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TOWN HALL

Town manager celebrates over four years serving Palmer

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PALMER – With over 12 years of administrative experience, Town Manager Ryan McNutt embarks on his fifth year serving, supporting and directing the Town of Palmer.



McNutt offers Palmer a leader with a background serving as Fitchburg's chief of staff, director of housing and development, Lancaster's town administrator and city manager of Claremont, New Hampshire.

"I do it because I believe in good governance," McNutt said of

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Claudia LaFontaine volunteered to help finish the mural.

Mural serves as a tribute to the town

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MONSON – The mural on the side of Adams Hometown Market, which was designed by Shara Osgood and Melissa Stratton-Pandina,

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Back to School



Cubby greets students as they enter the school for their first day. See more photos on pages 6 & 7.

Turley Photos by Dallas Gagnon

Palmer headed back to school on Tuesday, August 29 and Monson headed back Wednesday, August 30.

Students poured out of the buses on the first day of school. Please see more photos on pages 23 & 24.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Boudary settling into chief's role after appointment

By Michael Harrison
Correspondent

BRIMFIELD — Around this time last year, the future of the town's police department was somewhat in limbo.

What a difference a year can make.

For a good deal of 2022, the Brimfield Select Board kept now former Police Chief Charles Kuss in suspense over his future with the town. Then, last July, the board announced Kuss, with nearly 20 years on the job, would remain in his position through November and then retire.

On Dec. 1, 2022, then Brim-

field Police Department Lt. William Boudary was appointed interim chief and about two months later, after a search committee met with several other candidates, the Select Board removed the "interim" from his title.



Police Chief William Boudary

"To me, one of the things that stood out about Chief Boudary is his commitment to the community," Select Board Vice Chairman George Adams said recently.

"He's easy to work with, open to ideas and suggestions and community involvement – going to local events and activities – is im-

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Rock the Lawn explodes with fun

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MONSON – Residents and neighboring community members lined Veteran's Field for a day filled with music, food, bounce houses and community building while celebrating my-Monson's first annual Rock the Lawn event.

The event featured live music from local bands and musicians such as Corey Reiman and the Dilemma Band, Jordyn Doyle, the Savage Brothers and The Delta Generators.

With an entry fee of \$15 for attendees ages 13 to 64, the company plans to donate 100% of the proceeds from the event to local agencies that support veterans and first responders.



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Sal Gambino and his dad, Angelo Gambino, smile while enjoying the event's festivities.

"We do everything we can to help the community," said CEO and

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Fire Chief celebrates 29 years

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THREE RIVERS – After 29 years serving the Three Rivers Fire Department, Chief Scott Turner is leaving the department and taking the next step in his career. He has been hired as the chief of the Great Barrington Fire Department.

Friends and family joined Turner in celebrating his nearly 30-year run with the department before his last day, which was on Aug. 31.

"It was an honor to work with him, I learned a lot in three years,"

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Chief Scott Turner is joined by his mother, JoAnne Turner-Chiacchia, while celebrating 29 years of serving Three Rivers as a member of the Fire Department.

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Holland Community Center offers fun for everyone

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HOLLAND – The Holland Community Center, located at 40 Brimfield Road, is up and running, offering a little something for everyone.

While the center was formerly known as the Holland Senior Center, the building now functions as a recreation space for adults and children of all ages.

“We still want to help seniors and recognize them...we take care of our senior citizens but we are also trying to be more encompassing,” said HCC staff member Sanna Hart.

The center's staff considers the space a hidden gem and is “extremely inclusive - encouraging open mindedness and respect.”

Every month, the staff plans activities geared towards adults, children and seniors.

Community Center Director Brenda Palmer said the center also offers “express yourself crafts,” for those who want an activity to take home.

For visitors who want to stay and enjoy the center, a pool table and computers are available for public use.

“We want people to just show up - we have a recreation room that can be used for reading, playing pool or using the computers,” Palmer said. “It's for the community's use for whatever they need

to do.”

Kitchen Manager Monica Talbot said she became more involved with the center after her two children discovered the center had a recreation space.

“My kids started riding their bikes here around the parking lot and heard [the center] had a pool table. They started coming in and using it,” said Talbot.

Her children are home schooled and the computers offer them a convenient place to focus on their education while she is close by at work.

“My kids feel comfortable,” Talbot said. “They volunteer and help out.”

Unlike many community and senior centers, HCC sells fresh, home cooked meals, prepared by Talbot on site.

The Holland Community Center Cafe offers meals Monday and Wednesdays for \$5 a plate for dine-in and \$7 for take-out; with the exception of senior citizens.

“Where else can you get a home cooked meal for \$5 to \$7? Nowhere,” said Hart.

Meals include an entree and dessert. “I'm happy I get to plan my own menus,” said Talbot. “If people react well to a plate I try to recreate it.”

She said cooking is a fun, creative outlet and describes herself as an innovative cook who “cooks by feel and by taste.”

Hart said a fan favorite seems to be Talbot's chicken salad sandwiches.



Turley Photos by Dallas Gagnon

“People always say ‘the food is good and the price is good,’” said Palmer.

For those interested in trying Talbot's signature sandwich, it will be available for preorder Wednesday, Sept. 6.

“This is the best staff I've ever had,” said Palmer.

She added the staff “is outgoing and inclusive... they all care and want to make sure the town has the best experience.”

Another way the center promotes inclusion is the addition of a monthly

storytime for youngsters.

Activities Coordinator Holly Sommers, leads the reading program each month, with September's reading taking place at the center on Sept. 11, at 1 p.m.

No pre-registration is required for storytime, and walk-ins are encouraged.

To check out the center, stop in between 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

To order meals ahead or verify hours of operation call the center at 413-245-3163.

Palmer Police Department to hold Citizens Academy

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PALMER – Palmer residents and neighboring community members will have an opportunity to participate in a free, educational, law enforcement learning program, starting Oct. 5.

The Citizens Police Academy is sponsored by the Palmer Police Department and organized by Sgt. David Burns.

Citizens participating in the program will meet at the Palmer Police Department every Thursday night, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., until Dec. 14, with the exception of Thanksgiving.

“The whole department works together and works to be present at

various events. We [aim] to build relationships and understand different perspectives between the police and the public,” said Burns.

The Citizens Police Academy will afford community members an opportunity to gain a greater understanding of the operations, role and resources of the Palmer Police Department.

According to Burns, the program will also serve as an opportunity for citizens to determine if law enforcement is a career they may want to consider.

Some topics the program will

cover include history of the Palmer Police Department, criminal procedures, patrol procedures, drug identification/crime scene investigations, defense and use of force, de-escalation dynamics and department programs.

At the program's completion, citizens will also have the option of participating in one of four ride-along opportunities.

Burns said the department is willing to make accommodations for those interested in participating.

“We will go over multiple

topics - law, policy... we will also be going over our DART program,” said Burns.

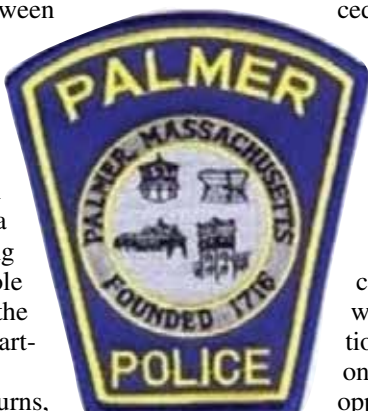
The DART program, or Drug Addiction and Recovery Team, reaches out to those who have overdosed, offering referrals to services for those at risk of overdosing again as well as sharing harm reduction strategies, said Burns.

Additionally, the Citizens Police Academy will offer citizens information on safety procedures and protocols for law enforcement officers as well as citizens, crime prevention strategies and safety in and outside of the home.

“It's about helping people, whether it's one person you help or many, you're making a difference,” said Burns of law enforcement.

“The town has a lot of support from the community and different perspectives,” he said.

While responding to and solving crimes make up a significant part of being a police officer, Burns said there are many other functions as well.



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National Ice Cream Sandwich Day



Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce CEO Robert Lavoie gets ready to distribute over 9,000 ice cream sandwiches across 15 towns.



Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce CEO Robert Lavoie is shown with Christopher Heights staff April Kosuda, Activity Director (left) and Lorna Stone, Director Admissions/Marketing (right).



Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce CEO Robert Lavoie and Derek Smola, Summer Youth Director at Old Mill Pond School's Kids Corner get ready to unload boxes of ice cream sandwiches.

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The Journal Register has changed its firm deadline for public submissions to Mondays. To get your submission in for that week's edition, email Editor at mharrison@turley.com or call the office at 413-283-8393 by noon on Mondays. We appreciate the cooperation of our readers.

10th annual Chicken BBQ for TRFD

THREE RIVERS—The Three Rivers Firefighters Association is inviting the community to join together for the 10th Annual Chicken BBQ Dinner. The event will be hosted September 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Dinners will be served at 1 and 3 p.m. Chicken Dinners cost \$15. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be available for purchase as well. Tickets are available for purchase and pick up at Three Rivers Fire Department, 50 Springfield St., from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday. This year the dinner will feature performances by Gotta Dance, Sleazy Top, and Gobshites.

Association President, Lucas McDiarmid, said "This year is a milestone event for the Three Rivers Firefighters Association. For 10-years, we have come together to celebrate the efforts of the Department, and the community at-large. Our annual dinner is an opportunity for us to spend time with our friends and neighbors. It is truly an event all about the community."

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Frozen treats enjoyed across Quaboag Hills towns

Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce CEO Robert Lavoie has helped spread some cool refreshing treats all across the 15 town region.

"It began with a call from a generous donor, asking if I could help 'relocate' about 9,000 ice cream sandwiches in less than a week," Lavoie said.

Pathfinder Tech in Palmer kept them in their walk-in freezer, and it was a fantastic plus for the Summer Youth Enrichment Program which runs every year during the month of July.

"As it happened, Friday, July 28 was the first excursion on

my road trip. Dave Oliveira, long time Facilities Director at Pathfinder turned a meal cart into a makeshift cooler, enough room for about 1,600 ice cream sandwiches," Lavoie said.

Day one was off to Summer Youth programs in local school districts. Starting in Palmer at the Old Mill Pond School. Derek Smola, Summer Youth Director, met Lavoie and we donated close to 800 sandwiches. From there, the process was repeated at the Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School in Ware.

The final stop that morning was at the Quaboag Regional School District in Warren, where Lavoie met Superintendent Steve Duff and his team, along with state Rep. Todd Smola who was key in brainstorming the day.

"Ideas for Chamber and re-

gional school partnerships for this upcoming year were discussed and look very promising for all! What a great new partnership," Lavoie said.

After posting his trip on the Chamber's Facebook page, a follower reminded him that coming up on Aug. 2 was National Ice Cream Sandwich Day.

"What could be better?" Lavoie said.

The second and final road trip was naturally on National Ice Cream Day and began with a visit to Christopher Heights assisted living in Belchertown, and from there to Ware where Lavoie met the team at Cedarbrook Village and did the same.

"All enjoyed the surprise sandwiches donated on National Ice Cream Sandwich Day," he said.

As the day progressed, Lavoie made it to Holland, Wales and Brimfield Senior/Community centers throughout the Chamber's 15 town footprint.

During this same period, local communities were holding their annual National Night Out events, honoring first responders.

"This is a great community summer event and QHMA was able to donate sandwiches to the North Brookfield, Palmer and Ware Police Departments to assist with the already popular event," Lavoie said. "And to wrap up the donations, we popped in on the new Ludlow Veterans Center and were happy to donate to VSO, Eric Segundo and the Veterans he serves in their beautiful Ludlow facility."

In total, the Chamber was able to facilitate the donation of

over 6,000 sandwiches and another 2,600 plus were donated at the local National Night Out events.

"Much thanks to Pathfinder Tech for helping me with the logistics, this couldn't have been possible without their support, ingenuity and spirit," Lavoie said. "My first 60 days as CEO of the Quaboag Hills Chamber have been nothing short of fantastic!"

Make sure to follow the Chamber on Facebook and Instagram, and read about its happenings in your *Turley Publications* newspaper.

"You'll see us at many events this fall and we're just getting started in our 15 Town Region," Lavoie said. "Can't wait to meet you...where you are!"

MONSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024

Monson Public Schools will be participating in the **National School Lunch Program and/or the School Breakfast Program**. As part of this program **Monson Public Schools** will offer healthy meals every school day. The Massachusetts legislature has provided funding to make meals available at no cost to all students during school year 2023-2024, regardless of household income. However, families should still complete a Meal Benefit Application as this provides data for key funding for academic resources and may also connect families to additional benefits. This data will also support the additional funds provided by the Commonwealth for this pilot. Household size and income criteria are used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits if the household does not receive assistance or the children are not in the other categories mentioned above. Children can get free or reduced-price meals if the household's gross income falls at or below the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guideline chart.

Household size	Maximum Household Income Eligible for Free Meals			Maximum Household Income Eligible for Reduced Price Meals		
	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$18,954	\$1,580	\$365	\$26,973	\$2,248	\$519
2	25,636	2,137	493	36,482	3,041	702
3	32,318	2,694	622	45,991	3,833	885
4	39,000	3,250	750	55,500	4,625	1,068
5	45,682	3,807	879	65,009	5,418	1,251
6	52,364	4,364	1,007	74,518	6,210	1,434
7	59,046	4,921	1,136	84,027	7,003	1,616
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To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households can fill out the application and return it to the school unless the household has already received notification that their children are approved for free meals this year. Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for their children and what is required to complete on the application. Applications also are available at the principal's office in each school, or on <http://www.monsonschoools.com>.

Only one application is required for all children in the household and the information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified at any time during the school year by the school or other program officials. An application for free or reduced-price benefits cannot be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information as indicated on the application and instructions. In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age, or disability.

Families can apply for benefits at any time. If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the Federal Guidelines. Contact Tracy Blanchard at blanchardt@monsonschoools.com at any time to request an application.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price policy, Tracy Blanchard will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Leah Zippin, 43 Margaret St. Monson, MA 01057 413-267-4150.

When known to Monson Public Schools households will be notified of their children's eligibility for free meals if they are members of households receiving assistance from the:

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- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), if the State program meets Federal standards.

