late to do much more now.

One task that can be accomplished immediately is deadheading. Inspect the shrubs and gently break off seed pods that have formed from this year's blooms.

Simply hold on to the center of the spent flower cluster and bend it forward. This will send more energy back to the plant and encourage healthy bud formation.

Dense plantings or tall lanky specimens can be rejuvenated next year by cutting "windows" into the bush like I describe above to encourage interior sprouting. Once enough stems have sprouted, taller branches can be cut back to a lower juncture.

The immensely popular pinkish flowered Spirea x bumalda "Anthony Waterer" has the ability to grow 3-4-feet

tall and 5-6-feet wide when mature. Unfortunately, most folks buy it in a gallon pot and site it for that size, often planting it in front of the shrub border or in and amongst perennials.

In a year or two, when the plant has crowded out its neighbors, they are sorry for the misjudgment.

Alas, there is hope.

The following pruning technique works for all members of the genus — most are hardy growers.

Once the Spirea is done blooming, look into the center of the plant and find the largest branches. Cut those down to ground level.

Stand back and look at what is left. Prune remaining branches back to a point of new growth, really reigning in the girth.

Plan to rejuvenate the plant over a three year time frame by taking one third of the bush each year.

Butterfly Bush (Buddleia davidii) is usually growing by leaps and bounds this time of year and is preparing to burst into bloom soon.

How do you keep it covered in flowers? By lots of deadheading.

Removing spent blossoms will encourage new shoot growth and more flowers. If you have a Butterfly Bush that has gotten way out of hand, consider cutting it back in late winter or early spring — to about a foot in height — then fertilize it.

Expect a much more compact version come summertime.

Euonymus fortunei is sold as a popular groundcover that can grow quite tall if left to its own devices. Most often seen in the landscape are the variegated species.

"Emerald Gaiety" has silver edged leaves where "Emerald and Gold" has dark green foliage with yellow margins. This time of year, a haircut is needed.

Prune away gangly stems back to the base.

Also, be on the lookout for solid color stems on these variegated plants. Cut any that you find away completely, otherwise they may take the lead, leaving you with not exactly what you had planted.

It may seem like you live in a jungle...but an afternoon's worth of work will definitely reign in the vegetation. Enjoy your time with the clippers!

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## SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

## Should I have taxes withheld from Social Security if working part time?

Dear Rusty: I just started receiving my Social Security in February of 2023. I am also working part time at a company 24 hours a week. My question is... I feel like I missed something when I signed up for Social Security because they are not taking any taxes out.

What did I miss? How do I go about fixing it so I don't get hit at the end of the year? They are taking taxes out of my paycheck now, do they still take it out of my Social Security because I am working? Please help if I am not doing something right.

Signed: Conscientious Senior

Dear Conscientious: Unfortunately, when the Social Security Administration processes your application for benefits, they don't usually inform you that your Social Security benefits may become part of your taxable income. I expect that's because your benefits only "may" become taxable — they do not definitely become taxable, because Social Security benefits are taxed only if you exceed a certain income threshold.

The thresholds which Social Security benefits become part of your taxable income are different depending on your income tax filing status — those who file as an individual have a different threshold from those who file as "married — filing jointly." And to further complicate matters there is more than one threshold for both individuals and joint filers. Here's how it works:

If you file your income tax as an individual and your "combined income" from all sources is more than \$25,000, then 50% of the Social Security benefits you received during the tax year becomes part of your overall taxable income at your particular IRS tax rate. But if your combined income as an individual tax filer is more than \$34,000 then up to 85% of the SS benefits you received during the tax becomes part of your overall taxable income.

If your income tax filing status is "married — filing jointly" the thresholds are higher — if your combined income from all sources as a married couple exceeds \$32,000 then 50% of the Social Security benefits you received during the tax year becomes part of your taxable income. But if your combined income as a married couple exceeds \$44,000 then up to 85% of your SS benefits received during the tax year are taxable.

"Combined income" is also known as your "Modified Adjusted Gross Income" or "MAGI." Your MAGI is your Adjusted Gross Income on your tax return, plus 50% of the Social Security benefits you received during the tax year, plus any non-taxable interest or untaxed foreign income you had (note that withdrawals from a Roth IRA are not included). If your "MAGI" exceeds the above thresholds, some of your Social Security benefits are taxable; if you are under the first threshold for your IRS filing status they are not.

Social Security doesn't automatically withhold taxes from your monthly benefit, and the FICA tax being withheld from your earnings are not used for that purpose. Everyone who works and earns must pay SS tax on their earnings, which are mandatory contributions supporting the federal Social Security program. But that FICA payroll tax has nothing to do with income tax on your Social Security benefits. If you are working 24 hours per week and also collecting Social Security benefits, you will likely exceed the threshold for your tax filing status, which means that at least some of your 2023 benefits will become taxable. That could, as you suspect, result in a surprise "hit" when you file next year's income tax return. Nevertheless, fixing this is quite easy:

Download IRS form W-4V from the IRS website here: [www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw4v.pdf](http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw4v.pdf). You will be able to choose the percentage of your Social Security benefits you wish to have withheld for income tax purposes. Complete the form and mail it to your local Social Security office (get the mailing address here: [www.ssa.gov/locator](http://www.ssa.gov/locator)). Social Security will then start withholding income tax from your monthly Social Security benefit payment, which will mitigate any additional tax due when you file your 2023 tax return next year.

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# Brimfield Public Library selected as a Community Bag Program Beneficiary

BRIMFIELD – The Friends of the Brimfield Public Library, Inc. was selected as a beneficiary of the Big Y Community Bag Program for July.

The Big Y Community Bag Program launched in 2019 and is a reusable bag program that facilitates community support with the goal of making a difference in the communities where shoppers live and work.

The Friends of the Brimfield Public Library, Inc. was selected as the July beneficiary by store leadership Big Y at 1180 Thorndike Street, Route 32 Palmer, MA.

They will receive a \$1 donation every time a \$2.50 reusable Community Bag is purchased at this location during July.

"We are thrilled that the Brimfield Library has been chosen for this program. The Friends do a lot of fundraising throughout the year to support the library's needs," said Amy Sacco, President of The Friends of the Brimfield Public Library, Inc.

"Big Y's program is a wonderful way to gather support from not only our patrons and the Brimfield community, but also those in the surrounding area. Our mission is to help support and enhance services for the Brimfield Public Library."

"We work closely with Rebecca Wells, the library Director, to ensure funding for programming at the library is secure. If you have not been, we hope you take the opportunity to check out our special and beautiful library."

The Friends of the Brimfield Public Library, Inc. is a long-time nonprofit based in Brimfield, MA.

The group works to fulfill the library's basic needs and provide free family-friendly events throughout the year.

To learn more about events and programs being offered by the Brimfield Public Library please visit their Facebook page at The Brimfield Public Library.

For more information on the Big Y Community Bag Program, visit [bigy.2givelocal.com](http://bigy.2givelocal.com)

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Turley Photo by Dallas Gagnon  
Old Mill Pond Principal, Holly-Beth Riopel is shown smiling outside of the elementary school during summer vacation.

She added this experience also better prepared her for the principal position because of the legal knowledge she gathered while working with plans and advocates.

Riopel said "climb[ing] her way" from paraprofessional to teacher, to administrator, has allowed her to "understand consistency."

"Being able to work through positions made me a strong candidate. When we make decisions as admin, we have to have knowledge of a teacher's day...I have knowledge of that, because I've walked in those positions," said Riopel.

A goal Riopel has set as she steps into the principal position is "to provide consistency," for the Old Mill Pond community.

"I love giving back to the community," said Riopel.

She added she is very active in extracurriculars and community outreach as she believes it is important the community "stays connected."

Even throughout the summer, Riopel has planned events for the Old Mill Pond community to come together.

On July 28, the Principals will host "Popcorn in the Park."

The Principal[s] will visit local parks to serve popcorn and see students.

First stop is Three Rivers playground from 10:30-11:30 a.m., followed by Bondsville playground from 12:30-1:30 p.m. and Thorndike playground from 2-3 p.m.

Riopel said the theme for the upcoming school year is "Ready-Set-Grow," and will be focused on growing as students/learners, as well as "growing a stronger school system."

Some areas Riopel identified for growth include reading and writing.

"We want to push towards small group instruction and strengthen that," said Riopel.

Riopel said she "loves education," and "loves pushing [herself] to more knowledge."

Something students have taught her is "not to take things so seriously."

"Children are so resilient...They taught me to laugh at myself," said Riopel.

When Riopel was appointed to the principal position, students lined

the school halls, held banners and cheered her on.

"Their love comes with nothing attached...it is beautiful and unconditional," said Riopel.

Riopel recognized Assistant Principals, Penny Ann Manterla and Kerry Lynch for their support and commitment to the students and School District.

"They are a great group of women to work with...they are driven and love Palmer and the children," said Riopel.

She added she is looking forward to a "full solid year of us all together."

Riopel credited the faculty and staff for their efforts supporting student wellness, including the efforts of the school adjustment counselors and "extremely knowledgeable" intervention specialists.

"Children are our future, and we want to make sure when they leave Old Mill Pond they leave with a good foundation," said Riopel. "We're ultimately preparing little adults for the world."

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Dan Moriarty runs the along the trail that was setup in Riverfront Park.



Runners run along the Springfield River Walk.



During the biking portion of the IRONMAN, the participants biked over the Memorial Bridge.



Andrew Les makes a lap through the running course of the triathlon.

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The middle distance triathlon started with 1.2 miles of swimming in the Connecticut River, followed by 56 miles of biking, and ended with 13.1 miles of running.

This event held on June 11 was a first for the city, and it was also a first for Stamford, Connecticut resident Andrew Les. In fact, it's the first race he's ever competed in.

"I've actually done zero; never even done a 5K road race before," Les said.

Coming in 318<sup>th</sup> overall, Les completed the swimming in 36:23, biking in 2:50:45 and the running in 1:57:41.

When asked if he would compete in the IRONMAN 70.3 again, Les said he'd consider it if it came back to Springfield.

"If you asked me right after the race, I was a very positive 'no,'" Les said with a laugh.

Les, who grew up in Palmer and has family living in Holland, said an event like the IRONMAN 70.3 is good for the city, but it takes many months of preparation to train for.

