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WATER DISTRICT

Board cites 'no quick fixes' to water quality

By Marcelo Gusmão
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PALMER – The town's water quality concerns will take years of work to stabilize, according to the Palmer Water District.



Courtesy photo

Concerns are ongoing regarding water quality.

At the meeting of the utility company's Board of Commissioners last week, tensions ran high during a discussion with the public regarding the water quality in several sections of town.

Since June, the public has received warnings about the water quality, with a boil order having been issued Sept. 17. Ruth Curtin, Thorndike Water Commissioner, said that the town has been trying to work with Palmer Water for a solution to the water quality since 2020.

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EDUCATION



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Special Education teacher Paul Holloway aids student Andy Robare in determining where the address should be written on the newspaper before delivery.

PHS enrich student's life-long skills

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PALMER – Every Monday, the Special Education students of Palmer High School make their rounds on campus to deliver more than just newspapers, but smiles too.

Special Education teacher Paul Holloway said the school began participating in a Pathways

Program about five years ago to provide students with an opportunity to learn hands-on job training skills, community involvement, and eventually, pursue employment opportunities.

Delivering newspapers to classrooms around campus allows students to practice social skills such as eye contact, how to initiate conversation and manners, said Holloway.

He added, the Pathways Pro-

gram also allows students to "get a foot in the door," as many students from the Special Education department do not receive a diploma when they graduate, but a certificate of completion.

Students deliver newspapers every week to offices around campus based on which papers faculty and staff subscribe to.

"They write the teachers' names and where it goes," said Holloway.

Student Andy Robare said when he delivers papers, he starts by knocking on the classroom door and saying "newspaper delivery."

After handing the paper to the subscriber, Robare says "you're welcome (and) have a great day."

He added he enjoys delivering papers because he can see people around campus he doesn't

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EDUCATION

School officials update on first days back

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MONSON – At last week's School Committee meeting, Superintendent Cheryl Clarke announced that the school district had a "very, very successful" transition into the new semester.

"I welcomed everyone back on the 25th, and I always have a theme," Clarke said. "The theme was 'strength,' because I really thought about how through all of COVID, post-COVID, a lot of educators are choosing to get out of the profession or new educators are choosing something else, perhaps, so I spoke to the staff about how strong they are and how much we appreciate what they do."

As part of her "welcome back" speech to the staff, Clarke incorporated the reading of a poem titled "The Oak Tree" by Johnny Ray Ryder, Jr., which speaks to strength and resilience, and gave framed copies of the poem and wooden baubles with the poem's last line on them.

Clarke then asked Principals Joe Trivisonno of Granite Valley School and Arthur Murphy of Monson High School to provide updates on their reopening.

"They're off to a great start," Trivisonno said. "It's been awesome to have our youngest students here, learning about how to be in school. I like to joke that they're 'playing school.'"

"Families are learning about the car line, which is really a fun

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COMMUNITY



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Food Truck and Music Festival Committee members Brenda Binczewski, Jean Bailey, Ken Bailey and Dot Jenkins share a photo during the Sept. 16 event.

Monson celebrates annual Food Truck Festival

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MONSON – Friends and families gathered at Veteran's Field for a day filled with live music and a variety of food, drink and outdoor activities during the 2023 Food Truck and Music Festival.

While many free activities were available during the event, the Monson Food Truck Festival Committee instated a \$10 admission fee to

raise money for cancer research and local nonprofit organizations, such as Monson Military Care Package Drive, Monson Senior Nutrition Program and the Monson Polish Club.

Brenda Binczewski, Food Truck Festival Committee member, said the committee wanted to support local organizations as well as cancer research as "we all have been affected by cancer in one way or another."

While the door charge supported the committee's fundraising initiatives, the Monson Lions Club raised an additional \$1,250 for a donation to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

The donation was made possible

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MONSON

Fire Dept. moving temporarily into annex building

Monson Arts Council needs new location

By Dallas Gagnon
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MONSON – After discussing anticipated renovations to the Monson Fire Department building at 200 Main St., the Select Board approved a request to allow the Monson Fire Department to temporarily

relocate to 202 Main St. beginning Jan. 1, 2024.

The board also approved demolishing the 202 Main St. building upon the completion of the 200 Main St. building renovations.

Fire Department Chief Brian Harris said he expects renovations to begin between spring and early summer of next year.

"We're putting in a request that the Fire Department use the property at 202 Main St., which is

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PATHFINDER

30th and final car show



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George Hollister stands beside his 2019 Bullitt Mustang. More on page 16.

COMMUNITY

Monson Night Out



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Monson Fire Department Lt. John Wilson shows Monson's youngsters Chathan and Nash Baron fire engines and equipment. See more photos on pages 6 & 7.



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Pet of the Week



BUDDY

This is Buddy Arventos and he lives in Palmer. Buddy is a little rambunctious but his family, Cathy, Tom and Carl love him all the same. Buddy enjoys long walks, chewing his bones, and chasing the neighbor's cats. We feature your pets here. Is your fur friend a dog, cat, chicken, lizard, horse, bird, mouse...you get the point. Is there a pet you're fostering and trying to re-home? All pets are welcome! Email a high-resolution jpg of your pet with a little information to mharrison@turley.com.

Monson grant deadline is Oct. 17

MONSON— The Monson Cultural Council is seeking grant proposals from organizations, schools, and individuals for community-orientated projects in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences. These grants can support a variety of projects including lectures, workshops, performances in schools, exhibits, and festivals and must take place between Jan. 1, and Dec. 31, 2024.

Monson priorities can be found online at www.MassCulturalCouncil.org along with the link to the online application. The application will be available starting Sept. 1, and the deadline is Oct. 17.

Book sale raises over \$1000

MONSON— The Friends of the Monson Free Library are pleased to announce that \$1,237 was raised at the Labor Day book sale. The Friends wish to thank the Monson Free Library and Reading Room staff, all who donated and bought books and to the following sponsors: Atkins Farms; Big Y; Randall's Farm; and Squier Lumber. Please save books to donate for the 2024 Book Sale. Anyone interested in joining The Friends can email friends.monsonfreelibrary@gmail.com.

Select Board discusses town government study

By Dallas Gagnon
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MONSON — The Select Board discussed a government study provided by the Division of Local Services, and are considering the formation of a Government Study Committee.

Select Board Chair Patricia Oney said the conversation began with "the financial management review the Division of Local Services did for the town in May of 2022."

According to Oney, after she joined the Select Board in 2021, the town administrator at the time shared that DSL, which is a division of the Department of Revenue, would complete a free evaluation for the town.

The evaluation included financial suggestions as well as "the overall government status of the town."

Oney said it was important to review the study because she believes "it's time to look at a Government Study Committee," as over the years the board has "run across instances where we were unable to do what we wanted to do because we didn't have the right mechanisms in place."

The DSL report provided the board with 12 suggestions for improving the town's financial health and government structure.

Some suggestions included reviewing the town bylaws, reconsidering the size of the

Select Board, more precision in defining the town administrator job description, consideration to consolidate town departments into a Public Works and switching the town auditor.

"There are a number of things we cannot do without special legislation, so we cannot make decisions for this town unless we file for special legislation and have the entire legislature in Boston make decisions for us," said Oney.

She suggested forming a Government Study Committee to reconsider the ideas brought up in the report and potentially adopting a charter in the future.

"I think that this is a good thing for the town to be looking at; I think this is how we get

and keep things exactly the way they are now; it's just, under the law, having a charter gives you certain flexibility that you don't otherwise have," Oney said.

Town Administrator Jennifer Wolowicz said this topic is raised frequently when consulting with town counsel.

"When we bring certain things forward to him, he says 'if you had a charter, this is something you could do,' said Wolowicz.

The board agreed to keep an open mind to the DSL government study report suggestions, and reach out to neighboring communities who have already established a Government Study Committee before their next board meeting.

"You can have a charter

Route 20 culvert replacement starts Saturday morning

STURBRIDGE — The Massachusetts Department of Transportation is announcing that a full roadway closure of Route 20 in the vicinity of Cedar Meadow Brook will be required to allow culvert installation to take place.

Route 20 will be closed between Cedar Street and Holland Road, on Saturday, Sept. 23, starting at 9 p.m. The roadway will reopen to traffic Sunday, Sept. 24 at 8 a.m.

These temporary overnight traffic impacts are necessary to allow crews and contractors to safely and effectively conduct construction operations.

During the overnight work, the following detours will be in place:

- Route 20 eastbound traffic will be directed to follow the detour signage in place and use Holland Road, Dotty Road and Stallion Hill Road.
- Route 20 westbound traffic will be directed to follow the detour signage in place and use Cedar Street, Cooper Road and Arnold Road.
- Truck traffic traveling on Interstate 90 looking to access Route 20 at

either I-84 (exit 73) or Route 32 (exit 63) will be directed to use the next interchange to avoid the road closure.

Appropriate signage, law enforcement details, and messaging will be in place to guide drivers through the work area. Drivers who are traveling through the affected areas should expect delays, reduce speed, and use caution.

All scheduled work is weather dependent and subject to change without notice.

For more information on traffic conditions, travelers are encouraged to download the Mass511 mobile app or visit www.mass511.com to view live cameras, travel times, real-time traffic conditions, and project information before setting out on the road. Users can subscribe to receive text and email alerts for traffic conditions.

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Cruise for Critters Drives Back to Westview Farms Creamery

MONSON— The Cruise for Critters to Westview Farms Creamery on Saturday, Sept. 23, is now in its 11th year, this beloved car show, proudly sponsored by Service Connection of Monson, is set to once again make a meaningful impact on the lives of pets in need at Second Chance Animal Services.