An application is not required for free meal benefits for Assistance Program participants and all of the children in the household are eligible for free meal benefits. If any children were not listed on the notice of eligibility, or if a household does not receive a notice of eligibility, the household should contact the school to have free meal benefits extended to them. Participants in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals, but they will need to turn in an application including household size and total income.

When known to Monson Public Schools households will also be notified of any child's eligibility for free meals if the individual child is considered "Other Source Categorically Eligible", because the child is categorized, as defined by law as:

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- Enrolled in an eligible Head Start, or
- Enrolled in an eligible pre-kindergarten class.

If any children were not listed on the notice of eligibility, the household should contact the school about their eligibility through the list above, or should submit an income application.

Households notified of their children's eligibility must contact the school if the household chooses to decline the benefits.

For more information, you may call Tracy Blanchard at 413-267-4158 or e-mail at blanchardt@monsonschoools.com.

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SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

What about all the money Congress stole from Social Security?

Dear Rusty

Is there any way that Congress will vote to pay back the Social Security funds they took for their stupid reasons, and left IOUs in place of the funds?

Because of the funds they took going back many years, we didn't have any decent Cost Of Living Adjustments for a few years. In fact, there were I think three to five years that we didn't get any COLA. Please Rusty, can you find out if this is true or false? Help us seniors.

Signed: Resentful Senior

Dear Resentful Senior

I can assure you that I've fully investigated the allegation that politicians have squandered Social Security's money and found that charge to be, simply speaking, a myth. I've gone back and looked at Social Security revenues and expenses since the government first started collecting FICA payroll taxes in 1937 and found that every dollar ever collected for Social Security has been used only for Social Security purposes. Over the years, various claims have been made that the money has been used for other things, but I've researched each of these charges and found them all to be false.

Where the misconception mostly originates is that any excess money collected from working Americans for Social Security is invested in "special issue government bonds," which pay interest, as mandated by President Roosevelt when Social Security began. As with any investment, a financial obligation instrument is given in return for dollars received.

Remember when we used to buy "U.S. Savings Bonds?" We'd use our money to buy those bonds, hold them and later redeem them for a higher amount than we paid. That's exactly how Social Security contributions have always worked - excess money collected from working Americans is used to purchase special issue government bonds, which are held in reserve, earning interest, for future Social Security needs.

These special bonds reside in a Social Security Trust Fund and, as of the end of 2022, were worth about \$2.8 trillion. Are these bonds "worthless IOUs" as some would claim? Hardly, since they are redeemable as needed to pay Social Security benefits.

Considering that, since 2010, Social Security's income from payroll taxes on American workers has been less than needed to cover benefits paid out, redemption of bonds held in the Trust Fund is the only reason that Social Security has been able to continue paying full benefits to every beneficiary. The Trust Fund is a financial safety net, which is now protecting all SS beneficiaries from having their benefits cut.

Problem is, unless Congress acts soon to reform Social Security's financial picture, the Trust Fund will be fully depleted in about 2033 resulting in about a 23% cut in everyone's monthly Social Security benefit. I'm optimistic that will not happen (it would be political suicide) and, hopefully, Congress will act soon to reform Social Security and restore it to financial solvency and avoid a future cut in everyone's benefits.

Regarding Cost of Living Adjustment and the lack thereof for several past years, COLA is determined by the government's standard inflation measure, the Consumer Price Index (CPI). There were several years (2010, 2011, and 2016) in which the CPI showed no inflation so, therefore, no COLA increase was given.

Last year, due to soaring inflation, everyone got an 8.7% increase in their Social Security benefit, but that doesn't happen every year. FYI, the average annual COLA increase over the last two decades has been about 2.6%, although COLA for each year can be wildly different depending on each year's inflation measure.

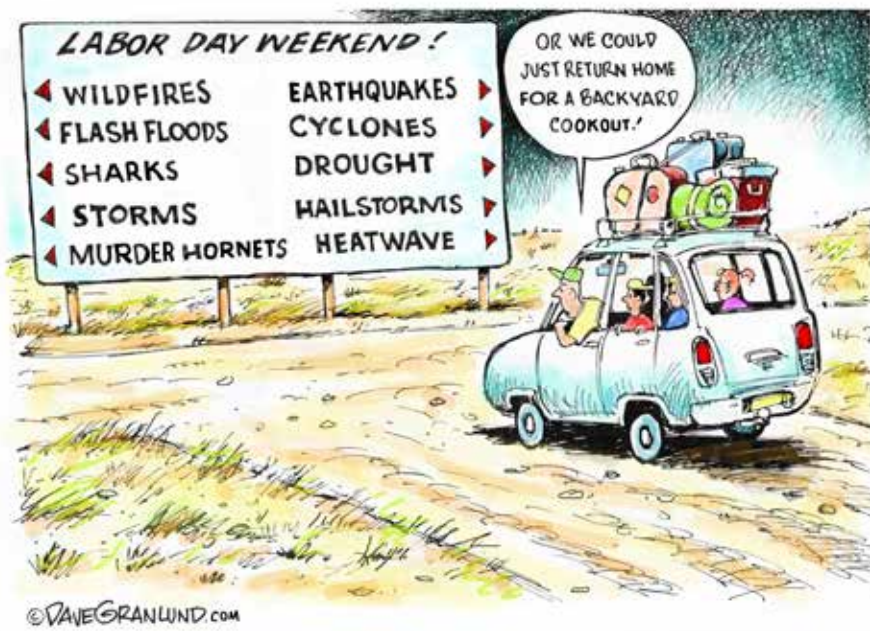
In any case, the lack of a COLA increase in past years was not a result of any political chicanery, it was the result of low inflation during those years.

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Cherry tomatoes cracked? Mine are too

I love it when my good friends pose me gardening questions.

Lots of times I turn the questions into columns. My friend Jacque sent a text with a question about her cherry tomatoes.

She was curious if she could eat them even though they were cracked. Alas, I will delve a little deeper into this topic.

Tomatoes crack when the inside of the fruit expands at a rate that the outer skin can't support. Usually, a soaking rain after a period of drought causes this to happen.

This year we have had pretty constant precipitation, but the cracking happened anyway. As soon as the rain ended a couple days back, I went out to the garden and began picking my cherry tomatoes.

Anything that cracked in my hand or when I put it into the basket could be used. Cracked fruit still on the plant that had started to heal over I decided to give to the chickens. I didn't want to risk eating fungus, mold or bacteria from fruit flies in the fruit that had scabbed over.

If you don't have chickens, the fruit is perfectly safe to add to the compost pile. There is little you can do to stop tomatoes from cracking. Some people purposely pick almost ripe tomatoes prior to a storm, and let them finish ripening on the counter.

You can also pick unripe tomatoes and place them in a bag with a ripening banana or an apple and the ethylene gas they release will induce ripening. For this to work, the tomatoes have to feel softish and show slight coloration. You can also use this trick just prior to the last frost.

Pick all of your unripe fruit and try it! Taste is sacrificed here somewhat - think of a grocery store tomato but maybe a step above. I usually risk the inevitable cracking after a storm because the whole point of growing your own tomatoes is to eat them ripened by the sun!

HOLY COW! HISTORY:

The mysterious Mr. Schwamp

Who was Mayberry's 'Mystery Man'?

By J. Mark Powell
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I begin this week's column with a confession.

I'm a lifelong, dyed in the wool fan of "The Andy Griffith Show". It debuted just a few weeks before I was born. I grew up watching it in prime time, and I've religiously followed it in reruns for decades. Andy and Barney, Opie and Aunt Bee, Floyd and Otis, and the whole gang feel like extended family. I belong to several Facebook fan groups where members vigorously debate the merits of their favorite characters and argue over who should and shouldn't have been Andy's girlfriend. (Helen Crump? Seriously?)

The show has attained a kind of cult status. Multiple books have been written about it, college courses have been taught on it, and we aging Baby Boomers secretly yearn to spend our golden years in a friendly little town just like Mayberry where people are nice, where right always triumphs over wrong, and where the home cookin' is, in Andy Taylor's words, "extray gooo-ood!"

Given all that adoring attention, you may be surprised to learn a big mystery from the program remains unsolved more than 50 years later. Who played the mysterious Mr. Schwamp?

Who? It's easy to not remember him.

There are a few varieties that are touted as being resistant to cracking. I have never grown a cherry tomato, at least in my most recent memory, that was truly crack resistant, but I am willing to experiment.

You may wonder what I do with all the tomatoes I pick.

After separating out the bad tomatoes, I cut the good ones in half, added a splash of olive oil, some garlic cloves and slivers of basil and set it all in a shallow roasting pan at 375 degrees. I moved them around every 20 minutes or so, taking the tray out in about an hour, after the skins had blistered.

You can either eat the roasted tomatoes this way, as a chunky topping for pasta or pizza or blend it into sauce. Add seasonings to your specific taste. It can be frozen either way.

Cherry tomatoes are also great dehydrated or sun dried. One summer years ago I sliced some and set them on a tray in the greenhouse at work.

The greenhouse was closed up for my annual weed and bug "fry." In a matter of two days, I had the tastiest little tidbits.

It's amazing how all that tomato flavor can be so incredibly concentrated in this round disk! I stored them in a zip lock bag in the fridge.

Some people don't feel it necessary to refrigerate sun dried tomatoes, but I wanted to be extra cautious since I didn't use any sort of preservative on the fruit.

Dehydrators are all different. I think it took at least 8 hours for ours to produce that leathery, "done" texture.

Sun dried tomatoes are a great pizza topping, and can be blended into hummus or other savory dishes.

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By Kimberly Palmucci

Editor's Note: The following information was acquired over the course of my career as a journalist, through my work as an animal advocate, and through common knowledge.

Ten ways to help adoptable pets

Volunteer - There are many different ways one can volunteer with an animal rescue organization, and the experience is truly rewarding. Volunteering offers a way to personally get involved with adoptable pets while eschewing the responsibility of pet ownership itself.

Volunteering duties might include: walking dogs; cleaning; socializing cats; taking photos; office tasks; community outreach; fundraising; transporting animals; attending adoption events; and more.

Donate - Animal rescues and shelters need financial assistance, and monetary donations are a welcome way to aid the mission. Certain shelters and rescues don't even have an operating budget, funded solely through donations.

Donations can assist with daily operations, supplies, food, veterinary care, vaccinations, community outreach, and much more.

And if a financial donation is not possible, animal organizations are also in need of many items, such as: food; towels; blankets and pet beds; crates and carriers; pet toys; collars, leashes, or harnesses; cat litter; and more.

Educate - By educating others about the importance of adopting, as well as spaying and neutering our pets, we lay the groundwork needed for actual change. However, educating should not be confused with arguing; creating conflict and tension over these topics may feel befitting at times, but we can spend our time more wisely by having respectful, compassionate conversations with people who are willing to listen.

Advocate - Supporting legislation that improves the lives of animals is a pivotal step toward making change. There must be regulations in place for certain actions and behaviors—including legal consequences—to set a precedent. Also, many municipal animal shelters are relying on antiquated budgets to function. Contact your representatives by calling or writing a letter so that you can share your thoughts regarding local and state bills.

Wishlists - An animal group near you may already have a "wish list" on its website, go check it out! These lists, which highlight the current needs and donation requests of the organization, can be independent or linked directly to a website such as "Amazon" or "Chewy."

Additionally, when shopping online, consider choosing one of your local animal rescues as your "Amazon-Smile Charity"—this is a separate entry from the main website that offers consumers the same items and prices while also contributing a certain percentage of qualified purchases to a charitable group.

Spay/Neuter - Spaying and neutering our pets is unbelievably important. Pet overpopulation can best be described as a crisis, both in the U.S. and around the world, and unconstrained cat and dog breeding creates lasting impacts. Spaying/neutering presents pet owners with a way to not only be part of the solution, but also to keep their pets healthy and safe.

Three benefits of spay/neuter include: diminishing the burden on animal groups; keeping stray/feral pet populations in check; and protecting pets from health concerns.

Events - Hosting a fundraising event for an animal group is a unique and valuable way to help. You can design your own event, or combine efforts with an existing or upcoming event, such as a birthday party, wedding, or school function, asking attendees to bring a gift or donation for the animals.

Share - Talk about your own stories of adoption, both on social media and in your day-to-day life. The more we talk about our stories of adoption, the more we can share the message that shelter pets are not less or broken because of their circumstance. They are resilient and capable of such a powerful love. Additionally, "sharing" can quite literally mean getting on social media and sharing posts or adoption profiles from animal groups, who are constantly posting their needs, adoptable pets, wishlists, and more. When you "like," "comment," or "share," those posts, you're boosting engagement and allowing more people to see and help.

Adopt - According to various reports and statistics, more than 6.3 million domestic animals enter into animal shelters and rescues across the U.S. each year. Adopting a pet is a tremendous decision that not only saves one animal, but also creates space in an already overburdened system for another, doubling the impact with every adoption.

When you adopt a pet, it's a lifelong promise (the pet's life, of course). This is not a decision that should be made lightly; before you adopt, consider whether you will be able to provide that animal with the following basic needs for the pet's entire life: love and attention; food, water, and shelter; exercise and medical care.

Foster - Fostering a pet entails the temporary housing of an adoptable pet in one's home prior to adoption. Foster homes afford shelters and rescues the ability to save even more animals, and it helps animals that would otherwise be in a cage find comfort and support.

Fostering is not for everyone. The foster must be able to transport the pet to various places and provide the animal with care. It is also important to consider that fostering is intended to be temporary—many folks (like myself) have trouble saying goodbye, and that's okay, but if this is you, perhaps there's an alternative way to help.

Here are some questions you might ask yourself before fostering a pet:

Am I emotionally prepared to say goodbye?
Is everyone in my home equipped for this experience (other pets included)?

Am I able to transport this pet to vet visits and adoption events?

The best way to discover the needs of your local animal groups is by doing a search online, checking recent social media posts from the organization(s), or by contacting them directly and asking how you can help.

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his work in administration.

Though he is originally from Acton, McNutt said he grew up in Fitchburg, where he often questioned the way some decisions and situations were approached.

"Once I got involved and saw how decision making was done, I understood why," said McNutt.

McNutt holds a master's degree in history and a bachelor's degree in science, secondary education and teaching, both of which he earned from Fitchburg State University.