"It's a big time commitment... the training is intense," he said.

Preparation for the triathlon began in mid-December for Les, who was asked to be a training partner for a friend.

"I just so happened to be the lucky one that was drafted," Les said.

Using a training program they found online, Les and his friend spent almost half a year preparing for the race. Unfortunately, Les was injured less than four months into

training and was sidelined for a month and half.

Training consisted of swimming in the pool at 5:30 a.m. twice a week before work, as well as twice a week on the bike and twice a week running.

Les said for many competing in triathlons, the biggest challenge is the swimming. He has done survival swimming before, but didn't swim in high school and college and was "starting from scratch" for this event.

"That was the biggest mental battle for me, I was nervous about it. But in the actual event, the swim was the easiest," Les said. "The bike and the run are the two more challenging of the events."

Les said he really hopes the race returns to Springfield and he was grateful for the crowd of people along the route that cheered him and other athletes on.

He was also impressed with the diversity of the athletes, who ranged in age from 18-79.

"It's just amazing how many people do it from all ages...It's pretty incredible," Les said. "I know what it took just to get there...it is not an easy race."

Although this wasn't Daniel Moriarty's first IRONMAN, the Springfield race saw Monson Savings Bank's President and Chief Executive Officer coming in 86<sup>th</sup> in his age division and 884<sup>th</sup> overall.

His times were 36:34 for swimming, 3:19:54 for biking and 2:50:44 for running.

He joked that his aim was to take first place in the bank CEO and

presidents class.

Moriarty said he's done a couple of local triathlons prior to this, and has even competed in a full IRONMAN 140.6 in Mont-Tremblant, Quebec, Canada in 2015.

Moriarty knows the importance of fitness and health, and helped Monson Savings Bank distribute \$20,000 worth of new bicycles and helmets to area youth through the 150 Build-a-Bike campaign in celebration of the Bank's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year.

When asked what his favorite event of the triathlon was, Moriarty agreed with Les and said it was "100% the swim."

"After learning how to swim, I just think it's one of the best exercises anybody can do," he said.

Moriarty was also injured during his training, as a result of playing pickleball for the first time and straining his calf. Because of this, he was only able to get out and run a few times before the race.

Moriarty competed in the IRONMAN 70.3 as part of his regular work day, decked out in Monson Saving's Bank gear to promote the local bank.

He said he trains all year long and stays active to help cope with the stresses of his day.

While no date has been set for the 2024 IRONMAN 70.3 Western Massachusetts triathlon, registration is set open Sept. 6. For more information, visit [www.ironman.com/im703-western-massachusetts-register](http://www.ironman.com/im703-western-massachusetts-register).

# MONSON Summerfest



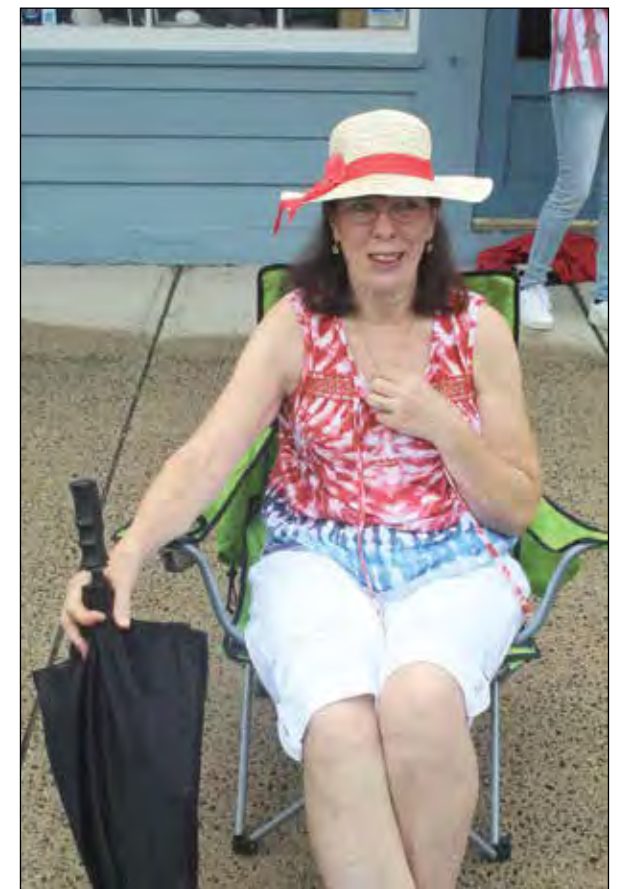
A giant puppet leaped in to greet onlookers at the parade.



Caitie Downing, Shane Green, and Bryson, age 2, were photographed on Main St.



Cheryl Clarke (left) and Colleen Flynn took a break from work for the school district to attend the parade.



Carrie Dean said her husband is watching the parade with her, in spirit.



Two girls carry a sign for the Dolphins swim team.

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Garden.

Though it started to downpour by 11 a.m., town residents stayed for the entire parade and attended the festivities at Veteran's Field, braving muddy fields and soaked clothes in order to support the town's hard work for this event, and celebrate their independence with patriotic fervor.

The SummerFest Committee is always looking for more members, so if you'd like to be involved in arranging the parade, fireworks, or other town activities, visit their website at [drew4056.wixsite.com/msf23](http://drew4056.wixsite.com/msf23).



The Shrewsbury family watched the parade; (from left) Joe, Stacy, Joe, Mason, Abby, and Darlene.



The Monson Summerfest banner hung over Main St.

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# MONSON Summerfest



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A giant American flag hung from a crane over Veteran's Field.



Cheerleaders passed in front of Adams Hometown Market.



The Friends of Monson float threw Tootsie Rolls to onlookers.



Residents watched the parade from the gazebo on Main St.



The float for the Dolphins Swim Team passes in front of the Unitarian Universalist Parish.



The Dunkin' Donuts car was led by its mascot.



Youths representing cheerleading and football passed in front of the Unitarian Universalist Parish of Monson.



C.R. Levesque towed a bed of ATVs and bikes for the parade.



The local chapter of Girls on the Run marched in the parade.



Parade attendees were treated to bagpipe players in traditional Scottish garb.



Youths waved flags on their way down Main St. for the Fourth of July parade.



Two giant puppets served as a highlight of Tuesday's parade.



"No farmers, no food, no future," read a sign on the side of a float.



Ray Daigle drove the restored Stafford fire engine for the parade.

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# MONSON Summerfest honors tradition



Turley Photos by Dallas Gagnon  
Attendees are shown smiling during Monson Summerfest despite the rain.



Handcrafted decorations designed by Kelly Tardy of Monson.



Patrons lined up to sample the treats from area food trucks.



Community members lining up for some sweet treats at the Vintage Ice Cream Emporium food truck.



One of three bounce houses that were set up for Summerfest.



Musicians playing a fiddle, keyboard, drums and guitar to entertain guests during the 2023 Summerfest.



Sarah the Fiddler is shown smiling as they perform live music.



Jenny Aleksi and Danni Kenyon are shown smiling before their banner for "Moonlit Forrest."



Skylar Lynen and Addie Dang are shown sporting vibrant face paintings after participating in the event festivities.

## Celebrating Independence Day

By Dallas Gagnon  
Staff Writer  
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MONSON – Since 1980, Monson residents and neighboring community members have united in Monson center to celebrate Independence Day.

Despite the rain, the "Monson Summerfest" tradition was honored again this year with a parade on Main Street and local vendors, bounce houses, face painting and live music on Veterans Field. Attendees could be seen trailing in front of the Vintage Ice Cream Emporium food truck of Monson, accompanied by the sweet aroma of kettle corn drifting through the humid air.

Others opted for something a little more savory, such as steak tips brought all the way in from Hudson. In addition to food trucks, other vendors included artisan crafters, local artists and small business owners looking to get their feet off the ground. From Palmer, Jenny Aleksi and Danni Kenyon offered crystals, incense and other holistic healing resources at their booth "The Moonlit

Forrest." The pair are aiming to open a healing shop in Palmer come mid-July. Newly established business, Paws 4 Blue K-9, based out of Palmer, was also in attendance. The organization supports K-9 police officers, and sells merchandise such as beanies, ties, shirts, sweat shirts and other products. The company donates a percent-

age of the proceeds to K-9 officers in need as many police departments do not have a K-9 budget. While vendors were open for the eternity of the event live music was offered between 12:30 p.m and 5:30 p.m. Local musicians Sarah the Fiddler and The James Paul Band provided the musical entertainment. Though some attendees said they believed the weather impacted

the turn out, children did not seem phased. Some jumped in the bounce houses while others swung and splashed in the water by the playground. The Monson Police Department publicly thanked Monson Summerfest Inc., for their "dedication and commitment to our Town," and added a "special thank you to everyone who braved today's weather to come out and join us."



Turley photos by Mya Walker  
Larry and Eva, from Hampden, wait the parade on Main Street.



The Camelot Kennels Mario Kart Racers make their way down Main Street.



Sunny the Summerfest Mascot walks along the parade route.



Many onlookers line the streets of downtown Monson, awaiting the parade

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## Monson stays perfect

MONSON - Monson girls summer soccer is a perfect 5-0 prior to the Fourth of July holiday thanks to another pair of wins last week. Monson defeated Chicopee Comprehensive 4-1 last Monday and then took down Suffield 7-2. Monson returns to action next week.



Aniah Myrie sends a pass forward.



Claire Wahlund tries to settle the ball.



Goalie Emily Provost reaches up to try and make a save.



Sierra Martinson maneuvers up the middle.



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Ciara Monaghan sends a pick away.

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Ela Kopec gets set to punt the ball away.



Laci Lewis sprints up the field.

## Mutiny shut out at home

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—The forecast called for thunderstorms, but the New England Mutiny lucked out with a beautiful night to play their third home match of the regular season. The weather turned out to be the only bright spot for the Mutiny.

Sporting CT, a first-year member of United Women's Soccer, made the trip north to Ludlow from Middletown, Connecticut and posted a 4-0 shutout before a large crowd at Lusitano Stadium on Saturday, June 24.

"We faced a very tough opponent tonight. They played a 3-5-2, which is more of an attacking formation, against us," said Mutiny assistant coach Jill Kochanek. "We did have a couple of scoring opportunities. If we could've capitalized on them, it probably would've been a different result."