This year's Cruise for Critters promises an array of fall-themed activities for attendees of all ages. A captivating vendor fair will offer a treasure trove of unique finds and is expected to be the largest Cruise for Critters vendor fair to date. The much-loved Halloween Bark-tacular kids' games will be back thanks to dedicated Second Chance volunteers who are gearing up to provide an unforgettable experience for children and families alike.

The festivities are set to kick off at 10 a.m. and continue until 3 p.m., encompassing great food and ice cream and an assortment of fall-inspired attractions that Westview Farms Creamery is renowned for. From pumpkin picking to navigating through a corn maze, a delightful autumn adventure awaits every guest. Live music by Spare Parts will provide the soundtrack for the day, while the allure of enticing raffle prizes beckons attendees to try their luck.

Service Connection owner, Al Widlan, has championed this remarkable event for over a decade, rallying car enthusiasts and compassionate hearts alike to come together for a worthy cause. As the wheels of time turn, Cruise for Crit-



Submitted Photo

The entries to the Cruise for Critters in 2022

ters continues to shine a light of hope for furry companions across Massachusetts. Widlan enthusiastically invites car aficionados to join in the festivities and revel in a day of fun at a fantastic venue.

Lindsay Doray, Chief Development Officer of Second Chance Animal Services, extends her heartfelt gratitude to Service Connection and Westview Farms Creamery for their unwavering commitment to the welfare of pets. As economic challenges and uncertainties persist, many pet owners find themselves facing difficult decisions. The choice between parting ways with a cherished pet and struggling to provide proper care is a heavy burden to bear. Doray emphasizes that the funds raised through this event directly contribute to Second Chance's vital programs that make a tangible difference within the local pet-loving community.

Organizers extend a warm invitation to local businesses and vendors, calling upon them to unite in support of pets in need. Information on sponsorship opportunities and becoming a vendor can be found at secondchanceanimals.org/events/cruise.

The event will welcome spectators free of charge. Car enthusiasts are encouraged to take part in the show by contributing a \$20 entry fee per vehicle, with every dollar earmarked for the betterment of pets' lives. A rain date has been set for Saturday, Sept. 30.

Corrections

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3rd annual TREK Sturbridge Halloween 5K

STURBRIDGE— The Rotary Club of Sturbridge has announced that its popular TREK Sturbridge Halloween 5K, 1K, and Fun Walk will return on Sunday, Oct. 29. According to race director Klaus Hachfeld the family-friendly event offers two timed races, including a 5K trail run and fun walk, and a 1K road race.

The timed 1K road race for pre-teens (12 years and under) starts at 9:30 a.m. It will be a road race along Old Sturbridge Village Road, making it accessible to persons with mobility challenges. The timed 5K trail run and fun walk will start at 10 a.m. using Old Sturbridge Village Road and the Arbutus Park Trail in the Leadmine Mountain Wildlife Conservation Lands.



Submitted Photo

Kegan Cline and his sons, Julian and Kegan, Jr. brought some colonial spirit to last year's event.

All activities begin at the OSV Education Center on Old Sturbridge Village Road. Parking will be available in the Education Center lot.

The event also includes a costume parade for younger children, free games, and relay races beginning at 9 a.m. at the Education Center, and organized by a volunteer team from Burgess Elementary School. No pre-registration is required for the children's activities.

"This year, we've added a special prize for the best costume in both races," says Hachfeld. "Judging will be by popular choice during the presentation ceremony at the end of the race."

Pre-registration is now available on the RaceWire website at <https://racewire.com/register.php?id=13548>

All participants who pre-register by Oct. 21 will get a TREK Sturbridge Halloween 5K, 1K and fun walk tee-shirt. On-site registration will also be available starting at 8:30 a.m.

The Trek Sturbridge Halloween 5K and fun walk is a Sturbridge Rotary Club fundraiser, with all profits going to local student scholarships and other community needs projects. For additional information, visit the Sturbridge Rotary Club website at <https://sturbridgerotary.com/> or email the race director at laserklaus@gmail.com.

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Artists (from left) Shara Osgood and Melissa Stratton-Pandina stand in front of their hard work at the ribbon-cutting for the mural.



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Town residents and officials cut the ribbon, officially unveiling the mural's completion.



Officer Paul Mayo has grown a beard since he'd posed for his depiction on the mural.



Town Administrator Jennifer Wolowicz (right) presented the mural, with artists Shara Osgood and Melissa Stratton-Pandina standing by.

Adams Market Mural expected to stand the test of time

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MONSON – Last Friday, the town unveiled a mural that has been added to the wall of Adams Hometown Market to celebrate the past, present, and future of the town.

The ribbon-cutting was held on Friday morning, having previously been rescheduled due to weather concerns. Town Administrator Jennifer Wolowicz led the unveiling, thanking attendees and announcing the artists.

"As I look around the crowd, I see the past, the present, and the future as well, and I think that's so important," Wolowicz said.

The mural was designed by Shara Osgood and Melissa Stratton-Pandina, through conversations and collaboration with town residents that were done through extensive listening sessions that were hosted by the town so they could better familiarize themselves with what is important to the people living in town.

"We had an amazing time working on this project," Osgood said. "We did the project in a very unusual way. It's not just painted directly on the walls; we work with some-

thing called Polytab, which is a non-woven fabric, and we basically projected all of the images in little five-foot square sections onto all of the panels."

"It's way, way more permanent," Osgood said about the Polytab mural, "it's going to last a lot longer than if it was painted on the wall."

Osgood also described the paint party, where volunteers showed up to help her and Stratton-Pandina paint the different sections of the mural.

Stratton-Pandina named a couple of her favorite elements of the mural, particularly the grandmother with her grandchild and the mountain lion.

"We heard so many stories about the mountain lion," Stratton-Pandina said. "In fact, any time we said we were going to put some nature scenes in there, we got a mountain lion story."

"We have wonderful portraits of people who came out and let us photograph them," Stratton-Pandina said, describing Officer

Paul Mayo answering the door without any idea that he was going to be incorporated into the mural.

"One of my favorite parts of the mural is the grandmother and grandchild," Stratton-Pandina said. "When we were told that this mural was supposed to represent the past, and the present, and the future, what's more important for that theme than a grandparent teaching their grandchild how to hold a butterfly?"

The mural was funded by the Regional Economic Development Organization Grant Program, which was allocated to help towns rebuild after the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the, as they say, 'past, present, and future of Monson,'" Wolowicz said. "We were very happy to be working with Civic Collaborative and using the funds that we received through the REDO Grants, from the aid for the COVID re-

growth." "This brings people out and, as you can see, we have police officers and our Fire Chief in the mural itself," Wolowicz said. "That's always going to be a wonderful thing to know that they had a part in this."

The mural is expected to remain a part of the town for years to come, and can be seen on the Adams Market's north-facing wall on Main Street.

DEADLINE

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Viewpoints

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

Will opening a joint account affect my disabled father's "SSI?"

Dear Rusty

I live in Michigan and my senior disabled father lives in rural Kentucky. His income is part Social Security and part disability. I talked to a local credit union near his home and explained I would like to open a joint account. They said as long as he comes in with his ID it's possible.

My question is will adding money to our joint account affect his SSI and disability?

Signed: Caring Daughter

Dear Caring Daughter

First, I need to clarify that there are two types of disability programs administered by the Social Security Administration – Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income. The acronym "SSI" normally refers to "Supplemental Security Income," which is a benefit for disabled senior adults and children, who have very little income and very few assets.

"SSI" is not Social Security income; rather it is a general benefit program jointly administered by the Social Security Administration and the State in which your father lives. In contrast, Social Security Disability benefits are earned from working and are not affected by the recipient's assets, as are "SSI" benefits.

From what you've written, I assume that your father may have a small Social Security retirement benefit (because he has reached his full retirement age and SSDI isn't available after full retirement age) and he is also receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability benefits.

If this is the case, although your father's Social Security retirement benefit would not be affected by opening a joint account at the credit union, his Supplemental Security Income disability benefit likely will be.

As co-owner of the joint account, your assets would count towards your father's "SSI" asset limit and your assets, as well as any "in kind" assistance you otherwise provide, would likely put your father over the SSI income/asset eligibility limit and result in his SSI benefits being terminated.

So, although the credit union may be willing to open a joint account for you and your father, I'm afraid that would result in your father losing his SSI benefits, leaving him with only his small Social Security retirement benefit.

You may wish to review the SSI eligibility information at this link: www.ssa.gov/ssi/eligibility or you could contact the Social Security Administration and ask to speak with someone experienced with Supplemental Security Income matters.

For clarity, "SSI" assistance is jointly administered by the Social Security Administration and each State's Human Services department, and assistance available varies somewhat depending on the recipient's state of residence. Thus, since your father lives in Kentucky, you might also contact that state's human services agency to discuss your options for providing remote assistance to your father without jeopardizing his Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefit: www.chfs.ky.gov/Pages/contact.aspx.

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Friends in the garden

For the last couple of weeks, I have been eagerly observing a garden spider in one of my flower beds.

It is so beautiful.

Spider foes might balk at that particular choice of words. But if the shoe fits, wear it!

This spider is indeed a beauty. Over an inch long, yellow and black in color and attached to an intricately woven web, the spider on guard, waiting for unsuspecting prey.

Many years ago, when I grew flowers that were members of the Celosia genus in a big cut flower garden, it seemed this particular spider was a frequent visitor. I haven't seen one like it in a few years.