While administration was not always his career plan, McNutt developed an interest for the field after accepting a chief of staff position in Fitchburg, during former Mayor Lisa Wong's tenure.

During his time in that position, McNutt said he found it is "incredibly rewarding to solve problems for people."

After working for the mayor and seeing the executive side of town government, he eventually "wanted to be a leader on [his] own," he said.

McNutt went on to serve the town of Lancaster as its chief administrative officer from 2014 to 2017.

This experience afforded McNutt an opportunity to provide administration, management and supervision of the town's municipal departments; including complying with Massachusetts General Laws and municipal bylaws and regulations.

McNutt later pursued a position as the city manager of Claremont, N.H. for two years.

While serving Claremont, McNutt gained experience monitoring, managing and maintaining the town's financial stability, operational efficiency and growth.

As Palmer's town manager, McNutt is responsible for managing the town and is held responsible by the Town Council for day-to-day town affairs.

McNutt said the first thing he asks when he joins a town as an administrator is "what is

the situation?" and "is the budget sustainable?"

He said he also tries to gauge the most efficient way to manage the town and understand the town's structure.

"Palmer is a city form of government... we have approximately 12,500 people - our tax base is primarily residential... government cannot be run like a business, it is a service-based government enterprise - not for profit," said McNutt.

He added he saw a need to increase the commercial tax base, as 82% of Palmer's tax base was residential.

"I started looking at every opportunity to increase Palmer's commercial tax base... looking at zoning, looking at any potential businesses," said McNutt.

He said he "quickly identified low hanging fruit," and found three privately-owned parcels on Thorndike Street that could be used for business.

Since reaching out to the owners, some of the properties are "looking toward development," including the addition of a plaza next to the McDonald's restaurant.

"There is a lot of reward in doing public infrastructure projects, you see the fruits of your labor," said McNutt.

Some accomplishments McNutt has helped bring to fruition include successfully running vaccine clinics throughout the town following COVID-19, reassessing costs for an animal control facility, ongoing sewer and bridge maintenance projects, and bringing in new businesses downtown.

"The animal control facility was projected to cost \$800,000... I was able to re-evaluate that project and got it down to \$320,000," said McNutt.

"Palmer is a great place because we have a unique blend of rural and urban... you can get a nice house that's not too expensive and we have a lot of recreation, which we are expanding."

McNutt said his goal is to continue to move Palmer forward.

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portant to him," Adams said.

"Safety is at the top of his mindset. He's done a really good job."

The police department has 10 officers and one open position and is operating with a fiscal year budget of approximately \$385,000, a 5% increase over the prior year. As Boudary closes in on his one-year anniversary as the town's top law enforcement officer, he agreed to answer a few questions about his background and the department:

William Boudary

Age: 56

Hometown:

Palmer, Massachusetts

Years of law enforcement experience: 36+
Masters Degree in Criminal Justice, Masters Degree in Public Administration

Graduate from the Worcester Police Academy in 1989 and graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia (230th session)

Started career in October of 1987 with the Worcester Airport Police

Q: Brimfield is a quiet, rural town. Is there a particular crime your officers respond to more often than others?

Boudary: The officers respond to a variety of calls in Brimfield such as: nuisance calls, animal calls, neighbor disputes, medical calls and, unfortunately, domestic violence calls. Roadway calls such as motor vehicle accidents, possible OUI or drug impaired reported drivers, road rage incidents and weather-related calls.

Q: Please share some of your outside interests/hobbies:

Boudary: My outside interests are my family - my wife and two daughters who are in college.

Q: Is there anything else you'd like readers to know about you or the BPD?

Boudary: The Brimfield Police Department is constantly striving to provide a quality service to our community with total transparency and respect to all.

Holland Wales Baseball Softball League host second annual Fall Fest

The Holland Wales Baseball Softball League will host their second annual Fall Fest event at Hitchcock Park, Saturday Sept.30.

The event will feature live music, face painting, an obstacle course, bounce houses, an outdoor movie and raffles.

Proceeds raised from the event will be invested into the Holland Wales Baseball Softball League.

"The event raises money

for players and allows us to grow our program each year," said League President, Michael Breor.

Festivities will begin at 4 p.m., offering attendees an opportunity to enjoy food and ice cream from local vendors while supporting youth sports.

The movie screening will begin at dusk.

"It's a fun event for all ages!," said Breor.

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er mentioned in the closing credits. He remains the one complete mystery from a TV program millions of Americans know inside and out.

A few years ago, someone posted on YouTube a home movie taken by Ron Howard's father of a behind the scenes glimpse of "The Andy Griffith Show" set. In the background, standing among the crew, a gentleman is seen reading a newspaper who bears a strong resemblance to the mystery man.

Could he have been part of the production team, and the whole thing was just an elaborate inside joke? Probably. I agree with that theory.

But we'll never know the true story.

Don Knotts, who played the beloved bumbling Barney

Fife, passed away in 2006. Andy Griffith followed six years later. Mr. Schwamp's identity likely went to the grave with them.

Why does it matter, you ask.

In the great scheme of things, it doesn't. But we humans love pondering the unanswerable.

Americans have spent 82 years wondering what became of Amelia Earhart, after all.

And so Old Man Schwamp stares back at us from a half century old spool of celluloid.

The chubby face grins and his eyes twinkle. He clearly enjoys knowing what we don't know, and probably never will.

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Assistant Principal Penny Ann Manteria, Principal Holly-Beth Riopel, Palmer Superintendent Matthew Francis and Assistant Principal Kerry Lynch smile after greeting students at Old Mill Pond Elementary School on their first day of back.



Teacher Collin Hart is shown cheering on students with blue pom-poms.



Faculty members Corrine Wolski, Martina Buchman, Gail Marriot, Marcia Russo, Colin Hart, Karyn Marcinec, Sarah Senecal, Debra Russo and Nia Salvo share a group photo after greeting the entire student body on their first day back to school.



Front office staff members Julie Bamber, Jessica Janaces, Leana Gendreau and Sonia Diomanti are all smiles on the first day of school.



Devin Chevalier shares a photo with mom, Erin Chevalier, for a first day of school photo.



Eliana Navedo is joined by mom, Elizabeth Roche, and sister, Elsie Navedo.



Students, staff and faculty crowd the hallway as they make their way to their classrooms.



Brothers Josuel and Ledwin Berrios are ready to start class.



Old Mill Pond front office security, Julie Bamber, smiles as she enters the school. Izaya, Brittany and Zaiden Boynton are ready to take on the 2023-2024 school year.

PALMER – For the first time in months, the halls of Old Mill Pond were flooded with students, staff and faculty members caught up in the hustle and bustle of being back in school.


Dressed in their best attire, students poured into the school by the dozens.

Some smiled and some laughed, though others celebrated by sharing a

hug with faculty members.

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Francesca Rodriguez and son, Ramon Aponte III, stand outside OMP before reporting to class.



Director of Student Services and Special Education Colleen Culligan and OMP mascot, Cubby, smile for a first day of school photo.



Shara Osgood, Melissa Stratton-Pandina, and Claudia LaFontaine stand in front of the mural.



Shara Osgood adds finishing touches to the mural.

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Melissa Stratton-Pandina interrupted her painting to talk about the process.



The brightly-colored mural will be perfectly visible to anyone driving down Main St.



The mural was designed to immortalize beloved town residents, and bears the Monson Strong slogan.



Everything in Osgood and Stratton-Pandina's mural has symbolism and meaning, said the artists.

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was completed last week. When the call went out last spring for artists to create a mural on the blank wall of Adam's Market on Main St., Osgood and Stratton-Pandina jumped at the opportunity. The two of them have artwork all over the state, including large scale murals in Pittsburgh, Easthampton, and one that they're working on in Dorchester as well.

"We put together a huge proposal and submitted it, and we got chosen for it," Osgood said, "part of it was about the town history, past, present, and future, and about community engagement."

After meeting with the public to get an idea of what residents wanted to represent the town, the artists invited mem-

bers of the community to a paint party to paint part of the mural.

"The community got to come and help us paint, and then it went back to our studios," Stratton-Pandina said. "We had five-foot squares of material, called poly-tab, and we set it up like a giant paint-by-numbers when we did the paint party. Then we each took panels home to our studios and worked on them for the last few months."

Stratton-Pandina is from Easthampton, and works as an illustrator during the off season for mural painting and has pieces in the Berkshire Museum and the Fitchburg Museum. Osgood, from Fitchburg, does face

and body-painting on the side, and travels a lot.

The mural was designed to showcase recognizable figures and events from the town's history, with notable features including references to tornados, floods, as well as firefighters and crowds of residents. The panels were then applied to the side of the building like wallpaper, and Osgood, Stratton-Pandina, and their volunteer Claudia LaFontaine painted the gaps in between to create a tribute to the town.

"A big part of this was about expressing the things that are important in Monson," Stratton-Pandina said, point-

ing out parts of the mural featuring Emily Dickinson, the button museum, and the mountain lion.

"We have the old mill, we have one of the state forests, with bears and a fox, we have a blue heron," Stratton-Pandina said, "and we have butterflies to represent hope and transformation."

The mural will brighten the side of Adams Market for years to come, so be sure to stop by their address at 115 Main St. to see what represents the town.

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Local firefighters graduate from 10-week certification program



Amber DUBY holds the classic firefighter's tool after earning her Levels 1 and 2 certificate at the Western Mass Fire Training Academy.

By Marcelo Gusmão
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MONSON – Last Friday, a class of 29 firefighters earned certifications at the Western Massachusetts Fire Training Academy.

The 10-week long program was held Monday through Friday with instructors from across the region, most of whom are active or retired firefighters from Springfield, Chicopee, and other surrounding communities.

"These experiences, and the knowledge and relationships with these people you spend 10 weeks with, it's stuff that you'll never forget," said Amber DUBY, one of Saturday's graduates.

DUBY has been working for the Monson Fire Department since September of last year and got the certification so she could become a full-time firefighter with the department. She started the program back in June, and described it as a full training program with written exams, didactic training, and practical coursework, designed to prepare firefighters for the first and second certifications.

"Something people told me—that I didn't expect to be as true as it was—is that [the program] was physically and mentally one of the

most demanding things I've done," DUBY said, "but also one of the best and most exciting experiences I've ever had."

DUBY described some of the tasks that students completed, and the physical and mental demands of the course.

"We do PT in the morning, as well as drills throughout the day," DUBY said. "Being in the summer-time, it's hot—although in the winter, the problem would be the cold."

"It's definitely a hard job where you have to be in good shape and take good care of yourself, eating well and being physically active, to be able to keep up with what the job demands," DUBY said.

"One of the non-technical things we learned was teamwork," DUBY said, "which is a big thing in fire service. There's a lot that you can't do on your own, so everything is about being a team and working together. They teach you a lot of the basics of firefighting, vehicle extrication, anything from throwing ladders to a building, to pulling hose lines off of a truck, to being able to cut apart cars in an efficient way."

"When it comes to mentally," DUBY continued, "it's 10 weeks that you're committing to doing something. Being a firefighter is a very strenuous job, so committing 10 weeks of your time to being in class

all day, whether it's book work or practical training, you're coming home tired."

DUBY described doing coursework at home as well.

"You're sacrificing a lot of your personal time and your family's personal time," she said.

Despite the hefty demands of the work, DUBY is very proud of the work she's done, and has found a passion for firefighting through this course and through her life experiences.

"It was one of the best stepping stones for my career, and it is, in my opinion, one of the best careers out there, and one of the most rewarding," DUBY said.

"My dad was a call firefighter for about 20 years, so I grew up in a lifestyle of being surrounded by it and growing up seeing him do this, so I think as I got older, I decided I wanted something more challenging and helping people, so I just kind of slowly found a passion for it," DUBY said. "Now, it's probably one of the things I love the most."

Fire service is a new career for DUBY, who came from a decade-long culinary career.

"Being in that career for 10 years, I was looking for something new and better and felt a little bit more me," DUBY said. "That's when I decided to transition into a new



A class of 29 firefighters celebrate their graduation on a cloudy Saturday afternoon.



Posing proudly after awarding DUBY her certificate, (from left) Chief Brian Harris, Assistant Chief Jonathan Miller, DUBY, and Captain Lisa Hamill.



Pictured at the ceremony (from left), Chief Brian Harris, Palmer firefighter and DUBY's boyfriend Patrick Jessop, Assistant Chief Jonathan Miller, Amber and her father, Benjamin DUBY, and Captain Lisa Hamill.



Amber DUBY displays her certificate, alongside fellow firefighters Chief Brian Harris, Amber and her father, Benjamin DUBY, Assistant Chief Jonathan Miller, and Chief Jon Davine.

career and follow in my dad's footsteps and become a firefighter."

DUBY said that her father, former Three Rivers Fire Captain Benjamin DUBY, was "floored" when she decided to become a firefighter.

"He always says how proud of me he is, he's excited I decided to make this my full-time career," DUBY said.

DUBY will continue her full-time duties at the Monson Fire De-

partment, and Western Mass. Fire Training Academy continues to offer firefighter certification training throughout the year.

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A signed Gronkowski jersey was among the prizes that were raffled off at the event.

Memorial raises \$12,000 for opioid addiction recovery

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PALMER – An opioid awareness fundraiser held last Saturday in honor and remembrance of Joey Bush, Jr. saw success.

The event, held at the St. Stanislaus Society in West Warren, commemorated the life of Bush, Jr., who passed away of an opioid overdose in July of 2020, said event organizers. The event began after Bush Jr.'s passing when Joey Bush, Sr. gathered 25 to 30 friends together, and this year, the event was opened to the public, in association with the Herren Project, a non-profit organization dedicated to addiction recovery.

"We had all of our sponsors come, the folks from the Herren Project were there," said Jim Mallory, one of the organizers. "It went fantastic, it absolutely went fantastic."

Ahead of the event, more than

235 tickets were sold, with well over 200 people in attendance. Steve Nagel, from Rock 102, was there to emcee the event, as well as Off the Trax providing live music.

"We were able to raise \$12,669," Mallory said. "Our goal was \$10,000, so we're pretty happy about it."