Kochanek took over the head coaching duties from first-year Mutiny head coach Mauricio "Toto" Coimbra for one night. Coimbra missed the home match because he was in Virginia coaching his club team at the Regionals.

The Mutiny (3-2-1), who lost 3-2 to the Albany Rush on the road on June 16, suffered their first regular season home loss during the past two years. They did lose to FC Buffalo, 2-1, at home in the Eastern Conference semifinals, last July.

"We've had a couple of setbacks, but that doesn't define you as a team," said forward Hope Santaniello, who's one of the Mutiny veteran players. "Our main goal now is to win our final two regular season matches."

If the Mutiny can post victories at the Worcester Fuel on Saturday night and at home against the CT Rush in the regular season finale on July 8, they should be able to clinch a berth in the U.W.S. playoffs for the second consecutive year. The top eight teams in the East Division will automatically qualify for the Eastern Conference playoffs.

"We're still vying for a playoff spot," Kochanek said. "If we do want to make a long run in the playoffs, we'll need to capitalize on our scoring chances. This game was a good learning experience for us."

Santaniello, who's from Agawam, has been a member of the University of Rhode Island women's team during the past couple of years. She recently entered the NCAA transfer portal and is in the process of searching for a new school to play soccer at in the fall.

In last Saturday's match, Santaniello had a couple scoring chances in the first five minutes of the contest. Santaniello's first shot attempt sailed wide, and her second shot on goal was saved by Sporting CT goalie Abby McCarthy.

Midfielder Lily Fabian, who graduated from Monson High



Jenna Kalwa tries to maneuver through the opposing defense.

School in 2018, played in her first match of the season for the Mutiny. "Lily has been one of our leaders during the past couple of years," Kochanek said. "We're grateful to have her back for today's match."

Sporting CT (6-0-0) took a 1-0 lead during the 21st minute when forward Aubrey Kupla fired a shot into the upper right corner of the net past Mutiny goalie Naya Lipkens. Tiffany Weimer, who's the Sporting CT player/head coach, was credited with the assist.

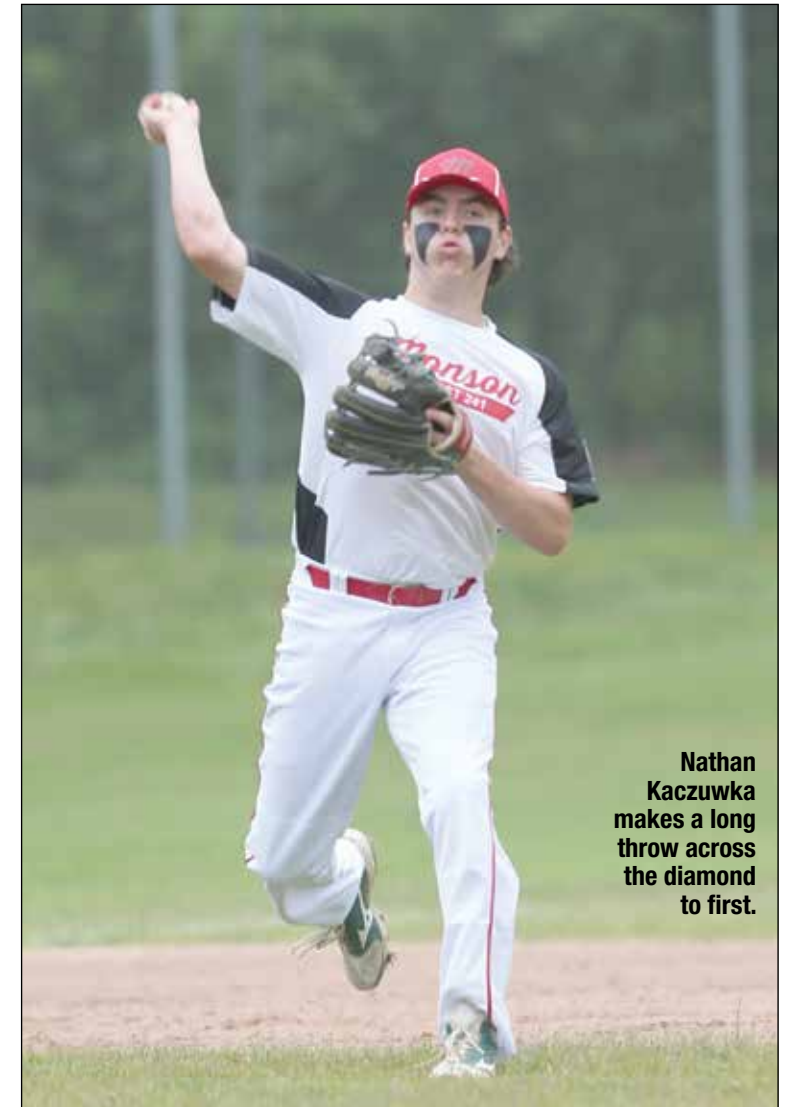
Kupla finished her first ever soccer match at Lusitano Stadium with a hat-trick. "The atmosphere at this stadium

is electric," Kupla said. "It was a lot of fun playing in front of a large crowd. Getting the win is the most important thing to me. Scoring the three goals was just the icing on the cake."

Weimer, who's also an assistant women's soccer coach at Yale University, was a member of the Penn State women's soccer team from 2002-2005. She holds the school record with 91 career goals.

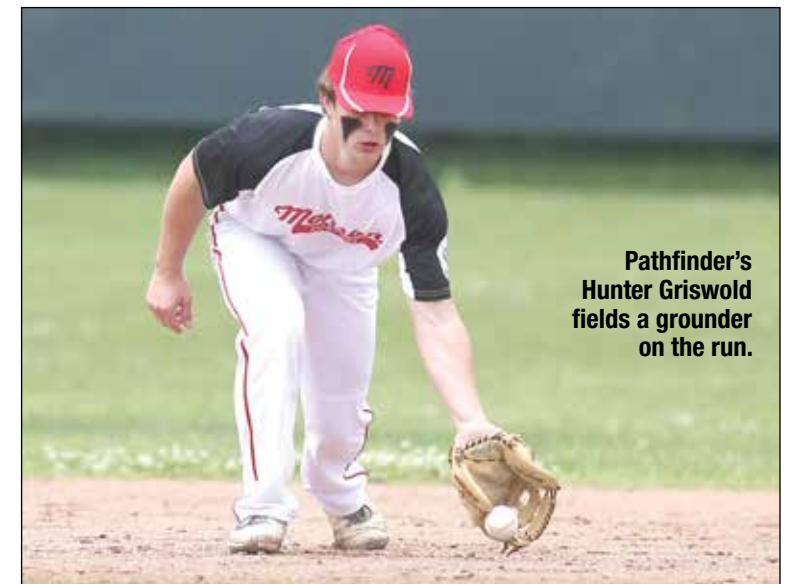
Kupla, who'll be a senior at Cromwell High School in the fall, will be following in Weimer's footsteps. She has verbally committed

**BASEBALL**



Nathan Kaczuwka makes a long throw across the diamond to first.

## Post 241 rebounds with a win

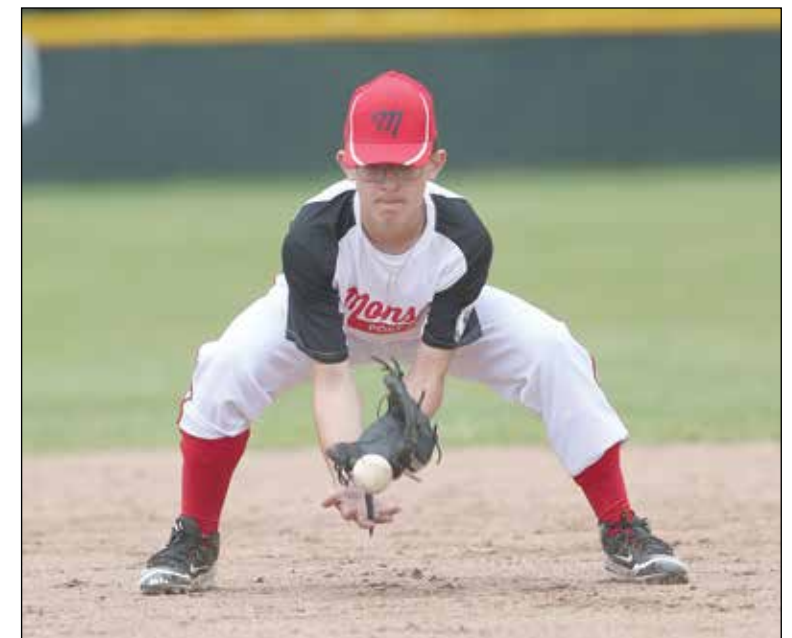


Pathfinder's Hunter Griswold fields a grounder on the run.

PALMER - After suffering a pair of consecutive losses last weekend against Belchertown and Pittsfield, Monson Legion Post 241 scored a 7-0 win over Ludlow last Monday evening to get back on track. Monson is 4-2 on the summer season with a team built from players from Monson, Palmer, Pathfinder, and Ware this summer. Monson had a matchup last Wednesday against Wilbraham postponed due to a thunderstorm. Monson had a couple of games scheduled before the Fourth of July holiday and next play on Friday, July 7 against Sheffield Post 340 at 7 p.m. at Legion Field in Palmer.



John Mumper has been a constant in Post 241's rotation this summer.



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Brayden Mega squares up a ground ball.