Lo and behold, she's attached to some plumed celosia, doing her thing. Read on to learn more about a real hero, garden style!

This particular garden spider goes by the name of Argiope (rhymes with calliope). Besides its brilliant color, other distinguishing characteristics include a large, egg-shaped abdomen, three claws on each foot, and a foot wide (or larger) web that has a zig zag band of silk called "stabilimenta" running through its center.

The argiope makes its home in most of the lower 48 states, Mexico and Central America as far south as Costa Rica. It prefers sunny areas among flowers, shrubs and other tall plants to construct its web.

If weather permits, the female spider will construct and repair her web both day and night and will remain there unless food is scarce, or disturbances are frequent. Males generally roam in search of a mate, and when they find one will sometimes build a small web nearby to begin courtship.

Although their vision is rather poor, males get their intentions across by plucking and vibrating the females' web.

Once mating is complete, it is presumed that males die. Females produce up to three brown egg sacks, each one containing 300-1,400 eggs.

The sacks are positioned close to mom, nearby her resting position in the center of the web.

Unfortunately, she will die prior to or as a result of the first hard frost, and although her eggs will hatch within the sack they do not emerge until spring.



Submitted Photo

This garden spider, an Argiope, is a helpful friend to gardeners.

In warmer climates the female argiope may live for several years.

As with all spiders, the black and yellow garden spider is carnivorous. Its orb-shaped web will capture all

sorts of flying insects, including aphids, flies, grasshoppers, and even wasps and bees.

Amazingly, she can bring down prey nearly twice her size thanks to a venomous bite that immobilizes its victims. We need not worry about this spider.

Although it is large, it bites only when harassed, and reportedly, its venom poses no threat to humans. In fact, the argiope is a valued predator of grasshoppers in American rangelands.

The spider will be fun to watch as the season progresses.

I have to admit I am a little sad that she won't survive the winter. I will have to be on the look out for her egg sacks.

Nature is just amazing. Be sure to stop and admire the spiders every now and then and smell the roses, too!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village.

She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

in the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid

New legislation introduced to help prevent pipeline disasters

WASHINGTON— Sen. Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.), chair of the Senate Environment and Public Works Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate, and Nuclear Safety and a member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, today introduced the Penalizing and Improving Prevention of Emergencies Act. This legislation would close loopholes and lift barriers so the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration can better protect communities from pipeline accidents and disasters and ensure companies are held accountable for wrongdoing. The introduction falls on the anniversary of the Merrimack Valley gas explosions on Sept. 13, 2018, which resulted in the death of 18-year-old Leonel Rondon, dozens of injuries, damage to more than 100 structures, and thousands of homes left without natural gas service for months.

"It's been five years since the Columbia

Gas explosions devastated the communities of Lawrence, Andover, and North Andover. The Merrimack Valley is still healing. The family of Leonel Rondon is still grieving," said Markey. "We must continue making progress by delivering stronger protections and allowing our federal regulators to make swift, effective safety standards. Federal regulators should have all the tools they need to hold bad actors accountable—not be held hostage by industry interests." Last month, Markey applauded PHMSA's announcement of a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to improve safety requirements for natural gas distribution pipelines. In 2020, Markey's Leonel Rondon Pipeline Safety Act, which was sponsored by Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) and Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) and led by Rep. Lori Trahan (MA-03) and Rep. Seth Moulton (MA-08) in the House, became law and strengthened emergency response and safety standards for natural gas distribution pipelines.

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the old Monson Annex building, currently the House of Art, for us to reside in.

"That would keep us close to our equipment and save approximately \$200,000 off the project," said Harris.

He said he was opposed to paying for temporary units that would require the Department to hook the units to water, electricity, sewer and be inconveniently located on the construction site, the Monson Annex building would eliminate those additional costs.

The board approved Harris' request to consider the demolition of the structure once the fire station renovation addition project is complete.

"This was suggested 45 years ago in 1978 when the current fire station was built, citing it would allow a vista to the new

fire station building along with a wider access point for emergency apparatus," said Harris.

He added it is important for residents and guests of Monson to be able to easily see the Fire Department, and for emergency apparatus to be able to navigate in and out of the fire station parking area.

Building Commissioner Justin Larivee said the "status of the building is really not great," as "it hasn't really been maintained over the years."

He added that as of right now, there is no public use of the second floor as the emergency escape is nearly falling off of the building.

"The town, I just don't think, has the money to spend to keep that building up," said Larivee.

He added that removing the building would open that space up for vehicles to get in and out of the fire station area more safe-

ly. "There's a lot of good things that could come out of it," Larivee said. "The building itself, I think, has run its course."

Select Board Chair Patricia Oney said she had discussed bringing the building up to code a few years ago, and the cost was over \$200,000.

Board member Peter Warren questioned where the Art Council would relocate after the demolition and during the temporary housing for the Fire Department.

Town Administrator Jennifer Wolowicz suggested having the Council explore locations such as using Memorial Hall for shows or local churches.

"It is a municipal building that we are paying for with the taxpayers money to insure, electricity and water," said Wolowicz. "Yet it doesn't have a revenue coming back from it."

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Earlier this week, the Belchertown Police Department reported that E. coli was found in the Bondsville Water District, prompting the boil order. The Palmer Water District has been flushing its system for weeks, and Superintendent Chris Connolly cited many reasons why the water had been affected, some of which stem from outdated infrastructure.

"There are no quick fixes in million-dollar infrastructure that's been built over the last 100 years," Connolly said. "We need to remedy these problems in the infrastructure that are causing this in the distribution system."

Connolly was optimistic that the worst of these problems would lessen as the weather starts to cool down.

"This is the hottest summer we've had, on record, ever," Connolly said. "On top of one of the highest rainfall years, and it's been very, very difficult for water quality."

This means that, until further notice, Palmer Water will keep flushing the water, and the boil order is expected to stay in place, with more information to be released as it becomes available.

Barbie Line asked, "is flushing the only way that we're able to, short-term, address it?"

"That is one of our short-term methods to help fix that," Connolly said. "In some of these situations, there's not a lot we can do, short term, outside of...altering the system or replacing major parts of it, which is a very expensive cost."

As a utility company that's not associated with the municipality, the Palmer Water District gets no money from taxes and is limited to the funds they receive from the residents' water bills.

"We're not the Town of Palmer, we're Palmer Water," said Vice Chairman Michael Burns. "We're not getting any money from the state. It's only from your water bills."

Because of this, the only solution the company has is to keep flushing the water and for residents to boil water before drinking it.

Andrea Mastalerz was sympathetic to the town's needs, and said that it would be the top priority of the company's budget.

"If it's going to ensure that our customers are going to get clean water, we're going to build a plan," Mastalerz said. "We're going to work together and build a plan, so that we can begin the steps to make the improvements that need to be made."

For the people at the meeting, this was not good enough. Residents asked how to take medication or bathe their children in water they described as smelling "like earth" and looking "like Coca-Cola."

"At the last meeting, you said, if people have complaints, they have to call the Water Department," said Bonny Rathbone. "But when they call the Water Department, nothing gets done. This has been going on for months."

"We've had brown water for I don't know how long," said resident Carl Bear. "We're paying for the water, and then ultimately subsidizing by going to Costco and BJ's and those places."

"This has been longer than just the summer," Bear said. "It has been years that we've been dealing with this."

Curtin suggested that the Water Commission provide bottled water for residents whose water quality has been affected, though the Water Commission said that this would be unrealistic, due to the amount of data they would need to compile to determine the amount of water they would need to purchase.

Another solution proposed was to combine the town's four water districts into one municipality, in the hope that it would free up funds to solve this problem more quickly, which also presented some obstacles.

"I am, personally, 100 percent in favor of combining all of the water and fire districts," said the Commission Chair Lawrence Jasak. "I'm not going to be the band leader. I was when I was a Selectman, that was my responsibility as a Selectman, and I did that."

The commissioners said that they have advocated for combining the districts for years, but need all four districts to agree. Although officials in Bondsville, Palmer, and Thorndike have all been reported as being in favor of combining the districts, without an agreement with Three Rivers, a union could not be formed.

As of press time, the boil order is still in place for residents of Bondsville and south Belchertown. The Palmer Water District stated it will continue to monitor, flush, and test daily until the water tests are within the guidelines of the Department of Environmental Protection.



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COMING SOON

BARGIN CLOTHING SALE Monson-Glendale United Methodist Church, 162 Main St., will be having a bargain clothing sale on Saturday, Sept. 30, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$1 a bag.

OPEN HOUSE Come visit the Keep Homestead Museum on 35 Ely Road in Monson, on Sunday, Oct. 1, 1-3:30 p.m. There will be a short program "Buttons in the Barn" at 1:30 p.m. for visitors of all ages to learn about the wide variety of materials, including shell, metal and glass, used in the manufacture of buttons. After the program, visitors are invited to explore a large assortment of buttons to create their own unique button display. All materials will be provided for free. Admission to the program and museum is free, however donations will be accepted. For more information about the museum visit www.KeepHomesteadMuseum.org.

JIMMY FUND WALK: Registra-

tion 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.

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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@keep-homesteadmuseum.org or visit keep-homesteadmuseum.org

homesteadmuseum.org.

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

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

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experience for them, I think, in the beginning," Trivisonno said. "For families, it can be pretty stressful, but they're all doing great."

Principal Murphy said "the big push in the beginning of the year was making our school a true 7-12 school and really aligning us as one school, one band, one sound."