The money was donated to the Herren Project, which features breakdowns of where the money goes, including how much it costs to provide a bed for a person in recovery. According to Mallory's estimations, and based on the Herren Project's breakdown, \$12,000 would provide beds for dozens of people in recovery.

"Herren Project was founded in 2011 by former professional basketball player, Chris Herren, who has been in long-term recovery since August 1, 2008," the Herren Project website reads. "Treatment and recovery services include treatment placement assistance, long-term recovery support for individuals and

families, online support groups, as well as scholarships for treatment programs, recovery housing and recovery coaching."

"I would love to thank all nine sponsors, those guys really made it happen," Mallory said. "The five of us that put this together only put it together, but the kudos goes to everybody that came and supported it."

Mallory also heaped praise on the food provided by St. Stanislaus. "It was pretty amazing. The club's food will draw people from far away. It was just a barbecue chicken dinner, but they did a great job."

Mallory said that the atmosphere of the event was very welcoming. He spent the fundraiser walking around to make sure that the sponsors had what they needed to be set up.

"We were pretty tuckered out by the end," Mallory said.

Mallory said that he, the Bush family, and the other organizers

are currently planning to go in late September to the Herren Project to present the check to its founder Chris Herren, personally.

"We'll do this every year," Mallory said. "This year was our first year doing it publicly, and hopefully next year we can raise even more

money. I think we're on the right path, we've had people reaching out already to ask about supporting us next year."

"Myself, my wife, Joey Bush and his wife, Britney Collette, we were just messengers in this," Mallory said. "The real people we want

to thank are the folks that came, and the sponsors that supported us. They're the ones that really made this happen."

For more information on opioid addiction or ways to help, visit herrenproject.org or call the organization at 844-543-8555.



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You'll find some big differences between traditional and speculative investments — and knowing these differences can matter a great deal when you're trying to reach your financial goals.

To begin with, let's look at the basic types of traditional and speculative investments. Traditional investments are those with which you're probably already familiar: stocks, bonds, mutual funds, government securities, certificates of deposit (CDs) and so on. Speculative investments include cryptocurrencies, foreign currencies and precious metals such as gold, silver and copper.

Now, consider these three components of investing and how they differ between traditional and speculative investments:

The first issue to consider is risk. When you own stocks or stock-based mutual funds, the value of your investments will fluctuate. And bond prices will also move up and down, largely in response to changing interest rates. However, owning an array of stocks — small-company, large-company, international, etc. — can help reduce the impact of volatility on your stock portfolio. And owning a mix of short- and long-term bonds can help you defend yourself somewhat against interest-rate movements. When interest rates fall, you'll still have your longer-term bonds, which generally — but not always — pay higher rates than short-term ones. And when interest rates rise, you can redeem your maturing short-term bonds at potentially higher rates.

With speculative investments, though, price movements can be extreme as well as rapid. During their short history, cryptocurrencies in particular have shown astonishingly fast moves up and down, resulting in huge gains followed by equally huge, or bigger, losses. The risk factor for crypto is exacerbated by its being largely unregulated, unlike with stocks and bonds, whose transactions are overseen by well-established regulatory agencies. There just isn't much that investors can do to modulate the risk presented by crypto and some other speculative investments.

A second key difference between traditional and speculative investments is the time horizon involved. When you invest in stocks and other traditional investments, you ideally should be in it for the long term — it's not a "get rich quick" strategy. But those who purchase speculative investments want, and expect, quick and sizable returns, despite the considerable risk involved.

A third difference between the two types of investments is the activity required by investors. When you're a long-term investor in traditional investments, you may not have to do all that much, once you've built a portfolio that's appropriate for your risk tolerance, goals and time horizon. After that point, it's mostly just a matter of monitoring your portfolio and making occasional moves — you're not constantly buying and selling, or at least you shouldn't be. But when you speculate in crypto or other instruments, you are constantly watching prices move — and then making your own moves in response. It's an activity that requires considerable attention and effort.

One final thought: Not all speculative investments are necessarily bad investments. Precious metals, for instance, are found in some traditional mutual funds, sometimes in the form of shares of mining companies. And even crypto may become more of a stable vehicle once additional regulation comes into play. But if you're investing for long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement — rather than speculating for thrills and quick gains, which may disappear just as quickly — you may want to give careful thought to the types of investments you pursue.

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COMING SOON

The Nipmuck Indian Council of Chaubunagungamaug will present their 41st annual Pow-Wow on Sept. 9 and 10 at Lake Siog Recreational Park, Dugg Hill Rd., in Holland. This event is open to the public and will feature authentic native drumming and dancing, native crafts and jewelry, and traditional and contemporary food. Suggested donation is \$5 for adults, \$2 for Seniors age 65+ and Children 6-12. The grounds will be open to the public from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. For more information, please call 508-347-7829 or e-mail acw1213@verizon.net.

Monson-Glendale United Methodist Church (corner of Main St & Cushman St

in Monson) is having a Manicotti Dinner on Saturday, Sept. 9, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Dinner includes Manicotti and sauce, salad, green beans, rolls, hot fudge brownie sundae, and beverages. The cost is Adults \$15 and children \$7.00. Please call 413- 267-5207 to make reservations. Thank you for your support and enjoy a nice meal without having to prepare or clean-up.

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 Road to learn or practice different crafts. There are 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 signposts). For more information call 413-267-4137, email khm@keephomesteadmuseum.org or visit keephomesteadmuseum.org.

QUABOAG VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD: Members meet at 1 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month in the Amvets post at 2150 Main St., Three Rivers. The Guild is a no-pressure group with varying degrees of accomplishments, from novice to Big E "Best In Show" winners.

Dues are \$55 a year. For more information, contact Barbara Beaulieu at 267-4044 or Merry Mombourquette at 283-7577. Follow them on Facebook for more.

ONGOING 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.

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

Holland Community Center Notes

Fall Festivities

To promote an atmosphere of unity and inclusion, the Holland Community Center offers a variety of activities for community members of all ages and backgrounds.

Check out some of the center's September offerings.

Monday, September 11
Story time with Holly; 10 a.m. (youth)

Tuesday, September 12
Council on Aging meeting, 10:15 a.m. (adult)

Wednesday, September 13
Birthday lunch for seniors; 11 a.m. (*RSVP by Sept. 11*)
Friends of HCC meeting; 11 a.m.

Thursday, September 14
Community outreach; 3-5 p.m.

Friday, September 15
Paint Night with April Smalls; 6:30 p.m.
(*RSVP and prepay required; \$35*)
Registration deadline: Sept. 10

Monday, September 18
Book CLUB; 1 p.m.
Discussing The Girl with the Loudening Voice, by Abi Dare

Wednesday, September 20
Community Health Fair; 10 a.m.
Senator Fattman office; 12:30 p.m.

Monday, September 25
Movie day; 1 p.m. - showing PAINT

Wednesday, September 27
Homestead Presentation Seminar with Hampden County Registry of Deeds; 1 p.m.
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Bingo; 6-8 p.m.

Clean energy incentives for all: a free public forum

WESTFIELD—The Pioneer Valley Library Collaborative and Voices for Climate are pleased to announce the keynote event for climate preparedness week, Sept. 24 to Sept. 30. On Wednesday, Sept. 27, the public is invited to the Clean Energy Incentives For All Forum at Westfield State University in Wilson Hall. There will be a reception with light refreshments beginning at 5:45 p.m. during which clean energy resources and information will be exhibited. The forum presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by a Q&A segment. The Forum's goal is to highlight state and federal incentives for homeowners, renters, businesses, municipalities, nonprofits and individuals to cut costs by shifting to clean energy sources, move away from fossil fuel use and thus assist Massachusetts in the transition to a

greener, low-carbon economy.

Special opening remarks from Hampden County District Attorney Anthony Gulluni will welcome our audience, followed by a distinguished panel featuring Larry Chretien, CEO of Green Energy Consumer Alliance; Massachusetts Deputy Climate Chief, Jonathan Schrag; and Massachusetts Senator Paul Mark. Beth Spong, the new CEO of Dean's Beans Organic Coffee, of Orange, MA, will share her company's historical journey and successes to become a business committed to ecological accountability and highlight the business benefits of the MA and Federal incentives. A Q&A session will close out the evening.

The PVLC's focus for this year, along with its community partner, V4C, is to turn climate change awareness into action using the incentives that are broad-

ly available. The Collaborative is a partnership of 10 Western Massachusetts libraries that aspires to be a hub of climate education and conversation for communities in the region. The partners annually share their resources and talents to plan events and programming during Climate Preparedness Week. This dedicated group currently includes the public libraries of: Agawam, Granville, Westfield, Northampton, Southwick, Tolland, West Springfield, Easthampton, Williamstown, and Westhampton.

Registration is required for this event. The registration link can be found on the websites of each of the member libraries. Interested members of the public who are unable to attend may watch the forum over livestream on Facebook, or through the recorded video available approximately two weeks after the event

through member libraries' websites. Any questions about the event may be directed to John Meiklejohn at jmiserve183@gmail.com or call 413-348-2848.

The PVLC and V4C are grateful to the Forum's sponsors: Westfield Gas & Electric; Citizens Climate Lobby-Pioneer Valley; Elder Climate Action-MA; Climate Action Now-W. MA.; First Churches' Peace & Justice Team; and the Center for EcoTechnology. We're grateful as well to the Forum's partners: Sierra Club-MA; Mass Audubon; Citizen Climate Lobby-Berkshire; League of Women Voters of the Northampton Area; Kestrel Land Trust; Connecticut River Conservancy; Interfaith Power & Light, and Local Energy Advocates.



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Grange Fair celebrates 76 years with many local communities



Scout Taricano of Brimfield earned the Massachusetts State Grange Special Agricultural Rosette for her wildflower arrangement.



Hazzy McNally of Brimfield painted a giraffe on this child's face.



Running the children's games are from left, John Ventura, Lauren Vaill and Sara Fosberg, all from Palmer. Vaill (and soon Ventura) is a Grange member and Fosberg is a longtime volunteer.



Lukka Hastings of Palmer, age 7, won first place for his chicken eggs. Hastings also earned the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resources - Special Agriculture Rosette - Youth.



Angelica Rodriguez of Girls Scouts of Central & Western Massachusetts was on hand with a seed planting activity and information about the Girls Scouts program.



Honey, jams, pickles and relishes all earned ribbons.



Photography was a popular category for entries.

Weekend event showcases agriculture and community

By Paula Ouimette
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WARE - For 76 years, the Ware Grange #164 has held its annual end of summer fair, featuring a mix of entries ranging from agriculture to arts and crafts, photography, fancy work, baked and canned goods and preserves.

This year, 70 people submitted entries to the Fair held Aug. 25-26, including 22 newcomers. Participants entered a total of 392 entries; 281 for adults and 111 for youth.

Earning special rosettes for their entries were Roger Mlynarski of West Warren, Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resources - Special Agriculture Rosette - Adult, sweet corn; Lukka Hastings of Palmer, Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resources - Special

Agriculture Rosette - Youth, chicken eggs; Roberta McQuaid of Hardwick, Massachusetts State Grange - Special Agriculture Rosette - Adult, floral arrangement; Scout Taricano of Brimfield, Massachusetts State Grange - Special Agriculture Rosette - Youth, wildflower "Save the Bees" arrangement; Kelly Trim of Ware, Ware Grange Fair - Special Rosette for an Outstanding Non Agriculture Entry - Adult, themed scrapbook; and Emma LaPointe of Ware, Ware Grange Fair - Special Rosette for an Outstanding Non Agriculture Entry - Youth, painting.

Established in 1888, Ware Grange is one of about 40 Granges across the Commonwealth, with members from Ware, Palmer, Hardwick and other surrounding towns; and even as far away as Florida.

Randall Vaill Jr., secretary of Ware Grange, said that even though the State and National Granges have seen a decline in membership over the years, Ware Grange is "holding steady."

"We would love to get some

more folks involved," Vaill said of the family organization.

The Ware Grange Fair is a major fundraiser for the organization, and it provides affordable family fun, including games of chance such as "Lucky Duck," "Balloon Pop" along with games of skill, like the bubble gum blowing contest and pie eating contest.

Running the games were Grange member Lauren Vaill and soon-to-be member John Ventura, along with dedicated volunteer Sara Fosberg, all from Palmer.

Tickets for the chicken barbecue, held on the second day of the Fair, always sell out quickly.

Offering a chance to plant some seeds and receive a dolphin-shaped multipurpose camping tool, was Girls Scouts of Central & Western Massachusetts Membership Service Specialist Angelica Rodriguez. She also shared information about Girl Scouts, and how people can get involved in the organization that aims to "make the world a better place."

Winning his first ever pie eat-

ing contest this year, was 9-year-old Drew Obrzut of East Brookfield, who attended with his grandmother. He credits his victory to the deliciousness of the homemade blueberry pie, which is his favorite kind.

Hazzy McNally, age 16 of Brimfield, has been face painting for three years, offered free designs to fairgoers this past weekend. She has shared her talent at a number of parties, festivals and even Old Home Day in her town.

In addition to the Fair, the Ware Grange hosts a number of hands-on, educational programs throughout the year, made possible by a grant from the Massachusetts State Grange.

"Agriculture and education are the roots of the Grange," Vaill said.

Coming up in October, the Ware Grange will sponsor its annual pumpkin carving night for local families, that includes a spooky Halloween story.

About Ware Grange

Ware Grange meets on the third Monday of most months at the



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

Sylvia Isham of Ware took second place with this stunning sunflower.

Grange Hall located at 297 Belcher-town Road.

The organization supports education by donating dictionaries to third grade students in Ware schools each year. It also sponsors a program for local children to learn about the history of schools and education in

Grange Hall, which originally was the town's two-room schoolhouse in the 1800s.

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Conservation Chair aims to take pollution down to zero



By Marcelo Gusmão
Staff Writer

PALMER – Donald Blais, chair of the town's Conservation Commission, is passionate about protecting the environment and educating residents about the benefits of local parks and nature reserves.

Blais grew up in Palmer, having lived in town since his parents moved

there when he was three years old in 1988.

"I miss the '80s and '90s," Blais said, laughing when compared to environmentalist cartoon hero Captain Planet. "I never seem to think of that, but I loved Captain Planet!"