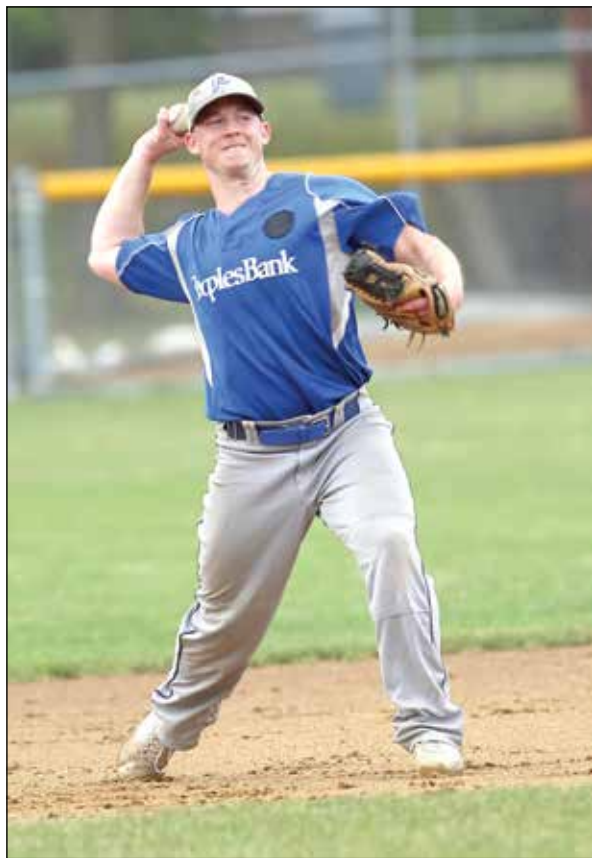
# PeoplesBank blows out St. Joe's



Dave Clark makes a throw to first.

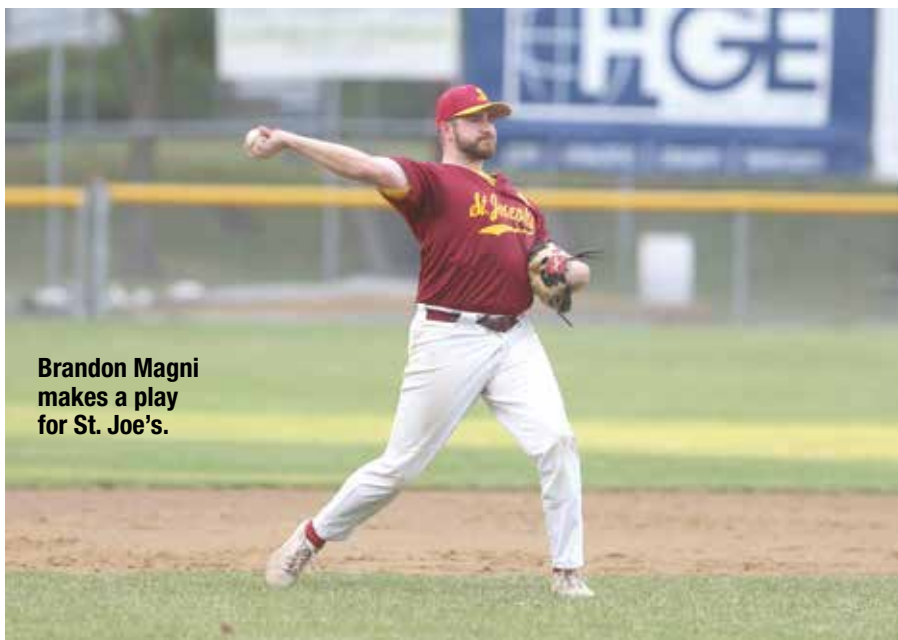


James Flahive delivers a pitcher for the Bankers.

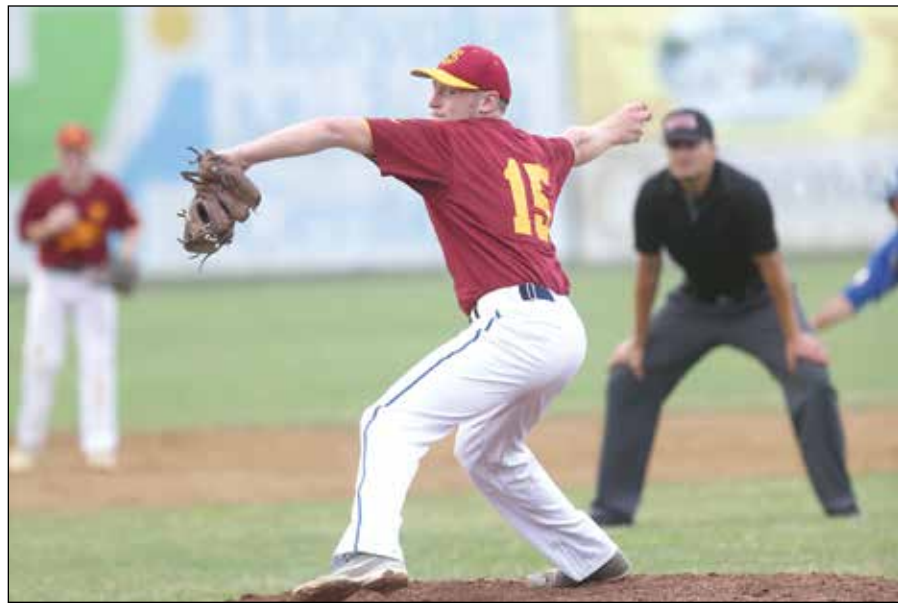


Cam MacDonald fires across the diamond.

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Brandon Magni makes a play for St. Joe's.



Sam Schriber delivers a pitch for the Saints.

**HOLYOKE** – Last Tuesday night, PeoplesBank kept their momentum with a 14-0 mercy-rule shortened win over the St. Joe's Saints. Both teams, which feature players from all over the region, will be back in action following the Fourth of July holiday. PeoplesBank holds down first place with 18 points.

## Coby finishes fifth at Seekonk

**SEEKONK** – Doug Coby rebounded after being collected in a mid-race wreck to finish fifth during Open Wheel last Wednesday.

at Seekonk Speedway. Coby won his qualifying heat race to start off the night in the Mayhew Tools No. 10 and rolled off ninth for the 100-lap, \$10,000 to win race.

Coby ran around the bottom of the top-five for much of the first half of the race until the wreck off turn two on lap 49 left him nowhere to go. During the caution period, the team worked to repair the car and Coby returned to the track, restarting from 19th. He was able to pass 14 cars up into fifth before the finish.

“It was a way different race compared to the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour race here a few weeks ago,” Coby said. “I thought it was a really competitive race. We raced hard out there, risking using up your stuff for track position, but you had to do it. To come back from a wreck and grab a top-five, we’re happy. The Mayhew Tools team worked hard.”

Doug Coby will return to the track driving for Tommy Baldwin Racing in the Mayhew Tools No. 7NY during the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour event at Wall Stadium Speedway on Saturday, July 8. For more information on Doug Coby, visit DougCobyRacing.com and follow his page on Facebook for the latest news and updates, including from the track on both race days.



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## Athlete of the Week

### Emily Provost Monson

Provost has been serving as the primary goalkeeper for Monson girls summer soccer, helping lead Monson to a perfect record so far this summer.

*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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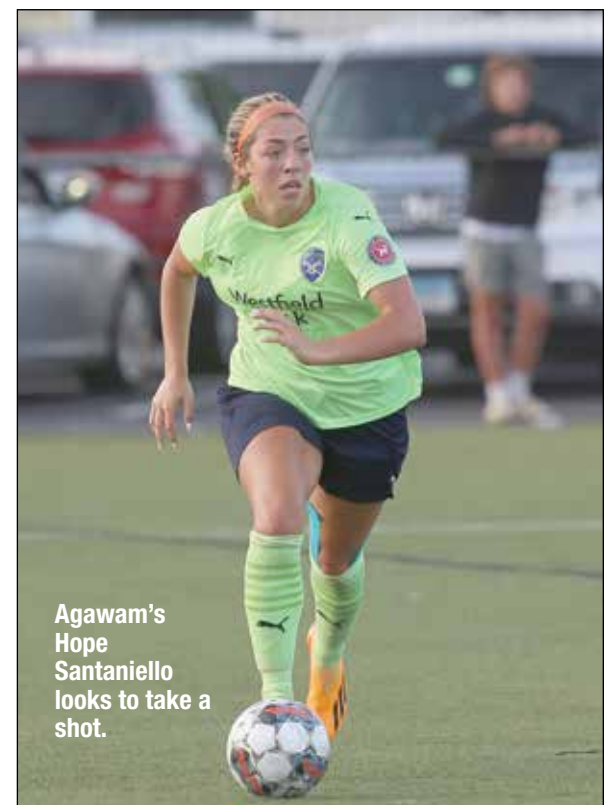
to playing college soccer at Penn State. “Tiffany holds the record for goals at Penn State,” Kupla said. “I’m really hoping to score 92 goals during my collegiate career, so I can break her school record.”

Early in the second half, Mutiny forward Chandler Pedolzyk stole the ball away from Abby McCarthy, who was the Sporting CT starting goalie, but her shot attempt sailed wide. She also had a header, but it was saved by McCarthy.

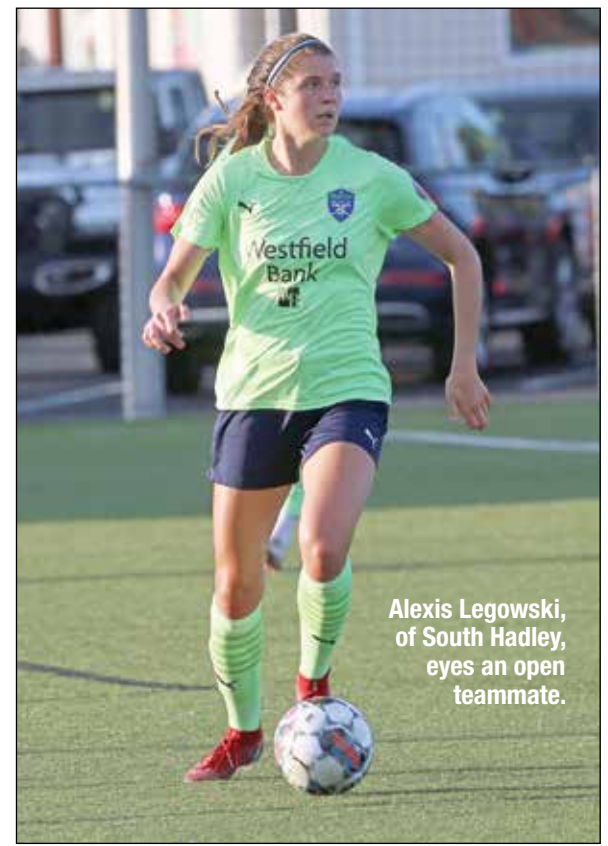
The score remained 1-0 until Sporting CT scored three goals in a span of seven minutes late in the second half.