"Our classroom matrix is 'be respectful, be empathetic, be accountable, and be a leader,'" Murphy said. "We need to teach our young students to be advocates for themselves, but we need to do that in a respectful way."

Murphy also announced that the high school is fully-staffed, compared to many schools across the state that have struggled with staffing.

"I'm proud of all the hard work that our school environment and the community has created to show that people want to come here, and people want to work here," Murphy said.

Murphy went on to address MCAS scoring, which he has been studying up on, describing it as "so much fun, I wear my swim cap and just dive right in."

Murphy said that his focus at the moment, as grades have not been released yet, is studying how the MCAS asks questions and how best to prepare students for those questions.

Clarke congratulated the girls' soccer team for making #2 on MassLive's top soccer teams in the state, with Kendall Bodak and Hannah Murphy making the list's "Super Seven" players of the season. Clarke then named a few other events in which the Monson schools will be participating.

"The open house for Granite Valley is Thursday, Sept. 21," Clarke said. "The playground project fundraising dinner—that's the basketball court project that Mr. Trivisonno is working on—is having a fundraiser at the Main Street Tavern on Thursday, Sept. 28."

There will also be a Fun Run at Granite Valley on Oct. 13 in support of the playground project.

Clarke mentioned Young Athletes Day coming up on Friday, Sept. 29, as well as a Parent/Teacher/Student Association meeting at 6 p.m. on Oct. 4.

"The PTSA is having a fundraiser at the Tavern—they're so good to us, the Main Street Tavern—on Oct. 5," Clarke said.

"The Monson Athletic Boosters presents the Soccer Night Games, that's on Oct. 12," Clarke said. "The boys will play Chicopee Comp. at 5 p.m., and the girls will play Amherst at 7 p.m. We encourage everyone to wear pink. There will be concessions and a raffle, and a percent of the proceeds will be donated to the Rays of Hope, so we hope everyone will join us on that evening."

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Monson Public Safety Night Out builds community



Monson Police Chief Stephen Kozloski shares a photo with Monson Fire Department members Stephanie Golas, Amber Duby, Monson Fire Chief Brian Harris, Lisa Hamill and Samantha Shrewsbury.



Tyler Allen and Palmer Police Officer Anthony Hurtado were some of many visitors in attendance.



Monson natives Branda Gagne and daughter Amy Hersey smile as relatives participate in an egg toss event.



Cousins Charles Pelletier and Austin Hersey show off their egg before dropping it during the contest.



Fire and Police Department personnel from all over the commonwealth were in attendance in support of the Monson Safety Night Out. Shown are Department of Conservation and Recreation fire respondent Tyler Desautels, Robin Armstrong, Wales Fire Lt. Owen Shaw, firefighter Tyler Moccio and DCR's Greg Whittier.



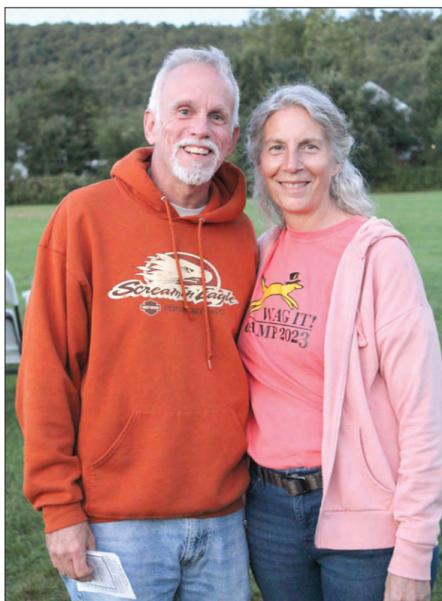
Abigail Unwin and Jennifer Bugbee share a photo after Unwin completed her egg toss.



Police Lt. Nicholas Gasperini is joined by friends and family members Melissa Hibbard, Lauren Messer, Wilhelmina Farnum, Forrest Farnum, Eleanor Farnum, Jamie Farnum and Jack Hibbard, in celebration of Monson's annual Safety Night Out.



Kate and Kaylani Santaniello smile for a photo before climbing into a fire engine.



Monson resident and Select Board member Peter Warren, is joined by his wife, Tammy Warren, in showing their support of the annual Public Safety Night Out.

By Dallas Gagnon
Staff Writer
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MONSON – The Monson Police and Fire Departments were joined by first responders from all over the commonwealth in support of this year's annual Public Safety Night Out.

The event featured a Life Flight helicopter landing, free ice cream, bounce houses, safety resources, K-9 officer appearances and a barbecue face-off between the Monson Fire and Police Departments.

While both departments took to teasing one another on Facebook, the Fire Department reigned the Public Safety Night Out barbecue champions, taking the victory at 222- 212.



Monson K-9 Officer Rex and Handler David Rondeau made an appearance at the Safety Night Out.

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Monson Public Safety Night Out builds community



Turley Photos by Dallas Gagnon
Erika, Luke, Warner, Grant and Hadley Paull participate in the annual Public Safety Night Out and share a family photo in front of a K-9 cruiser.



Scouts Amelia, Emily, Paige and Parker join UMass Amherst K-9 Officer Parker in promoting public safety.



Monson Police Sgt. Adam Szymanski, Officer Michael Goldberg, Wilbraham Police Capt. Christopher Arventos and Monson Police Officer Brian Allenberg share a group photo.



Massachusetts State Environmental Officer Art O'Connell, K-9 Tonka and Lt. Mike Lees attended this year's Public Safety Night Out.

K-9 Officer Tonka



Police Chief Stephen Kozloski is caught red-handed eating barbecue from the Fire Department booth instead of the Police Department tent.



Shown are the winners of the barbecue face off; tallying 10 more votes than the Police Department. From left to right are Fire Department personnel Stephanie Golas, Amber Duby, Chief Brian Harris, Lisa Hamill, Samantha Shrewsbury, Andrew Harrowfield and (front) Jake Haley.



Eros, Brenda and Veruca Battige are shown enjoying the evening's festivities.



Mat Wawrzyk and Heather Wilson are all smiles during the event.



Jeffrey, Alisha and Chance Chaffee share a photo while making their way through Veteran's Field during the event.



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Monson celebrates annual Food Truck Festival



Lions Club members Remo and Ginny Pizzichemi, President Kristine Duval, Ann Marie Decoteau, District Governor Curt Jameson, Karen King and Michael Turgeon are all smiles at the annual Monson Food Truck and Music Festival.



Remi and Richard Girard, Paige Pereira and Olivia Girard participate in the Monson Food Truck Festival festivities.



Ware residents Oliver Simone, Allison Bertrand and Janine Bertrand sit front and center to watch live music.



Troy and Amanda Atherton, of TJ's Pop, are shown serving up fresh lemonade, popcorn and other goods.



Malinda, Lenox and Braxton Manley enjoy popcorn and bounce houses during the event.



Karen King and Michael Turgeon, of Monson Military Care Package Drive, are one of the local organizations benefiting from the funds raised during the festival.



Bruce Peristere, Nick Sawyer, Ashlee Sawyer, Janet Costa, Noah Sawyer and Layla Sawyer support the annual event while sharing a family photo in between live music performances.

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by the participation of community members in the Lions Club annual Lucky Duck Race, which was hosted during the event.

Community members rented rubber ducks for \$5 and raced them against 499 other ducks in the brook running alongside Veteran's Field.

According to Monson Lions Club President Kristine Duval, the club races a group of about 100 ducks at a time and selects the fastest ducks to participate in a second round of racing.

When only a few ducks are remaining, they will face off; with only the top three duck renters winning a prize.

Duval said the club "is very proud we were able to donate as much as we were," and recognized the support of community members who adopted ducks.

Lions Club member and Monson Military Care Package Drive founder Karen King could be seen alternating between both the Lions Club and MMCPD booth throughout

the festival.

"I wear many hats," said King. She said she founded the MMCPD nearly a decade ago to supply Monson service men and women with care packages around the holiday season.

According to King, the organization caters to Monson residents and Monson High School graduates.

"Monson has 32 men and women in active military service," said King. Donations the organization receives go toward packing boxes with

goodies that "make the holidays special for them," she said.

Some packages include chips, candy, self-care items and a \$100 visa gift card.

When packing is finished and boxes are sent out, any additional supplies are donated to the Monson Veterans Council.

During the Sept. 16 Food Truck Festival, King said the organization sold 21 T-Shirts and collected \$135 towards their cause.

While local artisans, vendors

and organizations hosted booths, many attendees spent their time sampling flavors of many kinds, including anything from fried dough and funnel cakes, to fried pork belly and lobster bisque.

For attendees less interested in the food trucks, free bounce houses, corn hole games and live entertainment were available.

The event featured local bands Cooper Jones, Savage Brothers and Trailer Trash as well as musician Jordyn Doyle.

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Clowns Dewey, Dotz, Frizzle, Dipsy-Do, Patti-Cake, KuKu, Bubba and Cat-Nip from the Clowning for Kidz Foundation, of West Warren, came out to support the event and put a smile on attendees faces.



Monson locals Olivia Rucki, Jordyn Rossi and Siena Dansereau host a booth serving Main Street Tavern products.



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SOCCER

Theriault, Panthers power past Rams



Vanessa Baer winds up for a long throw-in.

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Charlotte Theriault changes directions as she nears pressure.

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—Palmer girls' varsity soccer coach Celso Sandoval and Granby girls varsity soccer coach Bob Weaver have been co-workers at the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission for the past nine years.

The head coaches were really looking forward to facing each other for the first time at the varsity level last Tuesday afternoon.