When he graduated from the Palmer public school system in 2004, Blais was already interested in conservation. He said that some of this passion comes from

his admiration of another famous environmentalist hero, President Theodore Roosevelt, of whom Blais has a portrait on his wall.

"I'm a big Theodore Roosevelt guy, Theodore really got me into the importance of the environment," Blais said. "I read about his conservation efforts as President and as Governor of New York before that, and it really inspired me to take an interest in conservation."

Blais served as a member of the Town Council until 2016, when he was approached by the Conservation agent at the time to invite him to join the Commission. Blais admitted that he did not expect the learning curve when he joined.

"I thought I knew what I was getting into, but it turned out at the first meeting that I did not," Blais said.

Blais spent that first year in a trial by fire, learning the regulations that the

Commission adheres to, as well as things like the Certificates of Compliance and the various projects that the Commission had been working on over the last few years. Blais was grateful for the guidance that then-Chair Sarah Brodeur and Agent Angela Panaccione offered.

"Fortunately, our Agent at the time and our Chairwoman were very helpful,"

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ROUTE 2 - 07:46AM Thorndike Street to Rt. 32 North (Ware St) for stops along Ware St. Right onto Rondeau Road, Right onto Olney Rd for stops, Loop on Hickory Lane, Left onto Rondeau Road for stops, Right on Ware St for stops, Right on River St, Right on Lauren Dr for stops, Right on Countryside Dr, Right onto River Street for stops along River, and at Gay St. Straight on Center St becomes High St, Right on Commercial St, Right on Main St, Right on Church St for stops at Hill St and Post Office, Left on Main Street for stops, Drop off at OMP at 8:30 AM.

ROUTE 3 - 7:58AM Wilbraham Street (Route 20), Right onto Three Rivers Road, Right on Circle Dr for stops, Right on Laurel Dr, Right on Circle Dr, Right on Three Rivers Rd, Right onto Burlingame Road for stops, to Baptist Hill Road for stops, Left onto Wilbraham Street, Left onto Calkins Road for stops, stop at Overlook, Left on Palmer Road for stops at South St, Right on Bridge St, Right on North St for stops and stop at Norbell, Left onto Norbell Street, Left onto Belchertown Road for stops, Left on Main Street for stops, Express to OMP for drop off at 8:30.

ROUTE 4 - 7:55 AM Thorndike St, Right on Converse St for stop at Walnut, Right on Central St for stop at Park, Left on Park St for stop at Maple, Pearl, Buddy's Auto, Left on Breckenridge St, Left on Pinney St for stops, Left on Park St for stops, Left on School St for stops at Pleasant, Right on Pleasant St for stop at Walnut, Right on Thorndike St, Left on Pine Street for stop at King, Left on King St for stop at Highland, Left on Highland St for stop at Cute Kids, Knox, Left on Knox St, Right on Pine Street, Left on Thorndike St for stops on Thorndike and at Forest Hill, Left on High Street, Right on Commercial St for stops, Express to OMP for 8:30 Arrival

ROUTE 5 - 7:40 a.m. - Start on corner of Breckenridge at Ware St Picking up along Breckenridge St - left on Park Street for stops at Girly's Grill, and East Palmer Park, express to Dunhamtown Palmer Rd and loop back on Park St to stop at 114, Right on Nipmunk, Right on Mason for stop, to Boston Rd for stops, Right on Robinson for stops, continue to Thompson St to Beaugard, Left onto Old Farm Dr for Stops, Right onto Carriage Dr for stops, Right on Field Stone for Stops Left on Old Farm for Stops, Left on Beaugard Dr, Right on Thompson

Rd, Right on Mason for stops at Fairfield, Express to Homestead St for stops at Pioneer and along Homestead, Right on Cedar Hill, Right on Flynt, Stops along Flint and at Whalen and at Carter, Left on Ware St to High St, Stops at Vicardiv Ave, and along High St. Express to OMP for 8:30 Arrival

ROUTE 6 - 07:43AM Old Warren for stops along Old Warren and at Katie Lane, To West Warren Road, stop at Corner of Rondeau and Old Warren, To St Johns St for stops, To Peterson Road for stops, Right on Country Lane for stops, Right on Beach, Left on Smith St for Stops, Right on Flynt St for Stops, Left on Ware St for stop at Varcardiv, Right onto High St for stop at River St, Left on Center St for stops, Continue on High St for stops along High and at Michael. Express to OMP for 8:30 Arrival

ROUTE 7 - 8:04 AM Stimson Street for stops along Stimson, Right onto Gates for Stops along Gates, Express to Foster for stops along Foster and at Emery, Right on State St. for stops along state and at Pleasant, Left onto S. Main, Right onto Main St for stops along Main and at Coache, Right on Ruggles for stop at Wilson, Right on Oak St for stop at Pleasant, Right onto Charles Street for stops, Express to OMP for 8:30 Arrival.

ROUTE 8 - 7:58 AM Pleasant St for stops at Summer St, Elizabeth St, continue to Thorndike St for stops, right onto Palmer Rd and Right onto South High for Stops along South High, express to Pine St for stops, left on Fuller for stops, right on Sykes to Bourne for stops, left on Main St to Springfield St, stops at Learning factory, Express to Ford St for stop at Ford and Central, left on Palmer Road for stop at Skyline Terrace, express to OMP for 8:30 Arrival

ROUTE 9 - 7:55AM Stop at Sykes St and Fuller St, Right on Prospect St for stops, Left on Advance, Right on Forest for stop at Oak, Left on Hillside for Stops, Right on State St for stops, Left on Jim Ash Rd for stops, Left on Griffin for stop at corner of Griffin and Stewart, Left on High St for stops along High St, Right on State St. for stop, Right on Main St for stops along Main and at Spring and Center St, Express to High St for stop at Center and High, Right on Spring, Left on Main St for stops at Riverbend, Bond St, and along Main, 8:30 arrival at OMP.

ROUTE 10 - 8:07 AM Mt Dumplin Rd, left on Memory Ln for stops at Desimone, right on Desimone for stops, left on Mt Dumplin for stops along Mt Dumplin and at Meadowbrook, left on N. Main St for stops along N. Main and at Temple, Orchard, Roosevelt and Searle St. Express to Main St for stop at Larivier St, Right on Front St for stop at Kelley, Right on Maple for stop at Maple St, Express to OMP for 8:30 Arrival

ROUTE 11 7:52 Springfield St for Stops along Springfield St, Left on Chilson, Left on Three Rivers Rd for stops along Three Rivers Road, Right on Springfield St for Stops along Springfield St and at New Hampshire and Anderson St, Left on Bridge St, Left on Chudy St for stops along Chudy and at Linda St, Left on Glen St for Stops, Left on Barker for stop at Barker and Sibley St, Express to Sylvia St for stops, Express to Shearer St for stops along Shearer and at Prospect St, Longview St and Beacon Dr, Right on Lawrence St for Stops, Express to OMP for 8:30 Arrival.

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Mustangs play day

WILBRAHAM – Last weekend was the first test-run for the Monson High School girls soccer team, which was the runner-up in last year’s Division 5 State Tournament. The Mustangs also won the A Division of the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League in early August. The Mustangs went to Minnechaug Regional’s play day, facing Agawam and two other opponents during a few rounds of scrimmages. The Mustangs open the regular season next week.



Lynzie Bailey tries to get by an opponent.



Avery Beaudoin plays the ball off her chest.

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Ella Corthell winds up for a shot on goal.



Sierra Martinson takes a shot on goal.



Ciara Monaghan tries to balance the ball.



SOCCER

Pioneers prepare for regular season



Kenny Broulette plays the ball off his knee with pressure coming.



Owen Pear chases down the bouncing ball.



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Seth Mitchell slants away from an opponent.



Gavin Peters tries to make a nifty play in the air.

PALMER – On Monday afternoon, Pathfinder boys soccer, which now co-ops with Palmer High, got one of scrimmages in with a matchup against nearby Granby. Pathfinder has been a regular contender for both Western Mass. and the state tournament since merging with Palmer. The Pioneers open the season on Sept. 6 at Hampden Charter at 4 p.m.

GOLF



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Robert Williams, Jr. winds up for tee off.

Pioneers practice



Silas Patel gets set to swing.

BELCHERTOWN – At Cold Spring Country Club in Belchertown, Pathfinder golf is getting ready for the regular season. The Pioneers are currently scheduled to open up the season on Thursday, Sept. 7 with a home match against St. Mary’s at 3 p.m.

BASEBALL

Kennedy looks for new additions to Tri-County next season

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE—While Mike Kennedy was a three-sport athlete at Holyoke High School forty years ago, his favorite sport has always been baseball. Kennedy was a member of Holyoke’s 1985 state championship baseball team. “We defeated Boston College High School in the Division 1 baseball state finals,” said Kennedy, who played first base. “It was a fun experience, especially being a group of city kids. Baseball has always been my favorite sport.” Holyoke, who defeated B.C.

High, 4-2, in the state championship game, finished the 1985 season with a 24-1 record. They squeaked a 1-0 victory over Minnechaug Regional in the Western Mass. finals. After graduating from High School, Kennedy was a member of the PeoplesBank baseball team in the Tri-County League for the twenty four years. During that time, PeoplesBank won eight Tri-County League championship titles. Kennedy recently completed his first season as the President of the prestigious Tri-County League. He took over the reins

Warriors get set for opener

WILBRAHAM – On the turf of Minnechaug High School last Sunday, Tantasqua Regional girls soccer was able to participate in a few short scrimmages with some Western Mass. competition as they near their season opener on Sept. 8 at Leicester. The Warriors do have one Western Mass. opponent during the regular season. The Warriors will meet Ludlow late in the season.



Nicole Vejack gets a throw-in.



Ava Chaviler crosses the field trying to outrun an opponent.



Hayden O'Mally makes a quick touch to a teammate.



Eleanor Leland sends a free kick away.



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Eve Van Windelr passes the ball.

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Athlete of the Week

Ella Corthell
Monson

Corthell was a participant for Monson in a scrimmage play day held at Minnechaug on Sunday, Aug. 27. Corthell is one player vying for a spot in Monson's potent lineup this season as preseason continues.

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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Owls picked fifth in preseason poll

WESTFIELD – Westfield State University football has been picked to finish seventh in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference in the league's annual preseason coaches' poll.

Westfield finished with 19 points. Defending conference champion UMass Dartmouth headed the poll with 63 points and seven of the nine first place votes. Coaches may not vote for their own teams in the polling process.

The Corsairs were followed by Bridgewater State with 53 points, WestConn with 47 points and one first place vote, and Framingham State with 46 points and the other first-place vote. Plymouth State was fifth with 41 points, followed by Mass Maritime (29 points).

Westfield ranked ahead of Worcester State (19) and Fitchburg State (10).

The Owls return a solid nucleus of veterans, which includes leading rusher Jordan Smith (Coventry, Conn.), quarterbacks Gabriel Fernandez (Holyoke, Mass.) and Colby Pires (Milford, Mass.).

On the defensive side, top tackler Tyler Cooley (Randolph, Mass.) and defensive lineman Cade Nelson (Shrewsbury, Mass.) headline a large group of returnees in the front seven.

The Owls have been in preseason camp since Aug. 11. They will kick off the regular season with a non-conference game at Anna Maria on Saturday, Sept. 2 at 12 noon.

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from Don LaValley. "This is my first year as the league President," Kennedy said. "I think it was a very successful season."

Kennedy has received a lot of support and his right hand man is Eric Emet

"Eric has been a very big help to me," Kennedy said. "He has kept my head above water in my first year as President."

In his role as the T.C.L. President, Kennedy presented the 2023 championship trophy to PeoplesBank player/manager Joe Ferry.

Top-seeded PeoplesBank didn't have very much trouble sweeping second-seeded Chicopee Falls Tigers in the best of three championship series.

PeoplesBank captured the T.C.L. championship title for the tenth consecutive year, and for the 18th time since 1995.

While PeoplesBank has been the dominant team in the T.C.L. during the past 30 years, there were only five other teams in the league this summer.

Kennedy is looking to add a few more teams before the start of the 2024 season.

"My main goal is to add a few more teams," Kennedy said. "I would like to have at least ten teams in our league during the next couple of years. I want this league to get back to where it used to be."

The three teams that dropped out of the T.C.L. following the 2022 season were Pa'Lante, Easthampton and Teddy's Bear Pool.

On a positive note, 413ATC was a first-year member of the T.C.L. this summer. They finished in third place behind PeoplesBank and the Chicopee Falls Tigers in the regular season standings. They were swept by the Tigers in the semi-

finals. "The 413 team had a bunch of young players," Kennedy said. "For being a first-year team in this league, I thought they had a very good season."

Kennedy is hoping more of the high school and Legion baseball players will join the Tri-County League during the next couple of years.

"What we really need to do is to get the younger baseball players from the area to play in this league," he said. "Most of our current players are older."

The other three T.C.L. teams this summer were St. Joseph's, DiFranco Realty, and the Longmeadow Cardinals.

The Tri-County League teams play their games on some of the best kept baseball fields in Western Massachusetts.

PeoplesBank homefield is MacKenzie Stadium in Holyoke.

The Chicopee Falls Tigers play their home games at historic Sztot Park.

The 413ATC home field was at Westfield State University and St. Joseph's has played their home games at St. Joe's Ballpark in Thorndike for many years.

"All of our baseball fields are high quality," Kennedy said. "Most of the fields have lights, which is always a bonus."

While PeoplesBank will be looking to add another championship title to their collection in 2024, all the other Tri-County League teams will be looking to knock them off the top of the mountain.

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Friday, Sept. 22	Away	Easthampton	7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 29	Home	Mahar	7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 6	Away	Franklin Tech	7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 13	Away	Athol	7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 20	Home	Greenfield	7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 28	Away	Ware	1 p.m.
Nov. 3/4	TBD	Week 9 - TBD	TBD
Nov. 10/11	TBD	Week 10 - TBD	TBD
Thursday, Nov. 23	Home	Ludlow	10 a.m.