The duo of Kupla and Weimer combined for the second and third goals.


Weimer finished the match with three assists. She netted the final goal of the match in the 77<sup>th</sup> minute.



Agawam's Hope Santaniello looks to take a shot.




Alexis Legowski, of South Hadley, eyes an open teammate.



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**Food will be supplied at no cost from Farmer Matt and the Academy kitchen staff.**



**DEATH NOTICES**

**Greene, Scott A.**  
Died June 29, 2023  
Services July 11, 2023

**Rebello, Mrs. Barbara**  
Died July 1, 2023  
Funeral July 6, 2023

**Phillips, Donald E.**  
Died June 28, 2023  
Funeral July 6, 2023

**Skura, Michael**  
Died June 24, 2023  
Celebration of life  
July 28, 2023



**O B I T U A R I E S**

**Scott A. Greene**

WARREN — Scott A. Greene was peacefully called to the giant fishing hole on June 29, 2023 surrounded by his family. Born November 12, 1969 in Keene, NH to David and Elizabeth Greene, he spent the last 30 years in this area working construction. He enjoyed fishing, camping, animals, the beach, and spending time with his family and friends.

Scott leaves his heart with his life partner, Brenda Modugno, and his sons, Damian and Kerri Greene and grandchildren,

Kendra and Lily, of Keene, NH, and Dylan Greene and partner Zoe of Chicopee, MA. He also leaves a brother, Fred Goodrich of Keene, NH, and a sister, Daun Anderson of Arlington, MA, along with many friends. He was predeceased by both of his parents who are waiting to welcome him back into their arms.

Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 from



2:00-4:00pm at the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home. Burial will be held at the family's convenience. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society by visiting donate.cancer.org or to the National Wildlife Federation by visiting support.nwf.org. Please visit beersandstory.com to extend online condolences.

**Donald E Phillip, 1942-2023**



MONSON — Donald E. Phillips, 81, beloved husband of Katharine (Haley), died peacefully Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at home, surrounded by his family.

Donald was born in Springfield on March 3, 1942 to the late John F. and Margaret A. (Shiel) Phillips. He was a graduate of Holy Name School, Cathedral High School ('59) and Boston College ('63). He served in the US Army, honorably discharged in '65.

Donald worked for Aetna Life & Casualty and graduated from Western New England College School of Law ('73). After passing the Bar Exam, Donald continued his career at Aetna and The Travelers, retiring as Staff Counsel in the Springfield office.

Donald loved growing up in Forest Park, Springfield with family and friends and told stories of his childhood until his passing. He cherished his first job delivering Springfield Re-

publican newspapers and other jobs at Loft's Candy and Bond Bakery. Donald was devoted to his family and enjoyed World War II history, the Red Sox, Tanglewood, vacations at the Cape, lunch at the White Hut, classic cars, Howard's Drive-In, lobster rolls, and a good cup of tea.

Donald leaves his loving wife of 52 years, Katharine (Haley) and their children, Christine Phillips, Dan Phillips and wife Andrea Kunder, Kate Laliberte and husband Matt; grandchildren Lizzie, Patrick, and Helen Phillips; sisters-in-law Mary Phillips, Betty Phillips, Maureen Phillips, and Ann Mulligan; brother-in-law David Haley and his wife Judy and many nieces and nephews. Donald was predeceased by his brother-in-law Jim Mulligan and brothers Jack, Bob, and Bill



Phillips, who enjoyed each other's company immensely.

The family wishes to thank all of the caregivers at Cornerstone at Canton, MA for their care of Donald the past two years.

Visiting hours will be Wednesday, July 5, 2023 from 5-7pm at Lombard Funeral Home 3 Bridge St. Monson, MA. A Funeral Mass will be held Thursday, July 6, 2023 at 10 am at St. Patrick's Church Monson with burial to follow at Bethany Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Patrick's Church Restoration Fund or Toy for Joy Fund C/O the Salvation Army. For online condolences/directions please visit www.lombardfuneralhome.com.

**Barbara "Meme" Rebello,**

PALMER — Mrs. Barbara "Meme" Rebello, 92 and a long time Palmer native, passed peacefully with her family by her side on July 1, 2023. Meme was born in Holyoke on October 14, 1930, to the late Joseph and Florida O'Grady. Barbara was preceded in death by her loving husband, Ernest Rebello.

Barbara was a Registered Nurse who retired after 40 years of nursing. She enjoyed her retirement by spending time with her family and friends, working on the farm, and doing Tai Chi

with the Palmer Senior Center family.

She will be dearly missed by her son, William Bolduc and wife, Karen; granddaughter, Sara Chisholm; grandsons, Joseph Bolduc and wife Jennifer, and Jared Bolduc and wife Kelley; and her great grandchildren, Cameron and Grace Chisholm, and Michael Bolduc.

Visitation was held on Wednesday July 5, 2023 from



4-6pm at the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home. A Funeral Mass was held at 10am on Thursday, July 6, 2023 at St. Thomas the Apostle in Palmer. Burial will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Baystate Hospice Gifts of Gratitude-Baystate Health Foundation. Please visit www.beersandstory.com to extend online condolences.

**Michael "Uncle Mike" Skura, 71**

BELCHERTOWN — Michael "Uncle Mike" Skura, 71, of Belchertown passed away quietly on June 24, 2023 after suffering a battle with cancer.

He leaves his wife, Lorraine (Lysik) Skura of 51 years, his daughter, Emily Jasmin and her partner Chris St. Germain of Ware, her son, Sam Skura and his wife Diana Gliniecki of Ware, his three beautiful granddaughters, Megan Jasmin, Isabella Skura and Gracelyn Skura all of Ware; two sisters, Pat Piche of Three Rivers and Janice Skura of California; many sister-in-laws, their spouses and many nieces and nephews. Mike was

predeceased by his brother, Thomas. He was born in Chicopee, son of the late Edward and Marge (LeClere) Skura.

Mike was an avid fisherman. He and his fishing buddy Sam loved to fish the Quabbin and the many tournaments on Lake Champlain. Mike was a Hot Rod enthusiast, loved the car races and was born with a green thumb. He loved his 36 Chevy and was so proud when he drove it around town.

He was the producer, owner,



and distributor of Uncle Mike's Salsa, then became the owner of Uncle Mike's Seafoods.

Mike was loved by many and will be missed dearly.

A Celebration of Life will be held at St. Joe's Club on 8 Commercial St. in Thorndike on July 28 at 5:30 pm.

Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware is assisting his family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at charbonneauhf.com.

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**Bondsville**

*The Bondsville Fire Department responded to five calls for the period June 20 to July 3:*

On Friday, June 23, the duty officer responded to State State at 10:33 p.m., to investigate smoldering material in the street. The area was wet down and the officer returned to service at 10:55 p.m.

At 8:24 a.m. on Saturday, June 24, the department responded to High Street for a possible telephone pole on fire and returned to service at 8:50 a.m.

Also that day, at 12:34 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for an alarm issue/service call and returned to service at 1:13 p.m.

On Monday, June 26, at 4:02 p.m., the department responded to

South Main Street for a medical assistance call and returned to service at 4:45 p.m.

On Sunday, July 2, at 11:11 p.m., the department was dispatched for mutual aid to Quaboag Valley Co-op in Three Rivers for a possible structure fire. It was determined to be an alarm issue with no fire and the department returned to service at 11:16 p.m.

**State Police host Community Day July 12 at the academy campus**

**By Paula Ouimette**  
*Editor*  
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NEW BRAINTREE — The Massachusetts State Police Academy is offering people the unique opportunity to visit the campus and meet with Troopers, specialty units, as well as members of the 88th Recruit Training Troop.

On Wednesday, July 12 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Community Day will be held at the State Police Academy located at 340 West Brookfield Road. The free event will be held rain or shine.

"We look forward to seeing everybody...anyone interested can come," Captain Jon Provost, Commandant of the State Police Academy said. "Hopefully we'll make it a regular event."

The public is invited to meet Troopers assigned to a variety of roles within the department and get a close-up look at special equipment.

Specialty units such as the K-9 Section, Mounted Unit, Drone Unit, Air Wing, Marine Unit, Bomb Squad, Special Tactical Operations Team, Recruitment and Diversity Unit are expected to be in attendance.

"People like to see our specialty units," Provost said.

Complimentary light refreshments will be provided by the State Police Academy's third-party catering service, Eurest. The catering service provides all meals to recruits in the training program.

"They're ready to feed an army three times a day," Provost.

Farmer Matt will also be there serving up some of his signature dishes at no cost. Farmer Matt is located just down the road from the State Police Academy, at 860 West Brookfield Road.

Located on the grounds of the former Pioneer Valley Academy, the State Police Academy covers just under 780 acres in the rural town.

Pioneer Valley Academy was a co-ed boarding school operated by the Southern New England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists that provided high school education to hundreds of students from 1965-1983.

After the school closed and was unused for a number of years, construction began in the late 1980s to turn it into a state prison. Facing

fierce opposition from residents and people from surrounding towns, the plan was eventually abandoned.

The State Police relocated their training academy to the site, and in 1992 graduated their first class of recruits, the 70th RTT.

Provost was a member of the second class to graduate from the New Braintree campus, the 71st RTT, and stepped into his role as Commandant last year.

Since he arrived in New Braintree, he has talked with Deputy Division Commander of Training Major Steven McCarthy about hosting a Community Day to engage the public.

Not much has changed since it's days as a school, with the buildings repurposed to suit the State Police's training needs.

The B building of the former school is now the main building of the State Police Academy, and A and C, the former men's and women's dormitories, still serve the same purpose.

Both A and C had chapels when it was a school, and they have since been converted into large classrooms capable of seating 100 recruits.

The State Police Academy campus is also home to the State Police Regional Dispatch center, which provides services to close to a dozen towns, including New Braintree, Hardwick, Brimfield, Brookfield, East Brookfield, North Brookfield, West Brookfield, Holland, Petersham and Wales.

The cafeteria is still that, but now has a wall lined with navy blue hats, or covers.

"It's our version of 'ringing the bell,'" Provost said, referring to when candidates "volunteer out" of Navy SEAL training.