Charlotte Theriault scored five goals and added an assist, as the Lady Panthers improved their early season record to 2-0-1 with a 7-3 victory over the Lady Rams.

"Bob and I talk about soccer all of the time and it's a big part of our lives," Sandoval said. "I had this game circled on my schedule ever since it came out. It would've been a lot of fun facing him for the first time in a varsity game. It's a little bit disappointing that he had to leave. We'll be playing them again down the road."

It was the first meeting on the soccer pitch between the two squads since September 21, 2019. Granby won that game by the final score of 5-2.

Palmer, who hadn't defeated Granby in more than 15 years, finished the 2022 regular season in second place in the Grieve Division standings behind Mount Greylock. The Lady Panthers moved into the Central Division, along with Amherst Regional, prior to the start of this season.

"We haven't played most of the teams in our league before," Sandoval said. "We're still trying to figure it out."

The Lady Rams (0-3), who are a very young squad, were looking to get into the win column for the first time against the Lady Panthers.

"We're a very young soccer team and Palmer is a very good soccer team," said Mick, who has been coaching soccer at different levels with Weaver for many years. "I thought we played much better

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Dylan Doherty looks to make a tackle.

Panthers suffer defeat at Quaboag

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARREN—Tyler Withers is one of the five seniors listed on the Quaboag football roster.

Withers, who's a co-captain, scored three touchdowns and set-up another one with an interception, as the Cougars rolled to a 34-0 non-league home victory over the Palmer Panthers before a large crowd, last Friday night.

"Tyler is our go to guy of-

fensively. He also plays defense and is our field goal kicker," said Quaboag head coach Dave Shepherd. "He's an outstanding athlete and is a very hard worker. We would certainly be in a lot of trouble without him."

Withers, who made four of his five extra point attempts against the Panthers, joined the varsity football team as a kicker in the eighth grade.

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Matthew Santos attempts a pass.

Mustangs offense rolling



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Kendall Bodak works around an opponent.



Hannah Murphy sends a pass forward.



Ciara Monaghan stops the ball and tries to keep an opponent from taking it away.



Sierra Martinson clears the ball away



Lynzie Bailey runs after the loose ball.

MONSON – In four games so far this fall, Monson girls soccer is averaging seven goals per game. They have allowed just one goal in those

four games. Last Thursday afternoon, Monson defeated Southwick 7-0 at home. Hannah Murphy got the hat trick with three goals while Addie

Peterson notched two goals and an assist to help lead the Monson attack. Emily Provost picked up her third shutout of the season with eight saves.

SOCCER

Hot start lifts Monson to first win



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MONSON – Last Thursday afternoon, Monson boys soccer scored all three of their goals in the first half and the defense did the rest in a 3-0 win over visiting Holyoke. Alex Young had two goals for the Mustangs while Charles Dillahunt scored the third goal. In the net, Austin Meacham had six saves. Monson improved to 1-2 for the season.

Colin Beaupre stops the ball before deciding his next move.

Pioneers edged by Renaissance

SPRINGFIELD – Last Friday afternoon, Pathfinder girls soccer went to halftime in a 1-1 deadlock, but Renaissance tacked on two goals in the second half for a 3-2 win. Pathfinder is 0-2 to start the fall. The Pioneers lost to Athol 7-0 last Wednesday afternoon. The Pioneers look for their first win on Sept. 21 against Sizer School of Central Mass.



Samantha Lowe passes the ball away with a quick touch.



Goalie Addison Doktor makes a low save.



Reilly Ireland stops the ball.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



Victoria Stevens tries to get to the ball before her opponent.



Emily Hoad tries to work the ball out of the defensive end.

CANDLEPIN LEAGUE NEWS

Tuesday Night Commercial Elks League

By Ryan Drago
Staff Writer

PALMER – Week two of the Tuesday Night Commercial Elks League featured a lot of high scores and close matches at Diamond Junction Bowling Lanes.

The standings after week one feature Acres at first place with a record of three wins, one loss,

a team high single of 398, and a team high triple of 1123. In second place is Life is Good at three wins, one loss, a team high single of 383, and a team high triple of 1093.

Third place is Last in Line, with three wins and one loss, with team high single of 334 and team high triple of 950.

Fourth place is Compression

at three wins and one loss. Compression has a team high single of 316 and a team high triple of 930.

Fifth place is Team B.K. with one win and three losses, a team high single of 393, and a team high triple of 1105. Sixth place is The Champs R Here at one win and three losses, team high single of 358, and a team high triple of 1055.

Last in Line. Victorious in game one by five pins winning 390 to Last in Line's 385.

In game two, the Champs R Here won 377-369. Game three, Champs R Here won 371-361.

In another matchup, The Blue B's team took on Life is Good. The Blue B's team has every bowler on their team use a blue set of candlepin bowling balls.

Matt Wrisley of the team started off strong with a 117 first game. One of their opponents on Life is Good, Paul Cyr, scored 110 the first game.

Blue B's won all 3 games against Life is Good. Game one, winning by a score of 391-363, game two winning 325-315, and winning game three, 357-332.

Another matchup featuring a three-game sweep is Acres against Compression. Compression was victorious in game one, featuring Jason Dominick breaking the century mark with a 105.

For team total, Compression won the first game, 408-367. In game two, Compression won 370-367.

Game three, Compression won for the clean sweep by a score of 388-342. On Acres, Kenny Trudel was over his league average (99) every game by scoring 107, 103, and 101 for a three game series of 311.

Diamond Junction Bowling Lanes is located at 1446 North Main St. in Palmer. The alleys can be reached at 413-289-0013.

Seventh is the Blue B's Team at a 1-3 record, a team high single of 313, and a team high triple of 925.

On lanes 7 and 8 was a match between Last in Line and the Champs R Here. John Colkos of Champs R Here had an excellent night, leading the team with three games over his average.

Colkos bowled a 124 his first game, a 98 second game, and a 119 third game. Bringing his three game series total of 341 for the night.

In a close matchup The Champs R Here won all three games against



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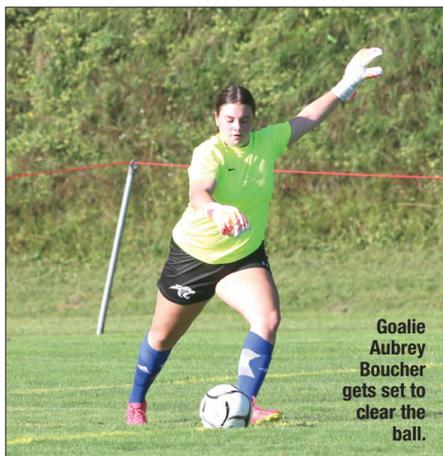
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Goalie Aubrey Boucher gets set to clear the ball.

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Athlete of the Week

Alex Young
Monson

In a shutout of Holyoke High School, Alex Young led the way for Monson boys soccer with two goals scored.

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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Addyson Petraszewicz tries to get the ball by an opponent.



Ava Swist winds up for a shot.

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during the second half."

It was the first time that Mick coached a varsity soccer game.

"I've always enjoyed coaching with Bob. I never thought about becoming a varsity coach," he said. "This is the first time that he had to leave a game in the eight years that we've been coaching the Granby girls' varsity team."

Therault, who also scored five goals in a 5-5 home tie versus Amherst six days earlier, scored four of her goals against Granby in the first 30 minutes of the contest.

During the third minute of the opening half, Therault, who's approaching 100 career points, fired a shot into the right corner past Granby freshman goalie Meredith Bartosz (10 saves).

Junior Gianna Perry was credited with the assist on Therault's first goal.

Perry also assisted on Therault's second goal a minute later.

"Charlotte is an outstanding soccer player, and she's a lot more focused this year. She's a very hard worker," Sandoval said. "Her teammates always support her."

The contest was evenly played for the next 22 minutes.

During the 26th minute, Therault received a pass from junior Jayda Pardo before firing a shot into the upper left

corner of the net.

A couple of minutes later, Therault scored an unassisted goal giving her team a 4-0 lead.

The Lady Rams broke the ice during the 36th minute when senior Emily Tremblay lifted a shot over the head of junior goalie Aubrey Boucher (3 saves) into the back of the net for an unassisted goal.

Then a breakaway goal by freshman Kalli White sliced the Lady Rams deficit in half at halftime.

Granby couldn't get any closer than two goals, as a long shot by Perry sailed into the net pushing Palmer's lead to 5-2.

The Lady Panthers first goal of the second half was assisted by Therault.

Therault scored her final goal of the match, which was assisted by junior Nevaeh Solis during the 56th minute.

Another breakaway goal by White cut the Lady Rams deficit to 6-3 in the middle of the second half.

Junior Kelly Lynne Kennedy was credited with the assist.

Palmer's final goal of the match was scored by junior Loretta Petraszewicz and it was assisted by Pardo.

The second meeting of the regular season between the two squads is scheduled to take place at Granby High School on October 4.



Hunter White moves up the field on a carry.



Osvaldo Nieves runs through traffic.



Jared Perry attempts to block for his ball carrier.

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"I'm going to miss playing football under the lights on a Friday night next year, but I'm hoping to play college football," Withers said. "We're now 2-0 and it just feels amazing."

After squeaking out a 22-21 win at Ludlow in this year's season opener, the Cougars managed to pull away from the Panthers (0-2) during the second half in their home opener.

"We started the game off a little bit slowly, but we really got it going in the third quarter," Shepherd said. "We played a lot better in the second half."