Boys Soccer

(co-op with Pathfinder)

Wed., Sept. 6	Away	Hampden Charter	4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 8	Home	Athol	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 13	Home	PVCA	4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 15	Home	Franklin Tech	4 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 18	Away	Smith Vocational	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 20	Home	PVCIC	4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 22	Away	St. Mary's	4 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 25	Away	Duggan	4 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 27	Home	Hampden Charter	4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 30	Away	Athol	1 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 4	Away	PVCA	4 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 6	Away	Franklin Tech	4 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 12	Away	PVCIC	4 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 16	Home	St. Mary's	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 18	Home	Duggan	7 p.m.

Girls Soccer

Monday, Sept. 4	Away	Southwick	4 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 6	Home	Amherst	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 12	Home	Granby	4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 14	Home	Northampton	7 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 20	Home	Chicopee	4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 22	Away	Monson	4 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 25	Home	Ware	7 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 27	Home	Frontier	4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 29	Home	Southwick	4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 30	Home	Mystic Valley	1 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 2	Away	Amherst	4:15 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 4	Away	Granby	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 10	Away	Northampton	7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 12	Away	Chicopee	4 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 16	Home	Monson	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 17	Home	Hampshire	4 p.m.

PATHFINDER

Football

Friday, Sept. 8	Away	Palmer	7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 15	Away	Athol	7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 22	Away	Franklin Tech	7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 30	Away	SICS	6:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 6	Home	Monument MTN	7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 13	Home	Drury	7 p.m.

Field Hockey

Monday, Sept. 4	Away	Franklin Tech	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 6	Home	Amherst	4 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 18	Home	Holyoke	4:30 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 20	Home	Hampshire	4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 21	Away	Belchertown	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 26	Home	Franklin Tech	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 27	Away	Amherst	4:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 2	Home	Belchertown	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 10	Away	Holyoke	6 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 12	Away	Hampshire	6 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 16	Away	Amherst	6 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 18	Home	Quaboag	4 p.m.

Golf

Thursday, Aug. 31	Home	Chicopee	3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 5	Away	Frontier	3 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 7	Away	Ware	3:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 11	Home	Hampshire	3:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 14	Home	Amherst	4 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 18	Away	Chicopee	3 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 20	Home	Frontier	3:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 21	Away	South Hadley	3 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 26	Home	Belchertown	3:30 p.m.
Wed. Sept. 27	Away	Hampshire	3 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 29	Away	Ludlow	3 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 3	Away	Southwick	3 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 5	Home	Chicopee Comp.	3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 10	Away	Northampton	4 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 12	Home	Southwick	3 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 17	Home	Ware	3:30 p.m.

Boys Cross Country

Tuesday, Sept. 5	Home	Greenfield	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 12	Away	Mohawk	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 19	Away	Hampshire	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 26	Home	Hampden Charter	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 3	Home	Southwick	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 10	Home	Gateway	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 17	Away	Hopkins	3:45 p.m.

Girls Cross Country

Tuesday, Sept. 5	Home	Greenfield	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 12	Away	Mohawk	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 19	Away	Hampshire	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 26	Home	Hampden Charter	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 3	Home	Southwick	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 10	Home	Gateway	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 17	Away	Hopkins	3:45 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 20	Away	McCann Tech	7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 27	Home	Smith Vocational	7 p.m.
Nov. 3/4	TBD	Week 9 - TBD	TBD
Nov. 10/11	TBD	Week 10 - TBD	TBD
Thursday, Nov. 23	Away	Belchertown	9 a.m.

Boys Soccer

(co-op with Palmer)

Wed., Sept. 6	Away	Hampden Charter	4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 8	Home	Athol	4 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 13	Home	PVCA	4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 15	Home	Franklin Tech	4 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 18	Away	Smith Vocational	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 20	Home	PVCIC	4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 22	Away	St. Mary's	4 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 25	Away	Duggan	4 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 27	Home	Hampden Charter	4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 30	Away	Athol	1 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 4	Away	PVCA	4 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 6	Away	Franklin Tech	4 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 12	Away	PVCIC	4 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 16	Home	St. Mary's	4 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 18	Home	Duggan	7 p.m.

Girls Soccer

Tuesday, Sept. 5	Home	Greenfield	4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 7	Home	Gateway	4 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 11	Home	Pioneer	4 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 13	Away	Athol	6 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 15	Away	Renaissance	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 19	Home	Franklin Tech	4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 21	Home	Sizer	4 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 25	Away	Greenfield	3:30 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 27	Away	Gateway	6 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 29	Away	Pioneer	4 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 5	Home	Athol	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 10	Home	Renaissance	4 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 12	Home	North Brookfield	7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 13	Away	Franklin Tech	4 p.m.

Golf

Thursday, Sept. 7	Home	St. Mary's	3 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 11	Away	Central	3 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 12	Away	Westfield Tech	3 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 18	Home	Mohawk	3 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 21	Home	McCann Tech	3 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 28	Home	SICS	3 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 29	Away	Mohawk	3 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 3	Away	St. Mary's	3:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 5	Home	Central	3 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 11	Home	Westfield Tech	3 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 12	Away	McCann Tech	3 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 17	Away	SICS	3:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 19	Home	Athol	3 p.m.

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Boys Soccer

Wed., Sept. 6	Home	Northampton	5 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 8	Away	SICS	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 12	Home	Chicopee	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 14	Home	Holyoke	4:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 15	Home	Southwick	4:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 18	Away	Chicopee Comp.	7 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 20	Home	Turners Falls	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 21	Away	Central	6:30 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 27	Home	Mahar	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 28	Away	Northampton	7 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 4	Home	SICS	4:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 6	Away	Holyoke	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 10	Away	Chicopee	6 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 12	Home	Chicopee Comp.	5 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 18	Away	Greenfield	3:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 20	Home	Central	4:30 p.m.

Boys Cross Country

Tuesday, Sept. 5	Home	Granby	3:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 12	Away	Easthampton	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 19	Home	Gateway	3:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 26	Away	Frontier	3:45 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 5	Away	St. Mary's	3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 17	Away	Hopkins	3:45 p.m.

TANTASQUA REGIONAL

Football

Friday, Sept. 8	Home	Marlborough	7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 15	Home	Auburn	7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 22	Away	East Longmeadow	7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 29	Away	Doherty	6 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 6	Away	South	6 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 13	Home	Uxbridge	7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 20	Home	Grafton	7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 27	Away	Nashoba	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 3/4	TBD	Week 9 - TBD	TBD
Nov. 10/11	TBD	Week 10 - TBD	TBD
Thursday, Nov. 23	Home	Shepherd Hill	10 a.m.

Boys Soccer

Tuesday, Sept. 5	Away	Shepherd Hill	6:15 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 8	Home	Leicester	3:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 11	Away	David Prouty	3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 13	Home	Millbury	3:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 16	Away	Wachusett	3 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 20	Away	Grafton	6 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 22	Home	Nashoba	3:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 25	Away	Bartlett	3:30 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 27	Home	Northbridge	6:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 2	Away	Uxbridge	3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 4	Home	Oxford	3:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 6	Home	Nipmuc	4 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 11	Away	Auburn	6:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 13	Home	Quaboag	3:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 16	Away	Doherty	3:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 19	Away	Southbridge	3:30 p.m.

Girls Soccer

Friday, Sept. 8	Away	Leicester	3:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 11	Home	David Prouty	3:30 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 13	Away	Millbury	3:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 16	Away	Wachusett	1 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 18	Home	Leominster	4 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 20	Home	Grafton	3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 26	Away	Auburn	3:30 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 27	Away	Northbridge	3:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 2	Home	Uxbridge	3:30 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 4	Away	Oxford	3:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 6	Away	Ludlow	3:30 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 11	Home	Auburn	6:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 13	Away	Quaboag	3:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 16	Home	Shepherd Hill	6:30 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 18	Home	Blackstone Valley Tech	4 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 20	Away	Belchertown	6 p.m.

Field Hockey

Wed., Sept. 6	Home	Leicester	3:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 8	Away	North Brookfield	3:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 11	Away	Shepherd Hill	4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 15	Away	Nipmuc	4 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 18	Home	Fitchburg	4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 21	Away	Grafton	3:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 25	Home	Wachusett	4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 28	Home	Northbridge	3:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 2	Home	Agawam	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 3	Away	Uxbridge	3:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 6	Home	Oxford	3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 10	Away	Auburn	3:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 12	Home	Quaboag	3:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 16	Home	Belchertown	4 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 18	Away	Doherty	3:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 21	Away	Quaboag	10 a.m.

Girls Soccer

Friday, Sept. 8	Home	Granby	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 12	Home	Chicopee	4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 14	Home	Southwick	4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 15	Home	Drury	4 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 20	Away	Amherst	4:15 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 22	Home	Palmer	4 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 25	Away	Northampton	7 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 27	Away	Douglas	4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 28	Home	Hopkins	4 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 2	Away	Granby	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 4	Away	Chicopee	4 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 5	Home	Ludlow	4 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 12	Home	Amherst	7 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 16	Away	Palmer	7 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 18	Home	Northampton	5 p.m.

Girls Cross Country

Tuesday, Sept. 5	Home	Granby	3:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 12	Away	Easthampton	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 19	Home	Gateway	3:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 26	Away	Frontier	3:45 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 5	Away	St. Mary's	3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 17	Away	Hopkins	3:45 p.m.

Golf

Wed., Aug. 30	Away	Leicester	3 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 5	Home	Saint Paul	3 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 6	Home	David Prouty	3:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 7	Away	Millbury	3 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 11	Home	Grafton	3 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 13	Home	Bartlett	3 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 14	Home	Belchertown	3 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 15	Away	Wachusett	3:30 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 18	Away	Whitinsville Christian	3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 19	Away	Sutton	2:45 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 22	Home	Shepherd Hill	3 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 25	Home	Uxbridge	3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 26	Away	Saint John	3:45 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 27	Away	Oxford	3 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 28	Home	East Longmeadow	3 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 2	Home	Auburn	3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 3	Away	Longmeadow	3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 4	Away	Quaboag	3:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 6	Away	East Longmeadow	3 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 12	Away	Minnechaug	3:30 p.m.

Boys Cross Country

Wed., Sept. 6	Home	Grafton	3:30 p.m.
Wed., Sept.			

Police/Fire

Police Logs

Palmer

The Palmer Police Department reported 399 incidents on its logs for Aug. 15 – Aug. 21 including:

August 15

At 1:57 a.m. Joseph R. Afonso, 33, of 113 Eddywood St. in Springfield was pulled over on Wilbraham Street and arrested on a warrant and no inspection sticker. No other details were provided.

At 5:55 p.m. Cody R. Ward, 29, of 370 Palmer Road, in Brimfield was pulled over in the vicinity of Shearer Street and Thorndike Street. Ward received a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

At 10:18 p.m. on Thorndike Street, Warren Anderson, 37, unlicensed in Palmer, was taken into protective custody as an intoxicated/incapacitated person. No other details were provided.

August 16

At 4:46 a.m. Warren Anderson, 37, unlicensed in Palmer, was arrested at Baystate Medical Hospital for disorderly conduct and trespass.

At 4:43 p.m. Nichelle D. Jessup, 52, of 729 Parker St. in Springfield was pulled over on Ware Street

and received a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

At 8:55 p.m. Jose L. Rodriguez Ruiz, 35, of 123 Beacon Drive in Palmer was pulled over on Shearer Street and received a summons for failure to stop/yield, and uninsured motor vehicle.

August 18

At 5:41 p.m. William K. Lovell, 63, of 1097 S. Main St. in Palmer was pulled over on Thorndike Street and arrested on charges of negligent operation of a motor vehicle and OUI liquor.

August 19

At 1:35 p.m. Miguel A. Diaz, 33, of 346 Boston Road in Springfield was pulled over on Wilbraham Street. Diaz received a summons for attaching plates to a motor vehicle, unregistered motor vehicle, uninsured motor vehicle and improper use of mobile phone.

At 4:41 p.m. Lisa M. Boyle, 61, of 44 North St. in Hatfield was pulled over on N Main Street. Boyle was arrested on charges of marked lane violation, operating vehicle with a suspended license for OUI and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

Monson

For the week of Aug. 20 to Aug. 26 the Monson Police department responded to 224 incidents, including the following:

August 13

At 4:35 p.m. an unnamed 16-year-old and Mason Philip Mormile, 18, of 28 E Hill Road in Brimfield was found trespassing. Mormile received a summons for a possession of liquor by a person under 21, possession of Marijuana one ounce or less, and misleading a police officer. The unnamed 16-year-old was arrested on charges for possession of liquor by a person under 21, possession of marijuana one ounce or less, and misleading a police officer. No other details were provided.

August 24

At 12 a.m. Dorothy Ann Gustafson, 66, of 7 Wilbraham Road in Monson was involved in a traffic incident/crash. Gustafson was arrested on charges of leaving the scene of property damage, leaving the scene of personal injury, OUI liquor and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

Fire Logs

Three Rivers Fire log

Two incidents for this week. Aug. 19 at 5:55 a.m. for a fluid spill on Main St. In service at 6:17 a.m. Aug. 21 at 6:15 p.m. for an EMS incident on Prospect St. In service at 6:39 p.m.

Bondsville Fire Log

For the period Aug 15-21, Bondsville fire responded to no calls.

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Ride Like an Animal Motorcycle Run, event to benefit TJO animals

SPRINGFIELD—The Foundation for TJO Animals will be holding its annual Ride Like an Animal Motorcycle Run on Saturday, Sept. 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration begins at 9 a.m. at the Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control & Adoption Center at 627 Cottage St. Kick stands up at 10:45 a.m. with the ride leaving at 11:00 a.m. for a scenic ride through western MA. The event wraps up with a celebration at the Ludlow Elks located at 69 Chapin St., from noon to 3 p.m.. Guests will enjoy live music, great food, vendors, and

raffles. Pre-registration is now open and runs through Aug.31. A \$30 registration fee includes an event t-shirt, wrist band, entrance to the after party, and one meal ticket. Participants interested in the after party only, can register online for \$15 and receive admission and a meal coupon. Children under 12 are free. Pre-registered riders are guaranteed an event t-shirt. Register online at https://secure.lgl-forms.com/form_engine/s/V0wocgELADiSAav4FyYpQ Proceeds from the Ride Like

an Animal Motorcycle Run go directly to the Foundation for TJO Animals to benefit animals in need at the Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control and Adoption Center. Event sponsors include Fontaine Community Foundation, Florence Bank, Keller Williams, Western Mass Collision, Bacon Wilson, Greater Springfield Credit Union, and Hazen Paper Co. More information is available on www.tjofoundation.org, by emailing info@tjofoundation.org or by calling 413.306.5161.