Each hat represents a recruit that has left the State Police Academy before finishing training. The 88th RTT started with 249 recruits and there are now 167 remaining.

Only about one out of every three recruits make it to the end and graduates.

Training at the State Police Academy is intense, with 16-hour days Monday through Friday for about 23 weeks.

As a paramilitary organization, training at the State Police Academy is both physically and mentally demanding, and broken into three phases. It ranges from classroom

training to hands-on, giving recruits confidence in the field.

The first phase demonstrates and teaches the necessary skills and techniques needed by recruits, and in the final phrase, the recruits are trained to be autonomous.

"They are working to be independent," McCarthy said.

The grounds of the State Police Academy are also home to a firearms range, a ropes confidence course, a gym and more. The State Police Academy works with municipal police departments from across the state, offering the use of its state-of-the-art training facility.

The State Police Academy's wells also provide water to the town's grade school and Town Hall.

Local farmers lease the fields for haying, and hunters utilize the grounds during hunting seasons, Provost said. The gym is also open for public use, available around training schedules.

Sunsets and sunrises up on the hill are the most breathtaking he's ever seen, Provost said.

The Community Day event is really just that; a celebration of the community and its role in supporting the State Police Academy.

"We appreciate New Braintree very much," Provost said.

People are also encouraged to join in the ongoing food drive at the State Police Academy during Community Day, to benefit the Worcester County Food Bank.

Requested donations include nonperishable gluten-free food, spices and condiments, healthy snacks (such as nuts, granola bars, canned and dried fruits), cereals, rice, pasta, canned pasta sauce, dry beans (all varieties), low-sodium broths/soups/stews/chili and 100% fruit and vegetable juices.

All items must have a clear expiration date and ingredient list. Try to avoid sugar-sweetened beverages such as soda and non-fruit juice, candy products and energy drinks.

Menstrual care products and hygiene items are also needed.

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# Hitchcock announces Summer Concert Series lineup

BRIMFIELD — What can be better than children playing and laughing, families and friends getting together, dinner-time picnics and the community gathering to enjoy the sweet sound of music in the summer night air?

Hitchcock recently announced its lineup for the 2023 Hitchcock Summer Concert Series on the Common which has grown to six concerts this year. Presented on Wednesdays July 19 to Aug. 23, the concerts will run from 6 to 8 p.m. in front

of the gazebo. Rain dates will be Thursdays.

There will be a food vendor at each concert and picnics are allowed.

The series kicks off on July 19 with the New England Digital Accordion Orchestra. Conducted by Sam Falcetti of Falcetti Music, this unique, 20-piece orchestra is the nation's only digital accordion orchestra and has a style all their own, a press release states. Along with vocal performances, guests will hear horn and wind sections, strings, guitars and the accordion in beautifully orchestrated arrangements playing many genres of music including Big Band, Broadway, ethnic, country and rock.

These dedicated musicians travel from five states just to be a part of this. According to the release, "They'll have you tapping your toes and wanting to get up and dance. It's a fun experience not to be missed."

The CobbleStone Road Band performs on July 26. Composed of talented musicians with lots of experience who've played with some of the best, CobbleStone Road blends modern country with rock and blues to get your toes tapping and audiences dancing. In a short time, this band has created a strong following and if you like country and haven't heard them you will want to circle the date.

On Aug. 2, the Time Stretchers Band comes to town. The band has an extended repertoire playing the best music from the 50s to the present, followed by The Island Castaways Band is next up on Aug. 9. Known as New England's Favorite tropical rock band, the Castaways play in the style made famous by Jimmy Buffett.

Sunshine & Blue Skies performs Aug. 16 with a mix of classic rock, pop, country, and rhythm & blues. This band is composed of seasonal professionals but also incorporates exceptional students



Contributed photo

Grab and chair and head over to the town common for the Hitchcock Summer Concert Series that begins July 19.

who are honing their craft.

The series closes with Hard Knox on Aug. 23. Widely known for its unique song selection and unmistakable renditions of those often slightly forgotten favorites, their performances are jam-packed with songs that will often surprise and delight listeners.

Food trucks have become an important part of these events as they make it possible for people to simply come down and enjoy but especially for those who may be rushing home from work to be able to come, grab some dinner and just relax.

Vendors include BT's Smokehouse, Rooster's Roaming Cantina, Flippin' The Bird BB, and Tony's Happy Valley Pizza. In the case of rain, postponements will be announced on Hitchcock's Facebook page.

"These concerts feel like magic to me," says Hitchcock Executive Director Cindy Skowrya. "They're so simple, but

simplicity is harder and harder to find these days. Being able to offer a way for our community to unplug and connect with one another in celebration of music is such a blessing, so I'm thrilled we've been able to grow the series with the support of sponsors and donors who know how important events like these are. The common offers not only a beautiful backdrop and a safe area for children but it also has lots of shade for hot summer days."

The concert series is made possible with key support from Maestro Sponsors Country Bank, the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Shirley Frye Memorial Fund.

Hitchcock Academy is a community center located at 2 Brookfield Road in Brimfield serving the community with educational, recreational and cultural programming. More information can be found at [hitchcockacademy.org](http://hitchcockacademy.org).

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experience she described as "pretty moving," and "life-altering."

"They had me sit in the courtroom, with the Clerk of Courts, which is a pretty cool spot to be in," Turner said. "You literally are sitting in that bench that sits just below the judge."

"What I got to see, day in and day out, were families and young people coming in and out of the courtroom with a myriad of issues going on," Turner described.

"What really grabbed me was, I would see young children come in, six-, seven-, eight-years-old, and want nothing more than a family to love them... And then, five minutes later, another case would come through and it would be a young teenager who wanted nothing to do with any of the adults in their life."

Turner said she became really intrigued about how this change happens. "I would love to somehow figure out, 'Is there a way that I could help that young person process through the struggles of life?'"

This is why Turner's career at Pathfinder has primarily been in the Guidance Office, where she has worked as a counselor, but also in administration as the Director of Guidance, overseeing Pathfinder's guidance operations, school counseling, and admissions.

More recently, Turner took on the Multi-tiered Systems of Support role, overseeing the school's mental health supports and services and looking at the needs within the school and community to try to build up the different tiers of that model.

Turner intends to use her background in working with students on a personal level to her work with the school administration.

"Once you're a counselor, you're kind of always a counselor," Turner said. "It's really hard to not wear that hat and bring some of that skillset to everything that you do. I guess for me, that means I'm very person-centered in my approach."

"Even as a principal, it's a different role [and] my duties will be different, it's still going to be very person-centered because that's just how I operate. Whether I'm dealing with students or staff - parents, community members, the school committee, whoever it might be - my point of view is always going to be human-centered."

Turner joked that she does "a fair amount of my thinking through my heart," which she finds helpful to find the right solutions for everyone involved in a situation. Though the work of a school administrator may seem very black-and-white at a glance, Turner holds that it's a lot more gray in practice.

"There's policies and procedures, and we need to abide by those, but you don't ever want to take the human element out of it," Turner said.

"My brother attended here before I did, and graduated in the mid-'80s, and apparently, I tagged along as a young girl for open house events, and things like that," Turner said. "My mother claims that I sat down in one of the desks here, and I said, 'I'm gonna come to school here, one of these days,' so I can't help but think that maybe there was something in the cards, I guess, for me."

Turner said that during her time at Pathfinder, she found there was something different about it from other high schools.

"I think the mix of students coming from the different districts, all...for different reasons, but also some of the same reasons, is a huge part of that," Turner said. "We've kind of become this melting pot, and everybody's kind of creating it as their own."

Turner said that this might be why there's not as much of a clique culture at Pathfinder as in some of the public schools, "because we're all starting fresh."

What Turner found really different, however, was the relationship with the staff, and the very different kind of instruction that Pathfinder Tech students receive, compared to other schools.

"Because of the way technical programming runs, you're shoulder-to-shoulder with your instructions, day in and day out, for 30 hours at a stretch," Turner said.

"Yes, they're your teachers, but oftentimes it's almost more... reminiscent of a colleague relationship, because they aren't just doing the lecture, they're problem-solving alongside you, showing you how to work your way through those hiccups that are going to happen anytime you try to make a product or provide a service."

As someone who's been involved with the administration at Pathfinder for several years, Turner said that she doesn't plan to come in "guns-a-blazing" as the interim Principal.

"We've done a lot of work in the last few years," Turner said. "We're becoming a really well-oiled machine."

In particular, Turner is proud of the work the school has done to emphasize its academic curriculum, which has historically been under-reported compared to the vocational skills.

Duda said, "She's a proven leader, admired by the staff and students, and I have the utmost confidence in her as principal."

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Corporation pays for all maintenance of this building, not the town," King explained. "The Monson Home for the Aged does not charge the town for rent or anything, so the Town of Monson has the benefit of this building for the past 100 years, at no cost to them for the maintenance."

A motion to waive the fee passed with Morrell and Warren voting in favor of waiving the fees, and Oney opposed on the grounds that the improvement would fall under maintenance of the building, not the town's jurisdiction.

For any other fees in regard to installing push-pads as part of this project, Oney entertained a motion to authorize the Building Inspector to waive it. The motion passed, two-to-one.

### Liquor license

Tom Via, owner of the Polish Club, was brought before the Select Board to address a police report stating that the club had been found serving liquor to minors during an all-ages open mic night.

"I talked to the bartender that was on-duty at that point, she said she had carded them," Via said. "We were told by

patrons within the club that the three kids that showed IDs were underage."

Via said that the bartenders at the club are now equipped with an app that will be able to determine if an ID is fake, and that the bartender that served the minors no longer works there.

The club often puts on events for all ages, including an event with the Girl Scouts that happened during the Select Board meeting. Via said that these events are held upstairs, away from where liquor is being served.

"We're there to help the community, not to hurt the community or create a problem," Via said.

Warren recommended that more sophisticated technology be purchased to check IDs, and the Club was let off with a warning, on a two-thirds vote.

### Cemetery Plots

"I wasn't aware that we were giving a free plot to anyone who served at least a three-year term on the Cemetery Commission until it happened to be mentioned in the last minutes that we were given, and I read those minutes," Oney said, citing that it might be a conflict of interest.