It was the first meeting on the gridiron between the two teams since the Cougars pulled out a thrilling 13-12 home win in the 2019 season opener. Quaboag also posted a 13-0 shutout victory at Legion Field in 2018. The last time that Palmer defeated Quaboag was in 2017 by the final score of 6-0.

Palmer head coach Matt Marciniac was pleased with the way his team battled during the first half of last Friday night's contest.

"I thought we performed well during the first half," Marciniac said. "We had the momentum, but we just need to take that next step and make smarter plays."

The Palmer defense did make a key play in the first quarter.

Sophomore Dylan Doherty put pressure on Quaboag sophomore quarterback Jacob Cacace and senior Andrew Menard recorded the sack on a fourth down play, which gave the Panthers offense the ball at midfield.

Palmer sophomore QB Matt Santos picked up a first down by completing a 16-yard pass to Menard on fourth down.

With a little more than two minutes left in the first quarter, the Panthers were forced to turn the ball over on downs, which set up the Cougars first scoring drive.

On a third down play from their own 45, Cacace connected with junior Brason Seriel, who was tackled at the Panthers 29. Palmer also had a roughing the passer penalty, which moved the ball 15 yards closer to the end zone.

Withers capped off the six play drive with a 10-yard run on the final play of the first quarter.

Three minutes into the second quarter, Palmer junior Guillermo Rivera recovered a fumble at the Cougars 23, but they turned the ball over on downs once again.

With 2:40 remaining in the first half, Cacace handed the ball off to Withers, who gave it to Seriel on a reverse play. Seriel ran 62 yards down the left sideline into the endzone giving the home team a 14-0 lead.

"The touchdown on the reverse play was huge for us," Shepherd said. "It gave us a two touchdown lead."

Withers missed a 34-yard field goal as the final seconds ticked off the scoreboard clock.

Withers took over the spotlight in the second half.

He returned an interception 73 yards to the Panthers seven yard line with 8:54 left in the third quarter. Seriel scored his second rushing touchdown on the first play of the series.

Another short TD run by Withers with 1:50 remaining in the third quarter gave the home team a commanding 28-0 lead.

At the beginning of the final quarter, Cacace threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to Withers.

Because Quaboag was leading by more than 32 points at that point, the clock kept running for the rest of the game.

One of the Cougars leading defensive players was senior co-captain Bryce Douglas, who made more than ten tackles.

"Bryce was tremendous defensively," Shepherd said. "He made a lot of tackles and also anchors the offensive line."

The other Quaboag seniors are Chucky Smith, Jaden Ostig, and Aidan Pontbriand, who are all starters.

While the Cougars will be looking to improve to 3-0 with another non-league game at Quabbin Regional on Friday night, the Panthers will be looking to get into the win column for the first time this season when they visit Easthampton.

WSU girls get big win

WESTFIELD - Westfield State junior forward Delaney Parker (Orange, Mass./Mahar HS) notched her 52nd career goal to set the Owls' career goals record in a 5-0 win over Massachusetts Maritime Academy in a Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference women's soccer match at Alumni Field on Saturday afternoon.

Westfield, the defending conference champs and picked first in the league's pre-season poll, looked the part as they outshot Buccaneers 28-0 in the first half, and 37-1 in the match. The Owls improve to 3-3, 1-0 MASCAC. Mass Maritime is now 0-4, and 0-1 in the league.

Parker's record-setter was the Owls fifth goal of the first half, as she scored on PK after the Owls Ryan Moran was taken down from behind while attacking the goal in the 42nd minute.

Parker's shot was just off the left side of Buccaneers starting goalkeeper Brady Deschamps (Brewster, Mass./Nauset).

It feels great," said Parker. "I could tell the shots I was taking earlier were just me in my head. I was thinking 'I need to get it' but I was just off."

The crowd surged with excitement for each Owls scoring chance for Parker, but she delivered a couple of shots high over the cross bar in the early going.

"Even the PK wasn't great," she said, throwing up her hands. "But it went in, and now it's over with."

Westfield made sure the game was over by the half.

Tia Tollis (East Longmeadow, Mass.) put the Owls on the board in the eighth minute with a nice header off of a corner kick from Jaida Cochran (Middleboro, Mass.). Kiana Maratsuka (Mililani, Hawaii) delivered a pair of goals, both on feeds from Parker, and Kiana Patel (Nairobi, Kenya) tallied her first collegiate goal with an assist from Maratsuka as the Owls got out to the big early lead.

The Owls peppered Deschamps with 28 total shots as she made 11 saves in the first half. Reagan Kerecz (Tolland, Conn./Ethel Walker School) played between the pipes for the Bucs in the second half and came up with six saves to keep the Owls off the board in the second frame.

Westfield used 26 players including two goalkeepers. Kayla Santucci (Agawam, Mass.) didn't face a single shot in the first half in getting the win, and Michaela Monchecchi (Windsor, Mass./Wahconah) came out of the net to play a wide shot from Deschamps, who played in the field in the second half, late in the game on the only serious incursion into Owls territory for the Buccaneers.

Parker now has 52 goals, one more than Owls hall of famer Sandy (Pinto) Graham '97. Parker shares the team lead with Maratsuka with five goals each this season. Parker led NCAA D3 in goals with 31 as a freshman and added 16 in her sophomore season.

Westfield State was playing its first home game of the season after starting with four straight on the road. The Owls travels took them from Gorham, Maine to Cortland, N.Y. while playing schools from Maine, Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania. Westfield traversed 1,114 miles in facing those four foes.

T-Birds start season Oct. 14

SPRINGFIELD - The Springfield Thunderbirds, the proud AHL affiliate of the St. Louis Blues, today announced their slate of promotions and theme nights for the 2023-24 season, presented by MGM Springfield. The T-Birds will host 36 home games from October to April inside the MassMutual Center.

The Calder Cup quest begins on Saturday, Oct. 14 for Opening Night presented by MGM Springfield. In the team's annual tradition, fans will be treated to a pregame Block Party on the property of MGM Springfield from 4:00 - 6:00 PM presented by Community Bank N.A. with the support of the Springfield Business Improvement District (BID). The outdoor bash will feature live music, food, and drink. Thunderbirds fans will have the opportunity to get their hands on a plethora of giveaway souvenir items this season, beginning on Opening Night with jersey-shaped rally towels on each and every seat at the MassMutual Center.

"On the heels of a record 15 sellouts last season, we are continuing to aim higher to ensure the Thunderdome remains a definitive home-ice advantage for our team," said Thunderbirds President Nathan Costa. "Our fans will always remain our number one priority, and this year's promotions and theme nights reflect that, as there truly is something in it for everybody. We cannot wait to get another unforgettable season underway."

Fans interested in attending Opening Night can take advantage of a value offer with the purchase of a Dunkin' Opening Night Pack, which starts at \$100 in the Defense Zone, \$115 in the Attack Zone sections and \$130 in the Center Value Zone sections. Fans who purchase a pack will receive: two (2) tickets to Opening Night on Oct. 14; four (4) vouchers redeemable at any regular season game in 2023-24 (subject to availability); one (1) T-Birds hat; a Dunkin' gift card; and one (1) Single Day Big E admission*.

Halloween fun day to be held

GILBERTVILLE—Friends of the Stone Church will present a Halloween fun day with arts and dance activities at the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St., between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7. Free for children of all ages, the program will offer spirited ghost dances and games, mask-making, painted pumpkins, cookies to decorate and other fun. Local artist and crafters will instruct and refreshments will be served. Reservations are requested at <https://forms.gle/Kq194HygDjD1riu68> or by calling Kathy McCrohon at 508-404-7552 by Oct. 5. Youth under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

DEATH NOTICES

Evelyn C. Banach

Visitation is Saturday, September 23 from 9:30-11 a.m. at the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home with a service to begin at 11 a.m. Burial will follow in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Bessette Jr., William

Died September 9, 2023 Services September 30, 2023

Talbot, Claire Ellen

Died September 18, 2023 Funeral September 22, 2023

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O B I T U A R I E S

William G. Bessette, Jr., 1963-2023

BRIMFIELD - William G. Bessette, Jr., 60 passed away peacefully Saturday, September 9, 2023.

A loud voice with a commanding presence and an enormous heart. Billy was a strong, hardworking, and gracious man, a steadfast, devoted Dad and a dedicated, dependable employee. Billy loved deeply and appreciated life's simplest joys. He attended Pathfinder Regional Technical High School where he focused his studies on auto body repair. Billy's greatest passion was classic cars and bringing them back to their original glory, or chopping and molding them into "hotrods"—all works of art. A garage was Billy's happy place, tinkering on cars, trucks, motorcycles - anything with wheels or a motor, he enjoyed a break and a cold drink when friends would happen by, with classic country or golden oldies playing as a backdrop, inspiring his work.

A NASCAR fan for life, rarely was a race missed except for very special life moments. Billy loved rocking chairs, "good" junk shops, swap meets, drive in movies, singing, road trips, back roads, canoe trips, and treasured time spent at "Camp" in New Hampshire, making memories was important. He loved the Quabbin Reservoir, picnics, flying kites, his

lawn, wildflowers and roses, flying an American flag proudly, most recently learning fly fishing, baking muffins, making Saturday morning breakfast, preparing Sunday afternoon junk food for a race and serving it up with "blue" juice boxes, he loved ice cream and always enjoying dessert.... first. Billy was enthusiastic and took great pride in having been the biggest fan; and mostly, one-man pit crew for the boys and their race bikes. "Just Billy" became a self-given and later revered title. Billy was beloved by his large and loving family, and an unmeasurable lifetime of friends of all ages, including his four-legged, loyal Rosie.