Mass launches free community college program for residents 25 plus

REGION — Holyoke Community College President George Timmons joined Gov. Maura T. Healey today to launch MassReconnect, the administration's new program establishing free community college for Massachusetts residents aged 25 and older. The announcement event, held this morning at MassBay Community College, was attended by representatives from the Healey administration and Department of Higher Education, as well as the presidents of the state's 15 community colleges.



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Massachusetts launches free college programs for residents 25 plus.

"MassReconnect will be transformative for thousands of students, for our amazing community colleges, and for our economy," Healey said. "It will bolster the role of community colleges as economic drivers in our state and help us better meet the needs of businesses to find qualified, well-trained workers. We can also make progress in breaking cycles of inter-generational poverty by helping residents complete their higher education credentials so they can attain good jobs and build a career path. Our administration is grateful for the partnership of the Legislature to move forward on this critical program that will make our state more affordable, competitive and equitable." The state is investing \$20 million in MassReconnect for the first year of implementation. The funding covers the full cost of tuition and fees and includes an allowance for books and supplies for qualifying students. Additionally, each community college will receive

\$100,000 to support student and community program awareness, staffing, and program administration. "This is an exciting moment for HCC and all Massachusetts community colleges," said Holyoke Community College President George Timmons. "Our college's financial aid and student affairs teams have been working diligently to prepare for MassReconnect and to guide students through the process of enrolling at HCC. MassReconnect will enable our community colleges to do more of what we do best, which is serve students from all ages and all backgrounds, and provide them with an exceptional education that leads to employment and, ultimately, a stronger economy and thriving region." MassReconnect starts immediately. There is still time for students to enroll for the fall 2023 semester. Qualifying students must be enrolled in at least six credits per semester in an approved program of study leading to an associate degree or certificate at one of the Commonwealth's 15 community colleges and complete the 2023-2024 FAFSA. There is no deadline to sign up. Fall semester I classes at HCC begin Tuesday, Sept. 5, but there are also two additional flexible fall start dates, on Sept. 25 and Oct. 30. For more information about MassReconnect at HCC, please go to hcc.edu/massreconnect. To qualify for MassReconnect, students must be 25 or older on the first day of their classes and be a permanent Massachusetts resident for at least one year at the start of the enrolled term. The program is limited to residents who have not previously earned a college degree (associates or bachelor's) who enroll in at least six credits per semester in an approved program of study leading to an associate degree or certificate at a community college.

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29. Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)
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31. Indigenous peoples of Alberta
33. Popular footwear
37. Indicates position
38. Anglican cathedral
39. Aircraft part
41. Before
42. Blood group
43. Secretary organ
44. Fencing swords
46. The small projection of a mammary gland
49. Technological advancement
50. Male parent
51. Dissociable
55. More cold
58. Cape Verde Islands capital
59. Blood disorder
60. Creative
64. Sun up in New York
65. Made angry
66. Relieves
67. Brooklyn hoopster
68. Seasonings
69. Movable barriers
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2. Spiritual essences
3. Representative
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5. Nobel Prize-winning physicist
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7. Consumed
8. Tablelands
9. Kids' craft accessory
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11. Sound directed through two or more speakers
12. A major division of geological time
13. Wild ox
19. Shock treatment
21. Turner and Lasso are two
24. Genus of flowering plants
25. Relating to ductless glands
26. Stock certificate
27. Satisfies
31. Places to enjoy a rest
32. Edward __, author and writer
34. " __ but goodie"
35. One hundredth of a liter
36. Shabbiness
40. TV personality Roker
41. Triangular upper part of a building
45. Speed at which you move
47. Offend
48. A reference point to shoot at
52. Forays
53. Biblical city
54. Blatted
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Blais said. "It was a learning experience."

When Brodeur stepped down as Chair of the Commission a year later, Blais was happy to take over the position, and said that he feels comfortable that he has grown into the responsibility.

"I wanted to be Chairman of something, because I'd been on different committees and I'd never really had an opportunity to serve," Blais said. "It gave me the opportunity to learn how to run a meeting and what I can improve on, and I feel I've grown into it."

Heidi Mannarino, who currently serves as the town's Conservation Agent, spoke highly of working with Blais.

"Donald is one of the most dedicated members of our com-

munity," Mannarino said. "He goes above and beyond his role as Chairman, and puts in a lot of time and effort to offer support to the residents and the Commission."

"He really helped me ease into my role as Conservation Agent when I started back in February, and he has so much experiential knowledge of the town, he has been a great resource," Mannarino said.

Blais has worked with the Commission through town's projects involving solar panels, as well as the First Street trail. He said that one of the Commission's goals is to help educate the town, particularly younger residents, about the importance of protecting the environment.

"We're trying to do more educational outreach," Blais said. "I met some young people at a conference last fall who are passionate about the environment and about climate change,

and they want to engage with commissions like ours. That's really what I'm looking at, I see education as key to our future."

Blais spoke of a workshop he attended in 2019 where they discussed the realities of climate change. Blais was adamant that "the science speaks for itself," citing a friend of his who is a meteorologist that has been interviewed by network television on the subject.

"The science speaks for itself. It's human-made from pollution," Blais said. "I respect those who have a differing opinion, but science doesn't make itself up. This is a real problem. We can either argue about whether it's fake or not, or we can recognize that something is going on and figure out ways to solve it."

"We're seeing it locally, with all these rain events we've seen in the last couple years," Blais said. "Look at the recent hurricanes we've had, or the record heat in Mexico and Florida, sometimes up to 100 degrees. It's not normal."

The installation of solar panels in town, Blais said, will have a positive impact on climate change.

Other than that, the Commission is focusing its priorities on education.

"We're trying to do more educational outreach, to get people to really appreciate the outdoors," Blais said. "We have this beautiful land here that a lot of people don't realize that we have. Our agent Heidi [Mannarino] and I have had people come up to us and say they didn't know that we had [things like] Midura here, this beautiful land to go hiking, or some of the other trails, like the First Street trail. They had no idea."

The Conservation Commission is already planning events for 2024 and beyond. Their next meeting will be held on Tuesday, where they'll discuss possible new dates for an event at Midura, as well as a Source to Sea event that is usually held later in September.

"I think it would really benefit our community, as well as the young people, to know that this land is here, and why it's important to maintain it," Blais said.

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Event organizer Aaron Carpenter shares a photo with wife, Rachel Berthiaume, under the MyMonson entry booth.



Sarah McNamara, Mallory Burden and Dave Burden share a family photo during the event.



Younger attendees spent much of their time climbing and sliding on bounce houses.



Turley Photos by Dallas Gagnon

Attendees enjoy ice cream from an old-fashioned ice cream truck.



Kixsten and Charlotte Stringfield and Katie and Scartlett Gardner, of Udder Delights, of Stafford, Conn., sell ice cream at the event.



Like many of the other tots in attendance, Bailee Biggs spent her time jumping. Then goes head first down the slide.



Mat Wawrzyk and Heather Wilson are all smiles while attending Rock the Lawn.



Kyle, Nick, Julia and Maria Leinhart share a family photo by the bounce houses.

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Chairman of myMonson, Aaron Carpenter.

He added there is "strength in community, [and] it is really important."

myMonson is an online, resource directory serving Monson residents and local businesses as a cost efficient way to promote local events.

Carpenter said that while the proceeds raised from the event are going toward a "good cause," hosting community events is also important because they promote economic growth by drawing people into the town.

"It draws attention to promote local businesses," said Carpenter.

Local vendors such as Big T's BBQ and Jerky House, Udder Delights, Cookies by Ray, Thai Place and Maddie's Dog's were some local businesses in attendance at the Aug. 26 event.

While food vendors were open for all to enjoy, age restricted vendors such as The Beer Guy, Rustic Brewing Company and Hardwick Vineyard and Winery, also gained traction at the event.

For the younger crowd, tots and grade-school children could be seen laughing, jumping and sliding on one of three large bounce houses.

Carpenter thanked Monson Savings Bank for sponsoring the event, Republic Services, the Town of Monson's Gift to the Town assistance and the grant from the Regional Economic Development

Organization.

Carpenter also thanked the "all of [the] volunteer staff as the event would not be possible without them."

Korey Egan, Jeanne Kirchner and Eric Egan were some of the many volunteers who came out to support myMonson's initiative.

"I enjoy giving back to the community," said Kirchner.

She added someday she may need help and hopes someone would return the favor.



There were three bounce houses for attendees to enjoy.

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Shown are members of the Three Rivers Fire Department. Left to right are Lt. Ian Grimes, Private Lucas McDiarmid, Capt. Stephen Nodurf, Chief Scott Turner, Private Kaylee Robinson, Life and Safety Educator Sam Hoy and Private Evan Grimes.



Cousins James Ashleigh, Mary Mottor and David Mottor were some of the many people in attending to support Turner.



Amanda LaFayette, Maxine LaFayette, Kiera LaFayette, Nick LaFayette are all smiles.

TURNER | from page 1

said Three Rivers Fire Department Life and Safety Director, Samantha Hoy.

Turner's "outlook on how the station should be run [was] very forward," and he always encouraged the department to "know [their] public," she said.

Turner, whose father was a firefighter, grew up in and out of the Bondsville and Three Rivers Fire departments.

At that time, the station had "a lot more of a family atmosphere," as the firefighters would often bring their children with them to the station. "I enjoyed that," said Turner.

Although he frequented the local departments as a child, it wasn't until a few years after high school that Turner seriously considered pursuing firefighting as a career. Instead, he worked in manufacturing.

While working for Cascade Diamond Manufacturing Co. in Palmer, Turner was responsible for making egg cartons.

However, Turner said fires would break out in-house daily, requiring an employee-based fire brigade.

Being a part of the fire crew made him realize how much he liked firefighting, Turner said.

In 1994, he joined the Three Rivers Fire Department as an on-call firefighter and received training at the Hartford County Fire Academy.

He continued his path in firefighting, and joined the Bondsville Fire Department from 1995 to 2005, before accepting a seasonal position for the Bureau of Forest Fire Control.

Turner eventually accepted a full-time position as a district patrolman in North Middlesex County. In his time as a district patrolman, he gained experience working with local community patrolmen on fire suppression and response.

While Turner kept his relationship with the department strong through his part-time and volunteer firefighting status, it wouldn't be until 2013 he accepted a full-time position with Three Rivers.

Turner said one of his accomplishments as chief was his ability to "establish an up-to-date standard of training and operations."

What may have been a more "social priority," Turner transitioned into "a higher safety and community standard," said Turner. "We don't need big, fancy equipment to do our job, we need the appropriate knowledge, skills and ability; the more training, the more capable and more safe you are."

Lt. Ian Grimes said he "couldn't ask for a better mentor," than Turner. "I built a career based on what he has taught me. I wouldn't be here without him," said Grimes, who said he "joined on a whim," after Turner "gave [him] a chance."

Hoy also credited Turner for her development in the field, saying "he gave [her] an opportunity to start."

Private Lucas McDiarmid said losing Turner is a "really big hit to us," as "he's really brought the department forward."

He added, Turner "has made the department a stronger, more cohesive unit. Unfortunately, what our town is losing, another town is gaining."

Turner's mother, JoAnne Turner-Chiacchia said she is "very proud of him," and is "happy he went down [this] path."

Turner said as he leaves the department, he hopes its members "continue to grow and help out in the community."



Scott Turner's uncle, Richard Cook, the chief's wife, Bonnie Turner, Chief Scott Turner, his mother, JoAnne Turner-Chiacchia, his nephew, Crosby Turner, his brother, Jeffrey Turner, and sister-in-law, Brenda Turner, join the chief in celebrating 29 years with the department.



Kim Marton, Diane Rosa, Jenn Bacon, Bruce Bacon and Jason LaFayette are shown smiling for a photo while supporting Chief Scott Turner.



Scott Turner shares a photo with his mother, JoAnne Turner-Chiacchia, and brother, Jeffrey Turner.

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Scott Turner's Uncle Paul McNamara, Aunt Karen McNamara and Aunt Linda Cook share a photo while celebrating.



Evan and Ian Grimes show support for Chief Scott Turner during his celebratory event.



Capt. Stephen Nodurf is joined by his wife, Carol Nodurf.

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"It's a pleasure to help people," said Wojcik about the work he and his employees do. "I really enjoy interacting with the customer and being able to resolve whatever the issue is."

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They also offer indoor air quality, central air conditioning, ductless systems and mini-split air conditioning systems.

Recently, in 2022, the company expanded by buying Colbro Electrical Services and Sterling Pumping Co. in Ludlow.

Another service they offer is drain cleaning, which many times can be caused by roots infiltrating the sewer lines.

Wojcik said the company also offers around the clock plumbing and heating service.

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The staff of Pioneer Valley Environmental with owner Glen Wojcik in front of the company's building at 1 East Main St. in Ware.

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PHS welcomes a new year with heavy hearts



Palmer High School faculty lined up in front of the school to share a photo with the staff members from Bright Spot Therapy Dogs.

PALMER — After the sudden loss of a beloved, special education teacher, the Palmer High School community honored the late David Peritz, and welcomed the new year with heavy hearts.

Therapy Dogs greeted students as they entered the building, offering emotional support to those who needed a little extra.

Faculty members also greeted students as they entered, handing out

#doolifekedoo wristbands donated by the family in his honor.

“Doo” or “Dooney” was a nickname family and friends called Peritz.

According to the family, “doing life like Doo,” means living life simply and fully, as Peritz always did.

To honor him there were photos and memories posted in the hallway alongside a stack of blank cards and colored pencils.

Students were invited to share some of their favorite memories on the cards for the family to read later and celebrate Peritz’s life and the impact he had on the PHS community.

Students were given the option of writing down some of their favorite memories of teacher David Peritz, which will be shared with his family.



Therapy dogs greeted PHS students as they entered school for their first day back.



Turley Photos by Dallas Gagnon

Shown is a photo spread posted in the school's entry way with memories of teacher David Peritz.