"We're the ones that brought this up,

because we wanted to find out exactly what you're saying," said Dave Beaudoin, the Chair of the Cemetery Department, who said that the department is currently looking through their meeting minutes to determine when this practice originally started, but that it might be as far back as over a century.

"All I'm really doing is just taking the previous commissioners, finding out if any of them do own plots, and then comparing that with the existing pricing," said Mat Wawrzyk, who has been investigating the matter.

The Cemetery Department and Select Board agreed to continue to look into this issue.

### Signs

The Select Board revisited the Signs on Public Property Policy.

"One of the complaints we got was from the town employees who take care of [Dave Grieve Park] having to remove signs to do the maintenance and lawn-mowing work," Oney said. "Not that they were complaining about moving the signs, but that some of those signs are rather flimsy, and when they moved them, they were afraid that they were actually somewhat destroying the

signs, so they were personally concerned about that."

Oney said that while addressing these complaints, it was discovered that there are no time limits under the current policy, as well as outlining a procedure to remove and dispose of signs. Oney drafted a proposal, and it was decided to provide this to the rest of the Board and revisit the issue at the next meeting.

### Trash

The Select Board discussed the possibility of getting smaller trash barrels, and confirmed that home businesses will be placed on the regular residential route.

"Everything should be in the barrel," said Tyler Finnegan from Republic Services. "Our drivers are told not to pick up anything outside the barrel. If the resident wants to purchase an additional barrel, they can through our website, and then we report to the town that they have an additional barrel out there."

### Public comment

Jo Sauriol stepped forward during the public comments portion of the meeting to inform the Select Board that, due to Summerfest's fireworks being moved to July 22, with a rain date of July 23, the town will need to re-apply for its one-day liquor license for the event.

The Select Board will vote on the liquor license at the next meeting, as there wasn't notice

## Community Newspaper EDITOR WANTED

Turley Publications is looking for a "hands on" energetic candidate who loves telling stories to be the editor for two weekly publications. This position will include managing and coaching a small news staff that will provide the community with a great local newspaper.

The editor will need to cover local government and events while representing the newspaper at public venues.

The successful candidate will have strong community journalism skills and is also expected to gather news and write stories for the two papers as well as for other occasional companywide publications.

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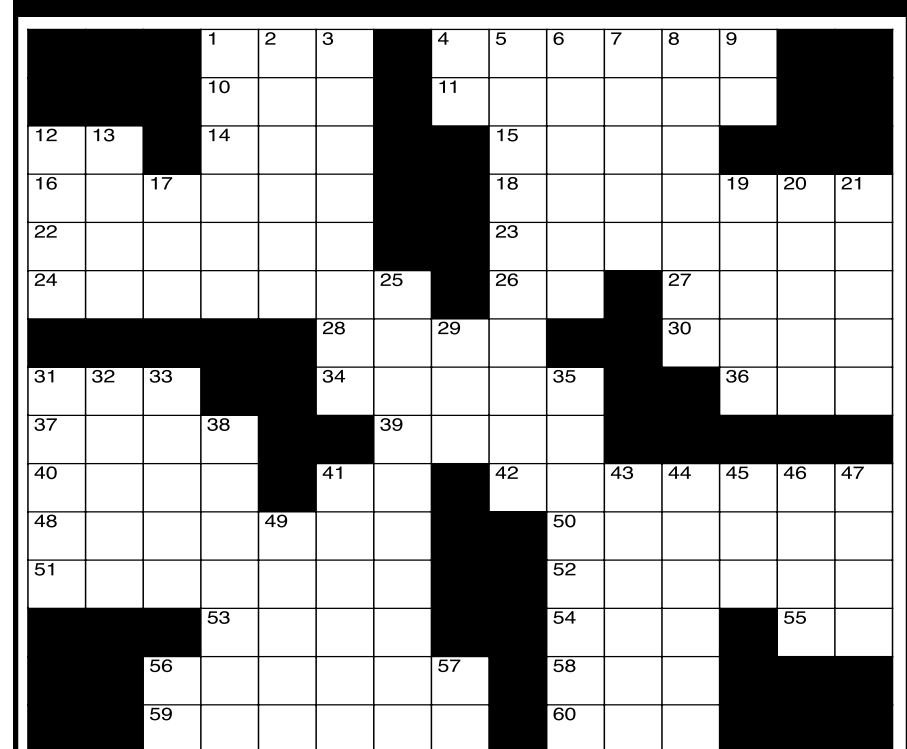
This full-time position with flexible schedule is based in our Palmer office at 24 Water St., this is not a remote position.

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- Proficiency in Associated Press style
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### Please send resume and writing examples to:

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### CLUES ACROSS

- Small Eurasian deer
- Irish county
- A major division of geological time
- Broadway actor Lane
- Canadian province
- It causes fainting (abbr.)
- Two
- A notable one is blue
- Utter repeatedly
- Rings
- Sullies
- Occurs
- Publicity
- Near
- Tools of a trade
- Offer in good faith

- "American Idol" network
- Garments
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Retired NFL DC Dean
- Hot meal
- A type of gin
- Percussion instrument
- A \$10 bill
- About ground
- Medicine man
- Seedless raisin
- National capital of Albania
- Appendage
- OJ trial judge
- By the way
- Bicycle parts
- Barbie's friend
- In a way, stretched
- Commercials

### CLUES DOWN

- Make up for
- American songbird
- Pay
- International organization
- Engravers
- Declared as fact
- Criminal
- Jewelry
- Hospital worker (abbr.)
- Nonsense (slang)
- Town in Galilee
- Value
- Another name
- Sheep in second year before shearing
- Town in Surrey, England
- Appropriate during a time of year
- Creative output
- Recesses
- District in N. Germany
- Rider of Rohan
- The official emblem of the German Third Reich
- One who puts down roots
- Scribe
- Painted a bright color
- Tycoons
- Actress Thurman
- Walking accessory
- Crest of a hill
- Member of a North American people
- Type of computer
- U.S. State (abbr.)

## JOB OPENING

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### Qualifications should include:

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience
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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 24, 2023 at 7:30 PM** in the Town Administrative Building, 4417 Main St, Palmer MA.

The applicant, Palmer Paving Corp. (PPC) is seeking a Special Permit as required by section 171.73 of the Palmer Zoning Ordinance to remove Earth materials for a one year term, on the property located at 863 Ware Street, Palmer MA, also known as Assessor's Map 31 Lot 28.

A copy of the application may be inspected at the Planning Department office in the Town Administrative Building Monday-Thursday 8:30am - 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 Marciniac, Chairman  
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### (SEAL) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 23 SM 00045 ORDER OF NOTICE TO:

**Joseph M. Coleman, Personal Representative for the Estate of Paul L. Dirosario, Sr., Heirs, Devises and/or Legal Representative of the Estate of Paul L. Dirosario, Sr., Joseph M. Coleman, as Guardian and Conservator for Patricia A. Dirosario, Michael Dirosario, Paul Dirosario, Jr., Kristie Phil** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 et seq.

**Bank of America, N.A.** claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Brimfield, numbered 87 Lyman Barnes Road, given by Paul L. Dirosario, Sr., to Bank of America, N.A., dated February 21, 2013, and recorded or filed in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 19798, Page 499, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court an amended 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 **08/07/2023** 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 6/22/2023  
Attest:  
**Deborah J. Patterson**  
Recorder  
07/06/2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division Docket No. HD23P1289EA Estate of: Harold Raymond Hartman Date of Death: March 5, 2023 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Karen E. Hartman of Wales, MA.** Karen E. Hartman of Wales, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

**Craig Sweitzer, Chairman**  
06/29, 07/06/2023  
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT HAMPDEN, Div. Probate & Family Court Dept. HD23E0029PP To Jacqueline Splaine and Elissa Y Splaine of Brimfield, in the County of Hampden, Serenity L. Allen and Michael J. Splaine of Worcester**

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD23P1351EA Estate of: Mark Kirk Also known as: Mark A Kirk Date of Death: 11/12/2022 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons: A Petition for **Public Administration** has been filed by **John J Ferriter of Holyoke, 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: **John J Ferriter of Holyoke, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Corporate 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 07/25/2023.**

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.

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

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 27, 2023

**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
07/06/2023

### Town of Monson Planning Board LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 7.3 of the Monson Zoning Bylaws the Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing, **Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Select Board meeting room at the Town Administration Building, 110 Main Street, Monson on the application of Bradford Medeiros for Site Plan Approval \$7.4 and a Special Permit for Stormwater Management \$6.19 and a Special Permit for work within the Water Supply Protection Overlay District \$4.2 of the Monson Zoning Bylaws. The petitioner proposes to construct a self-storage facility comprised of four (4) buildings on a 2.558-acre site located on Bliss Street, Map 116, Parcel 055 Zoned Industrial. A copy of the application is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, Zoning Board of Appeals and is available for viewing during regular office hours.

**Craig Sweitzer, Chairman**  
06/29, 07/06/2023

County, and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by **Kimberly J. Moran** of Chesapeake, Virginia, representing that they hold as tenants in common in an undivided part or share of land lying in Brimfield, in the County of Hampden, setting forth that they desire that all of said land may be sold at private sale or public auction for not less than Four Hundred Thousand (\$400,000.00) Dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof after full adjudication of the equitable claims contained in said petition and supplemental memorandum filed with the Court.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney, should file a written appearance in said Court at **Springfield** before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the **eightth day of August 2023**, the return day of this citation.

Witness, **BARBARA M. HYLAND**, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this 8th day of June 2023.

**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register  
06/29, 07/06, 07/13/2023

### 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 24th, at 7:00 PM** in the Town Administrative Building, 4417 Main St, Palmer MA.

The applicant, **JT Brown Nominee Trust**, is seeking a Special Permit as required by section 171.73 of the Palmer Zoning Ordinance to remove Earth materials for a one year term, on the property located off Ware St, Palmer MA, also known as Assessor's Map 37 Lot 15.

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

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**Michael Marciniac, Chairman**  
07/06, 07/13/2023

### Town of Monson Zoning Board of Appeals LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 40A M.G.L. §.11, the Monson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing **Thursday, July 27, 2023 at 7:10 P.M.** in the Select Board meeting room at the Town Administration Building, 110 Main Street on the application of Bradford Medeiros for a special permit as provided by §6.6 Earth Removal of the Monson Zoning Bylaws to conduct an Earth Removal operation. The property is zoned Industrial and located on Bliss Street, Map 116, Parcel 055. A copy of the application is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, Zoning Board of Appeals and is available for viewing during regular office hours.