Billy leaves his longtime sweetheart and partner in life, Mona Rand; his son, Jason Bessette and his wife Danielle of Palmer, and his son, Justin Bessette of Westfield, Mona's children, Rebecca Wurster (Michael), Jesse Gibbs (Erica), Timothy Rand (Veronica), Amber Rand (Darren Barrington), Gabriel Rand (Erica), his cherished mother, Betty Ann (Racine) Webber, brother Shawn Webber (Carolyn), sisters Barbara Bessette and Erica Webber, fourteen precious grandchildren with one on the way, as well as three



nieces and a nephew, many aunts, uncles and cousins. He loved and will be sadly missed by "Gram" Gibbs, his best friend "Wes" Gates and his step grandfather Ike Bryant.

Billy was predeceased by his father William G. Bessette, Sr. and Stepdad, David Webber. And an adored man's best friend "Poop" Dog.

Billy was born in Vernon, CT and went on to settle in Wales and Brimfield, MA. Billy had been employed by T.J. O'Keefe Construction, as well as many years working with the Fortier family, more recently with Collins & Sons Construction, all of Wales, MA. Billy attended New Birth Christian Church in Thorndike, where he will be missed by his amazing, supportive church family.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Lombard Funeral Home of Monson. Services and a celebration of life will take place Saturday, September 30th at New Birth Christian Church, 4025 Church Street, Thorndike, MA. Family will receive visitation from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. with a memorial service taking place at 12:00 noon.

Claire E. Talbot, 1947-2023

Claire Ellen Talbot, 76, of Monson, Massachusetts, passed away peacefully at home on September 18, 2023. She was born on February 23, 1947, in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Claire was a quiet, creative, and loving wife and mother who found joy in the simple things in life, from a warm cup of coffee to the comfort of a good book.

In her free time, Claire enjoyed reading, painting, puzzles, volunteering in the community, and traveling with her family. Some of her fondest memories were of the annual beach trip she took with Linda and Jerry Boesse and their family. She and Linda loved to shop, and they looked forward to the trip each year. Claire also loved animals and was a strong advocate for their well-being.

Claire was a wife and mother devoted to making her house a home for her friends and fam-

ily. When her daughters were young, she cooked, baked, and made sure all their friends had a warm, inviting place to visit.

Claire will be deeply missed by her surviving family members, including daughter Elise G.

Powell and her husband Bryan D. Powell; daughter Gail S. Talbot-Olson and her husband, Thomas Talbot-Olson; brother Richard Tourville and his wife Eileen; brother James Tourville and his wife Bonnie; and step grandsons; Ian R. Powell, Alex V. Powell, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband of 39 years, Thomas Louis Talbot, and parents Eleanor (Gendron) Tourville and Leonard Tourville.

Claire was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. May



she be reunited with her loving husband, family, and friends in eternal life.

A viewing will be held at Lombard Funeral Home in Monson, Massachusetts on Friday, September 22, 2023, from 9:00 am to 11:00 pm, immediately followed by a funeral home service. A Celebration of Life will be held at Columbia Hall at 19 Green Street, following the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to the ASPCA or Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in Claire's memory.

Claire's family is deeply grateful for the kindness & generosity of family and friends, Baystate Hospice, Monson Fire Department, and Affinity Home Care.

Bonsignore adds 11th Riverhead Raceway win at crucial time

RIVERHEAD, N.Y. - Saturday night's NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour race at Riverhead Raceway came down to the final five laps, with the two championship contenders battling it out to the finish.

At the checkered flag, Justin Bonsignore scored his 11th career Riverhead Raceway victory, tying Mike Ewanitko for the most all-time at the New York bullring. The win was also his 40th career in NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour competition and fifth of the 2023 season.

Bonsignore is one of just four drivers in the history of the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour to

win 40 events. He is currently just two wins behind tying Ted Christopher for third on the all-time list.

With the win, Bonsignore took over the points lead over Ron Silk with just three races remaining in the season. Silk finished third on Saturday after the two battled down the stretch.

"Tying Mike Ewanitko has been a goal of mine since I was fortunate enough to start winning races here on the Whelen Modified Tour," Bonsignore said. "I wish he was here tonight, but I'm sure I will get something funny in texts later tonight. It was a heavyweight fight for sure tonight. This is an awesome event that everyone here

puts together to keep racing going on Long Island and honor Ed Partridge. The momentum has been on our side lately - onto North Wilkesboro in two weeks."

The next event on the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour schedule is set for Saturday, Sept. 30, as the series heads to North Wilkesboro Speedway, one of the most historic tracks in NASCAR history. For more information on three-time NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour champion Justin Bonsignore, visit JustinBonsignore.com and follow his Athlete page on Facebook for the latest news and updates from the track.

Troop 164 earned multiple badges this summer

PALMER— This summer, Troop 164 went to the Webster Scout Reservation in Connecticut for a week-long summer camp filled with fun activities. The scouts enjoyed bonding over soccer, chocolate shakes, shopping for pocket knives and snacks at the trading post, swimming in the lake, biking, and earning merit badges. The Scouts even braved a few thunderstorms and the Gaga pit.

The Troop also participated in the Legion Camporee where different troops and patrols competed with each other to earn ribbons. The youngest patrol, The Dragons, brought home some ribbons. Scouts are a great way for our youth to develop academic skills, self-confidence, teamwork, leadership skills, and citizenship skills while having fun with their friends.

The scouts even fit in time to help older troop members with their Eagle Projects. They refurbished six horseshoe set ups at the Amvets in Three Rivers and renovated a memorial site near the Palmer Police Station.

The troop also engage with the community collecting bottles and cans to help fund summer camp and other activities. Troop 164 wrapped up the summer activities with their annual Canoe and Kayak Campout.

During this campout, Scouts worked on either the canoe or kayaking merit badge and developed skills necessary to be safe and have fun on the water. The Troop held a Code of Honor to celebrate with their family and friends, and to recognize all their hard work and achievements over the last few months. To learn more about the program and how to join Scouts BSA (Boy Scout) Troop 164 chartered by The Church of Divine Mercy in Three Rivers, please email us by at troop-164bulldogs@gmail.com.



Scouts fishing at Webster Scout Reservation.



Submitted photos
Scouts loading bottle and cans from the can drive.



Scouts participate in activities while at camp.

Wilbraham Garden club hosts meeting on Oct. 5

WILBRAHAM— The first meeting of the 2023/2024 year of the Wilbraham Garden Club will be held on Thursday, Oct. 5. A luncheon will be served at noon, at the St. Cecelia's Parish Center on Main St. Please bring a prospective new member. There is no guest fee for this meeting.

The speaker for the day will be Jen Angle, the owner of Wood and Word Blooms of Connecticut. Angle will demonstrate various painting techniques on wood flowers; the material used to create them; and how they are made. Angle will show us how they are painted, stemmed and arranged into bouquets for weddings or made into arrangements for special occasions.

Pumpkin Patch Festival to be held Oct. 14

SPRINGFIELD, MA — Trinity United Methodist Church will hold its first annual Pumpkin Patch Festival on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the front lawn at 361 Sumner Ave. This fall Festival hopes to unite Springfield and surrounding towns as a go-to event for family fun and community engagement. Guests can look forward to purchasing the perfect jack-o'-lantern from an amazing display of over 400 pumpkins grown locally in nearby farms. Music will fill the air at this event as children find their way to a favorite activity while adults enjoy browsing among the various craft vendors.

Youngsters will have the chance to paint their own pumpkin, have their picture taken with Mr. Scarecrow, and purchase tickets to win a cake, fish for prizes and line up for a turn or two in the bounce house. Guests can select from an assortment of themed gift baskets to bid on at a silent auction. There will be a variety of food truck vendors and the opportunity to purchase a dish of freshly-baked apple crisp for dessert.

Police/Fire

Police Logs

Palmer

The Palmer Police Department reported 488 incidents on its logs for Sept. 5-Sept. 11.

Sept. 5

At 10:34 a.m. police respond to an accident on River Street with property damage.

At 4:42 p.m. police arrest Adrian Ortiz, 39, of 117 Beacon Drive, Palmer on charges of operating after license suspended, leaving the scene of property damage. Ortiz also had a warrant.

At 5:13 p.m. police responded to an accident on Beacon Drive with property damage.

At 6:55 p.m. police summoned 2 juveniles both 15 on charges of public way violation, negligent operation of motor vehicle, unsafe operation of a snow/rec vehicle, failure to produce registration snow/rec vehicle, and snow/rec vehicle helmet violation.

At 8:10 p.m. police arrest Makayla Renee Williams, 34, of 109 Parallel St., Springfield on charges of child endangerment while OUI, OUI liquor, uninsured motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle after suspended or revoked registration, and possession/consumption of alcoholic beverage in an open container.

At 11:21 p.m. police arrest Tashawn Orrin Kelly, 22, of 101 Mulberry St., Springfield on charges of OUI drugs, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, failure to yield at

an intersection, open container of Marijuana in vehicle and failure to stop/yield.

Sept. 6

At 11:25 a.m. police responded to an accident at Shearer's Corner with property damage.

At 2:45 a.m. police responded to an accident at the corner of Church Street and Center Street with property damage.

At 4:31 p.m. police received sex offender registration.

At 5:54 p.m. police summoned Bo Alexander Zwisler, 19, of 10 Hunter Hill Road, Monson on charges of uninsured vehicle, and unregistered vehicle.

Sept. 7

At 8:33 a.m. police responded to a hit and run accident on N. Main Street.

At 5:48 p.m. police responded to an accident on N. Main Street with personal injury.