S.O.N.G. Stock 2023 rocks and rolls for kids



Lisa Martin and her band kicked off S.O.N.G. Stock 2023, held at the Brimfield Winery this past Sunday. The all-day festival featured three bands, a food truck, raffles, face painting, games, silent auction and more, all to benefit the work of Supporting Orphans Nationally & Globally, Inc.



Shown are Supporting Orphans Nationally & Globally, Inc. board members Maureen Caramiello and Carlo Caramiello.



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

Megan Stapleton of Monson gets ready to paint faces. Stapleton has supported this event for many years.



A number of handcrafted items, including this quilt sewn by Naoma Stiles, were auctioned off to raise money for Supporting Orphans Nationally & Globally, Inc.

By Paula Ouimette
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BRIMFIELD — Since 1999, Supporting Orphans Nationally & Globally, Inc. has been working to help children across the world; bringing their focus in recent years to the crisis in Ukraine.

This past Sunday, S.O.N.G., Inc. hosted its annual S.O.N.G. Stock festival fundraiser at Brimfield Winery, featuring three popular local bands, silent auction, raffle, face painting, games and more. S.O.N.G., Inc. co-founder Wally Connor even brought his famous “ring swing,” which has been a feature at S.O.N.G., Inc. fundraising events since the beginning, and sure to test your skills (and maybe even your patience).

Frisbees were given as prizes to those joining in the pie eating contest. Bearing the S.O.N.G., Inc. logo, the frisbees were donated by a supporter, with printing provided by Dennis Craig of BT Copy & Printing Ceter.

While S.O.N.G., Inc. (formerly Socks for Siberia) was founded to help children living in orphanages in Siberia, it has expanded to include orphans in numerous countries, including South Africa and Pakistan. S.O.N.G., Inc. also works with Wonderfund of Massachusetts, providing essential items for children involved with the Department of Children and Families.

S.O.N.G., Inc. co-founder Michele Connor said this event is the organization’s major fundraiser for this year. Money raised helps the organization’s mission as a whole, but this year’s event will also help continue to bring care to the Ukraine/Poland border.

“This is mostly for the kids affected by the conflict in Ukraine, now in Poland,” Michele said.

Michele said her husband Wally has been to the border three times on his own, and they’ve gone once together.

Wally said a fifth trip is being planned for Oct. 1, to bring immediate relief for children whose parents were killed in the war or bombed out of their homes. Thanks to previous efforts, the children in Poland’s orphanages are “pretty settled,” he said.

Making the trip from Florida for the event were Michele’s sister and S.O.N.G., Inc. supporters Kathy Small and her husband Perry Small. When the organization first started out, Kathy could be found “clowning” around along with her puppet, wearing a clown suit sewn by her late mother.

Now, Kathy and Perry make the trip each year for this event, oftentimes accompanied by a spiderweb-slinging superhero.

“It’s really awesome to see all of the changes,” Kathy said of the growing organization and the event.

The three featured bands at the event have all helped support S.O.N.G., Inc.’s mission for a number of years, some right from

the start.

Peter J. Newland and RadioX have been there since the beginning, Newland said.

“I grew up in a family that believed in community service,” the Monson-based songwriter said.

Newland said he met the Connors through his brother, who worked with Wally.

When he first heard about S.O.N.G., Inc.’s mission, he knew he had to be part of it, donating his band’s performance every year.

Newland and Radio X performed an original set of songs which he described as a “cross section of American music.” Newland is also a founding member of the band FAT, which just celebrated 55 years of making music.

Also donating their time at S.O.N.G. Stock were the Lisa Martin Band and Secret Sage.



One of the silent auction items was this original oil painting by Janice St. Hilaire.

Martin is a Ludlow songwriter who performs a variety of folk, rock, country and blues and Secret Sage is a central Massachusetts group that has been performing for over a decade.

Secret Sage got its start with S.O.N.G., Inc., Wally and Michele said, with some of the band’s members performing with the organization for 16 years.

All of the bands at S.O.N.G. Stock have gifted their tunes and talent to the organiza-

tion, as they have every year.

“They donate their time and help raise money for the kids,” Wally said.

Wally thanked Brimfield Winery for being “big supporters” of S.O.N.G., Inc. and providing the venue for this event for the past four years.

“It’s a beautiful venue and we appreciate them a lot,” Wally said.

About S.O.N.G., Inc.

For more information about S.O.N.G., Inc., its mission or ways you can help, visit supportingorphans.org, email info@supportingorphans.org or call 413-813-8100. You can also find them on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, or stop by S.O.N.G., Inc., located at 13 North St., Ware.

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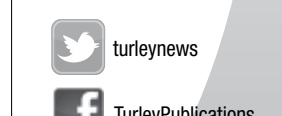


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Business

Monson Savings Bank supporting local communities

MONSON— Monson Savings Bank is supporting the local communities that they serve. This includes the City of Springfield and its surrounding communities.

Back in May, Dan Moriarty, Monson Savings President and CEO, met with Samantha Savoie, Springfield Business Improvement District Marketing and Creative Services Project Manager, and Michelle Grout, SBID Executive Director, to present them with a \$4,000 contribution in support of the SBID's mission.

"Monson Savings is grateful to be a part of the Springfield community," said Moriarty. "We are so filled with gratitude to be a part of this amazing community. Likewise, we are grateful for this opportunity to support the community through the Springfield BID."

Since 1998, the Springfield Business Improvement District has aimed to be a driving force of economic, cultural, and social development in downtown Springfield. The SBID's mission is to facilitate growth within the downtown community and utilize resources efficiently. The SBID aims to achieve city revitalization through increased marketing and visibility, partnerships with cultural organizations, keeping the streets safe and clean, improving and renewing infrastructure, and focusing on developing local business. Through these outlets, they aim to assist



Submitted Photo

Dan Moriarty, Monson Savings Bank President & CEO, presented a check to Samantha Savoie, Springfield Business Improvement District Marketing & Creative Services Project Manager (left), and Michelle Grout, Springfield Business Improvement District Executive Director (right).

in building a city which attracts a wide audience to live, work, and play.

"We are excited about our new relationship with Monson Savings Bank," said Michelle Grout, Springfield Business Improvement District Executive Director. "Their contribution supports Springfield's annual restaurant week in June. This event encourages people to gather and enjoy the diversity of cuisines the city offers and sup-

ports our local economy. We are grateful to Monson Savings Bank for supporting our community programming."

To learn more about the Springfield Business Improvement District, please visit <https://springfielddowntown.com/>.

To learn more about Monson Savings Bank, please visit <https://www.monsonsavings.bank/>.

MSB donates \$10,000 to Revitalize CDC

MONSON— Monson Savings Bank recently made a \$10,000 donation to Revitalize Community Development Corporation in support of their 2023 Capital Campaign.

Revitalize CDC is a Springfield based organization that was founded in 1992. The Springfield organization works to improve the well being of our community members by addressing poor housing conditions. For more than 30 years, Revitalize CDC has been committed to performing critical home repairs for local low-income families with children, the elderly, military veterans, and people with special needs, at no cost.

In addition to improving the living conditions of our neighbors, Revitalize CDC also strives to help improve their physical health. The organization performs free assessments and interventions for adults and children with asthma. They also offer a Nutrition Rx program in conjunction with local health care partners to address food insecurity and chronic health conditions.

Revitalize CDC has grown and expanded over the years to better serve the community's needs. They



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Left to Right: Dodie Carpentier, Monson Savings VP HR Officer; Michael Rouette, Monson Savings EVP & COO; Ethel Griffin, Revitalize Community Development Corporation VP of Community Engagement; Colleen Loveless, Revitalize CDC President & CEO; Chelsea McGrath, Revitalize CDC Director of Operations & Finance; Kylie LaPlante, Monson Savings AVP Business Development Officer; Dina Merwin, Monson Savings SVP Chief Risk & Sr. Compliance Office; and Dan Moriarty, Monson Savings President & CEO.

outgrew their current workspace and launched a capital campaign to help raise funds to move into a larger facility to help more people in need.

"The new office space is perfect; the size of the building is exactly what we needed to house our growing administrative and program staff," said Revitalize CDC President and CEO Colleen Loveless. "We will work with Eversource to add solar and other equipment to maximize energy efficiency. We will also construct a two-bay distribution center to house critical healthy home and nutrition supplies, volunteer equipment, and a fleet of vehicles. None of this would be possible without the generous support of our Capital Campaign donors, like Monson Savings Bank."

Monson Savings Bank President

and CEO Dan Moriarty praised the local organization for the work that they do.

"Monson Savings Bank is honored to support Revitalize CDC and the important work that they are doing for our communities," said Moriarty. "It is organizations like this that help make the world a better place. We applaud them for all their efforts and look forward to seeing them blossom in their new space."

To learn more about Revitalize CDC, please visit <https://www.revitalizecdc.com/>.

To learn more about how Monson Savings Bank supports our communities, please visit <https://www.monsonsavings.bank/connect/our-community/our-community-commitment.html>.

Public notice

LEGAL NOTICE MONSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Under the requirements of M.G.L. Chapter 131 § 40, the Monson Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 7:10 PM** in the in the Large Meeting Room, Town Office Building, 110 Main Street. Under consideration is a Request for Determination of Applicability to determine if the work associated with the construction of a pavilion style carport within the Buffer Zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands for the property located at 14 Town Farm Rd, identified as Assessors Map 150, Parcel 022, is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act. The property owners are Cheryl and Daniel Comeau.

Submitted by:
Monson
Conservation Commission
08/31/2023

LEGAL NOTICE MONSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Under the requirements of M.G.L. Chapter 131 § 40, the Monson Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM** in the in the Large Meeting Room, Town Office Building, 110 Main Street. Under consideration is a Request for Determination of Applicability to determine if the work associated with the removal of sod and addition of infield soil mix within Riverfront Area and Bordering Land Subject to Flooding for the property located on Washington St, identified as Assessors Map 114, Parcel 014, Cushman Field, is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act. The property owner is the Town of Monson.

Submitted by:
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Conservation Commission
08/31/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-8600 Docket No. HD23P1781EA

**Estate of:
Robert A. Gentile
Date of Death:
December 22, 2023
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Jeremy Gentile of Scotts Valley, CA**.

Jeremy Gentile of Scotts Valley, CA 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. Inven-

tory 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.
08/31/2023

Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No. HD23P1698EA
Estate of:
Cynthia Ann Lloyd

Date of Death: 06/11/2023 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Deborah A. McNaughton of Hampden, MA**.

Deborah A. McNaughton of Hampden, 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.
08/31/2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 1089 Pleasant Street, Palmer, MA 01069
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Angela L. Racicot to CCO Mortgage Corp., and now held by **Citizens Bank, N.A. f/k/a RBS Citizens, N.A. s/b/m CCO Mortgage Corp.**, said mortgage dated January 20, 2006 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 15654, Page 381, as affected by a Loan Modification dated July

10, 2015 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 20955, Page 583; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction** on September 28, 2023 at 02:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain tract of land with the buildings thereon, situate on the southwesterly side of Pleasant Street in the Depot Village of Palmer, Hampden County, Massachusetts, containing thirty-eight (38) square rods, more or less, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin in the ground on the southwesterly side of said street at the northeast corner of land formerly of one Dawson, now of Raymond J. and Lois B. Herbet; thence S. 61 1/2° W. along last named land one hundred sixty-six and 32/100 (166.32) feet to land of the Boston & Albany Railroad Company; thence S. 52° E. along last named land, seventy-seven and 22/100 (77.22) feet to land formerly of James H. Tuthill, now of Magdalene Sarna; thence N. 64° E. along last named land, one hundred thirty-seven and 28/100 (137.28) feet to the southwesterly side of said Pleasant Street; thence Northerly along the southwesterly side of said Pleasant Street, fifty-eight and 75/100 (58.75) feet to the place of beginning.

BEING the same premises as conveyed by William F. Barry, Jr. To Angela L. Racicot dated November 5, 2003, recorded at Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 13814, Page 75.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated November 5, 2003 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 13814, Page 75.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD23C0258CA

**In the matter of:
Dominick Liam Rich
CITATION ON PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME**

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Dominick Liam Rich of Brimfield, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Dominick Liam Gilley-Rich
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/20/2023.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 23, 2023

Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate
08/31/2023

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Back to Class in Monson



Superintendent Cheryl Clarke hugged a student who was happy to see her.



Officer Mai Grover high fives the students on their way to their first day of classes.



Principal Joe Trivisonno saw a student who looked lost, and guided her to her class.



Rylee and Calli smile for a photo to show their excitement to start school.



Wendy McClure sees the last students hop off the bus.



Granite Valley's security officer, Doug Beachell, stopped to speak to the bus driver.

Granite Valley students receive warm welcome on first day of school

By Marcelo Gusmão
Staff Writer
mgusmao@turley.com

MONSON – This Wednesday was the first day of school for most of the town's students.

On a rainy, gray morning, kids from all over town got up bright and early to take the bus for the first day of classes. As the buses lined up in front of Granite Valley School, the students were greeted by police officers and teachers, as well as Superintendent Cheryl Clarke.

"We're so happy to see them," Clarke said, "and we're ready for the new year!"

Among the staff and faculty greeting the students was Doug Beachell, a retired police officer who has been serving as the school's security officer. Clarke and Beachell said that he is likely the only armed security officer in the state, and the school is very happy to have him.

Principal Joe Trivisonno was there to greet the students as well, and was seen guiding lost or upset students to their classes to ensure they had a comfortable first day.

Kids arriving at Granite Valley were well-behaved, holding hands with friends and hugging their favorite teachers on their way in. Classes began without any incident, and the staff looked forward to a great semester with this year's batch of Monson students.

For information about the schools, please visit the website at monsonschoools.com.



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Superintendent Cheryl Clarke was in front of the school to greet students on their way in.

Back to Class *in Monson*



Sisters Emma and Myah wore matching skirts for their first day.



Isabella and Jackie were excited to see Ms. Clarke on the first day of school.



The first couple of kids step off the bus on Wednesday morning.

Turley Publications photos by Marcelo Guzmán



Ian and Charles stopped to get their picture taken on the way to the school.



Kiley stopped for a quick photo on her way to school.



Students from first grade up until sixth grade arrived at Granite Valley School on Wednesday morning.



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