**David Beaudoin, Chairman**  
06/29, 07/06/2023

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

## THIS WEEK

**FARMER'S MARKET:** Wales Baptist Church farmer's market is being held 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, July 8, directly across the street from the church on Route 19 in Wales. Items being sold are baked goods, honey, seasonal vegetables, antiques and crafts. The market will continue every Saturday until Labor Day.

## UPCOMING

**PAWS 4 BLUE:** Hosted by Westview Farms Creamery in Monson 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 22. This fundraiser, which supports local police K9 programs, features the creamery's vast variety of ice cream, food from the grill, baby goats, demonstrations and more.

Food Paws 4 Blue K-9 will host its first annual Police K9 Fundraiser on Saturday, July 22 at the Westview Farms Creamery from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**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.

**FREE CONCERT:** The Good Good News Christian Praise group will be performing a free concert at 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 29, at Second Congregational Church 1080 Pleasant Street in Palmer. The Good Good News is a five-person group which has been playing and singing together for many years throughout the region. All are welcome.

**RIVER EVENTS:** Recent river events organized by the Chicopee Watershed had to be postponed due to rain and have been rescheduled: The Upper Ware paddle, about 4.5 miles over 90 minutes, will now be held in August at a date TBD. RSVP to chicopeewatershed@gmail.com for information and updates.

**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.

## 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.

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**FARMER'S MARKETS:** The Brimfield Farmers Market at Hitchcock Academy is a fun place to find cool, unique products, plants and seasonal produce every Saturday while you meet your neighbors and support Hitchcock and local businesses.

The Wales Baptist Church farmer's

market is 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday until Labor Day directly across the street from the church on Route 19 in Wales. Items being sold are baked goods, honey, seasonal vegetables, antiques and crafts.

**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.

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er, Clinical Programs administrator, at mfletcher@law.wne.edu.

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For more information or to complete an online application, visit <https://tinyurl.com/4scb2su5>.

## Public Notices

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
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Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758

Docket No. HD23P1285EA  
Estate of:  
Maureen Marie Valliere  
Also known as:  
Maureen M. Valliere  
Date of Death: 05/28/2023  
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 Debra Peterson of Palmer, 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: Debra Peterson of Palmer, 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 07/19/2023.

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.

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

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 21, 2023

Rosemary A. Saccomani  
Register of Probate  
07/06/2023

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This auction is to take place on July 21,

2023, 10:00 A.M. at LaBontes & Son LLC, 241 Wilbraham St., Palmer, MA 01069. 07/6, 7/13, 7/20/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
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Docket No. HD23P1338EA  
Estate of:  
Sandra J Stanton  
Date of Death: 08/17/2020  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by James E Stanton of Brimfield, 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: James E Stanton of Brimfield, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Personal Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

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WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: June 26, 2023

Rosemary A. Saccomani  
Register of Probate  
07/06/2023

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**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.**

## Free small business legal clinic accepting applications

**SPRINGFIELD** — The Western New England University Small Business Legal Clinic is accepting applications from entrepreneurs and small business owners seeking legal assistance for the fall semester.

Under faculty supervision, law students assist clients with legal issues including choice of entity, employment policies, contract drafting, regulatory compliance, and intellectual property issues relating to trademark applications

and copyright. According to a news release, this is a free service available to local businesses that might not have the resources to obtain such services.

The clinic has assisted more than 500 small businesses since it opened.

"The clinic is a great resource for entrepreneurs who lack the finances to retain an attorney," Associate Clinical Professor of Law Robert Statchen said.

"By using the clinic's services, busi-

nesses can avoid problems by getting legal issues addressed early and correctly. It also provides students with a great opportunity to get real world experience."

The clinic requests small business owners to submit their applications by Aug. 15. Applications received after that date will be considered if additional resources are available. Students will begin providing services in mid September.

For more information, call the clinic at 413-782-1469 or email Marie Fletch-

er, Clinical Programs administrator, at mfletcher@law.wne.edu.

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## Should You Be 'Selfish' in Retirement?

As a parent, you naturally want to help your children — but is it always a good idea to provide them with support when they're adults? You may want to proceed carefully in this area — to protect everyone's financial interests.

This topic is on the minds of many people: 63% of retirees and 69% of pre-retirees have either limited their financial support to adult children or other family members, or would limit this support, to preserve their own financial stability and avoid becoming a burden, according to a recent survey by Age Wave and Edward Jones.

So, as this finding indicates, it isn't that pre-retirees and retirees are being "selfish" when they're cautious about providing financial assistance — their goal is to maintain their financial independence, so they never have to depend on their family members for help. And anyone can agree that this is a worthy objective.

In any case, the amount of support you can reasonably offer will depend on several factors, including your monthly income, your expenses, your savings and your projected future expenditures. By taking these figures into account, you should be able to develop a good estimate of what you can — and can't — do for your adult children.

But if you do decide that you can afford to provide some financial resources, at least on occasion, you may want to be strategic about it. In other words, how can you do the most good?

You have various options. For one thing, if your children have earned income, they can contribute to an IRA to help fund their retirement — and while you can't put funds directly into their IRAs, you can give them money for that purpose, up to the annual contribution limit, which, in 2023, is \$6,500, or \$7,500 for those 50 or older. Also, if you have grandchildren, you could contribute to a 529 education savings plan for them. A 529 plan can provide tax-free earnings and withdrawals for qualified higher education expenses.

However, even if you don't think you can afford to make cash gifts, you might be able to provide some financial benefits in other ways. For example, you could give your children shares of stock you've owned for several years. If these shares had appreciated in value, and you were to sell them yourself, and then give the money to your children, you'd have to pay the capital gains taxes. By gifting the shares directly to your children, you'd avoid these taxes, and while your children would have to pay the taxes when they sold the shares, they might be in a lower tax bracket than you. And if they didn't need the money right away, they could hold the shares and hope that they appreciate further. (Keep in mind that you can make financial gifts, including the value of stocks, of up to \$17,000 per person, per year, to as many people as you want without incurring gift taxes.)

Being cautious about providing financial support to your grown children and other family members — and being purposeful when you do provide it — isn't selfish. It's a thoughtful way to protect your own financial security and avoid burdening your family — while still helping them out when you can.

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# Cruisin' all summer long



Logan Silva, Jay Koziol and Kelly Silva are shown standing before Koziol's 1974 Plymouth Duster.



Logan Silva is shown sitting in the passenger seat of Koziol's Plymouth.



Elks members who volunteer every Tuesday to help with the car show.



Shown is an old-school tan and black Plymouth.



Turley Photos by Dallas Gagnon  
Elks club members Neal Chagnon, Adekunle Odugbile, Terry Papesh and Chris Papesh are shown standing outside of Elks Lodge 2448.



A red Oldsmobile on display at the June 27 car show.



A side view of the beige and black Plymouth is shown.



Freddy Fender of Ludlow is shown holding his award for "Best Classic."



Fender is shown holding a large ratchet wrench in one hand and his trophy in another.



Trophies labeled "Best Classic" and "Best Custom" are awarded to car show participants after judging takes place.

## Ludlow Elks present 2023 Tuesday Cruise Nights

By Dallas Gagnon  
Staff Writer  
dgagnon@turley.com

LUDLOW – For the past 30 years, residents and neighboring community members have gathered at 69 Chapin Street every Tuesday night to see vehicles of all years, makes and models while supporting the Elks of Lodge 2448.

The Elks organization is a fraternal order dedicated to educating youth, giving back to the community and patriotism.

Cruise Night Chairman, David Kenniston said the weekly car shows aim to "make money and donate [it] back to the community."

Event volunteer and Elks member, Terry Papesh said "historically, Cruise Nights are our biggest event fundraiser of the year," adding the Elks donate proceeds to "support veterans and scholarships in Ludlow."

Kenniston said he believes the Elks fraternity is the "second largest organization that gives back to the veterans other than the federal government."

The event is made possible by volunteers from neighboring towns such as Ludlow, Palmer, Wilbraham and Belchertown, said Kenniston.

He said "350 cars usually enter the show," and "50/50 raffles and trophies are given away," at each event.

Many attendees said they enjoy the shows because they create a sense of community.

Tim Gleason of Monson said he attends Cruise Nights because he knows "a lot of local people," "the beer is cold" and he enjoys seeing the vehicles.

"They are all engineering marvels," said Gleason. He added he "love[s] the atmosphere" as "it's all positive."

Elks member and volunteer, Adekunle Odugbile said for him "it's about the community," and that's what he "enjoy[s] about it."

Jay Koziol of Wilbraham said he "tries not to miss a Tuesday show," as they are something he used to attend with his Dad.

At the June, 27 Cruise Night, Koziol entered his purple, 1974 Plymouth Duster in the show.

While a pendant of ashes hangs from the rear view mirror, a decal clings to the rear window reading "Forever cruisin' with Ken 'Koz' Koziol 1950-2018."

Koziol said his Dad shared his love of cars with him and it was always their "dream to build one together."

Growing up, Koziol and his father worked on vehicles together, adding his Dad used to street race and in the 60s' and 70s'.

However, in 2018 'Koz' was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and passed away only 27 days after his diagnosis.

"The day before he passed away he told me to go get my hot rod," said Koziol.

One day, after "scouring" the internet, Koziol found 11 cars he was interested in. He then spent over 13 hours looking at the vehicles in person.

Koziol said the 74' Plymouth has always been his "dream car."

According to Koziol, he first took an interest in the Plymouth when he saw it at a car show at eight or nine years old.

"It looked fast sitting still," said Koziol. He added the shape and style caught his eye.

Although Koziol said did not complete the body work himself, he did "touch every nut, bolt and screw in this car."

Since purchasing the vehicle in 2018, Koziol said it has been entirely rebuilt and restored.

"Building this car is my therapy...it kept me moving through life after I lost my Dad," said Koziol.

Koziol is often joined by fiance Kelly Silva and nephew Logan Silva.

He said sharing an interest in classic cars with younger generations is important because "it's an amazing piece of history that's going to go away if they aren't involved."

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