At 7:02 p.m. police summoned Jose Ricardo Centeno, 30, of 36 Ames St., Springfield on charges of operating a motor vehicle with license suspended and marked lane violation.

At 11:22 p.m. police arrest Alysaun Lorraine Knox, 39, of 48 Beebe Road, Wilbraham on a charge of OUI liquor second offense.

Sept. 8

At 12:14 a.m. police arrest Holly Lynn Sullivan, 32, of 303 Wilbraham Road, Hampden on 2 charges of assault and battery on a police

officer, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

At 7:09 a.m. police responded to a hit and run accident on S. Main Street.

At 9:54 a.m. police responded to a hit and run accident on Main Street.

At 5:42 p.m. police arrest Barry J. Cavanaugh, 61, of 128 Springfield St., Three Rivers for 2 charges of violating a harassment prevention order.

Sept. 9

At 3:10 a.m. police responded to an accident on Ware Street and summoned Patrick J. Murry, 34, 56 Front St., West Brookfield on charges of negligent operation of a motor vehicle, OUI liquor second offense, and marked lanes violation.

At 5:18 p.m. police arrest Holly A. Leland, 47, of 2026 Pleasant St., Three Rivers on charges of marked lane violations, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and OUI liquor.

Sept. 11

At 1:20 p.m. police received sex offender registration.

At 2:15 p.m. police responded to an accident on Thorndike Street with property damage.

At 2:33 p.m. police responded to an accident with personal injury on Second Street.

At 4:46 p.m. police responded to an accident with property damage on Park Street.

Fire Logs

BONDSDVILLE

The Bondsville Fire Department responded to five calls from the period of Sept. 5-11.

Sept. 6 at 7:58 a.m. Responded to Third Street for an alarm activation. Returned to service at 8:21 a.m.

Sept. 7 at 8:10 p.m. Responded with mutual aid to Ridge Street in Palmer for a garage fire. Tanker 31 responded to the scene and Engine 32 was redirected to Station 16 to cover. Returned to service at 8:31 p.m.

Sept. 8 at 6:39 p.m. Responded with mutual aid to River Street in Thorndike for an alarm activation. Returned to service at 7:22 p.m.

Sept. 8 at 7:19 p.m. Responded to South High Street for a tree that fell on a house. Returned to service at 7:35 p.m.

Sept. 11 at 2:35 p.m. Responded to Second Street for a motorcycle accident. Returned to service at 3:08 p.m.

Sept. 12 at 6:48 a.m. Responded to Longview Drive for a structure fire. Returned to service at 8:03 a.m.

Sept. 13 at 3:05 p.m. Responded to Lakeside Drive for a downed wire on a vehicle. Returned to service at 3:42 p.m.

Sept. 13 at 11:09 p.m. Responded to Stafford Hollow Road for a carbon monoxide alarm. Returned to service at 12:44 a.m.

Sept. 14 at 7:43 a.m. Responded to Upper Palmer Road for a carbon monoxide alarm. Returned to service at 8:07 a.m.

Sept. 14 at 9:04 a.m. Responded to High Street for a fire alarm activation. Returned to service at 9:24 a.m.

PALMER

The Palmer Fire Department responded to 11 fire calls and four medical assist calls from Sept. 12-19:

Sept. 12 at 6:59 a.m. Responded with mutual aid to Longview Drive in Monson for a structure fire. Returned to service at 8:12 a.m.

Sept. 12 at 2:53 p.m. Responded to Homestead Drive for a detector activation. Returned to service at 3:22 p.m.

Sept. 12 at 10:09 p.m. Responded with mutual aid to Old Belcher-town Road in Ware for a structure fire. Returned to service at 10:53 p.m.

Sept. 13 at 11:33 p.m. Responded to Shearer Street for a smoke scare. Returned to service at 11:59 p.m.

Sept. 14 at 6:18 a.m. Responded to Church Street in Thorndike for heat from a short circuit. Returned to service at 6:50 a.m.

Sept. 14 at 10:48 p.m. Responded to Wright Street for a detector activation. Returned to service at 11:20 p.m.

Sept. 15 at 12:55 p.m. Responded to Park Street for a tree on a power line. Returned to service at 1:36 a.m.

Sept. 16 at 10:06 a.m. Responded to North Main Street for a detector activation. Returned to service at 10:19 a.m.

Sept. 16 at 10:46 a.m. Responded to Shearer Street for a motor vehicle accident with a pedestrian. Returned to service at 11:02 a.m.

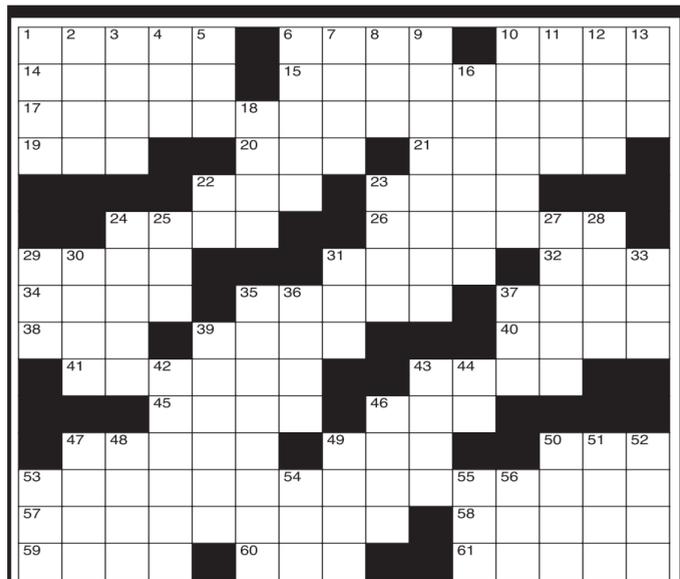
Sept. 16 at 10:10 p.m. Responded to Winthrop Street for an unauthorized burning. Returned to service at 10:32 p.m.

Sept. 18 at 11:29 a.m. Responded to Depot Street for a detector activation. Returned to service at 11:45 a.m.

Three River

Sept. 10 the department was dispatched at 5:18 p.m. to Springfield Street to investigate suspicious smoke and the odor of smoke. The department returned to service at 5:32 p.m.

Sept. 11 the department was dispatched at 9:28 a.m. to Pleasant Street for a smoke alarm activation. The department returned to service at 9:42 a.m.



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It is a local craft fair that attracts some of the Pioneer Valley's finest crafters, along with hundreds of animal loving patrons, all to benefit homeless animals in the community.

There will be 30 vendors, great raffles, Jeannies Weenies and Fat City Kid food trucks, music provided by Visual Sound Productions, pet merchandise for sale, bake sale and more. Special guests Jonathan Hall and Toto the Tornado Kitten will be stopping by for the afternoon.

Proceeds go directly to the medical care and treatment for Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control and Adoption Center animals in need.

More information is available on www.tjofoundation.org, by emailing info@tjofoundation.org or by calling 413.306.5161

Public notices

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Nickolas J. DiGregorio, Sr. aka Nicholas J. DiGregorio Sr. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for EquiFirst Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated August 21, 2006, and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 16144, Page 324, subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee RAMP 2006EFC2 by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for EquiFirst Corporation, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 18764, Page 555 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at **1:00 PM on October 5, 2023**, at 1477 Dunhamtown-Brimfield Road a/k/a 1477 Dunhamtown Road, Brimfield, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit: The land on the easterly side of Dunhamtown-Brimfield Road in Brimfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts, known and designated as Lot 3A as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Brimfield, Mass surveyed for Nickolas J. DiGregorio, Jr. and Owned by Nickolas J. DiGregorio, Sr." dated November 30, 2004, said plan being recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 335, Page 69, which plan is incorporated by reference herein and to which plan reference may be had for further description. The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the

sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. T

TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-EFC2 Present Holder of said Mortgage,

By Its Attorneys,
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Phone: (781) 790-7800
21-003151
09/14, 09/21, 09/28/2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises:
11 Christine Street,
Palmer, MA 01069
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Randall E. Paxton to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for First Federal Savings Bank of Boston, and now held by **U.S. Bank National Association**, said mortgage dated September 12, 2014 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 20424, Page 171, as affected by a Loan Modification dated June 7, 2016 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 21287, Page 50; as affected by an Affidavit dated March 2, 2023 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 24927, Page 586; said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for First Federal Savings Bank of Boston to U.S. Bank National Association by assignment dated September 18, 2015 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 20876, Page 399; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction on November 7, 2023 at 01:00 PM** Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The following real property situate on the Southerly side of proposed street, known as "Christine Street" Town of Palmer, Hampden County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pipe which is located S. 78 degrees 06 minutes E. a distance of four hundred thirty-six (436) feet from an iron pin in the Easterly line of Flynt Road and at the Northwesterly corner

of land formerly of Albert L'Heureux, now believed to be of Stephen Stoneberger, all as shown on "Plan of Land in Palmer, Mass. owned by Charles T. Carter, dated August, 1957, Theodore P. Drazek, R.L.S." recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans 70, Page 28; thence running S. 78 degrees 06 minutes E. a distance of one hundred fifty (150) feet to an iron pin; thence turning and running N. 18 degrees 54 minutes E one hundred fifty and no/100 (150) feet to an iron pin in the Southerly terminus of a proposed street known as "Christine Street" thence turning and running N. 78 degrees 06 minutes W along the line of said proposed street one hundred fifty and no/100 (150.00) feet to an iron pin; thence turning and running S. 18 degrees 54 minutes W. along land of Charles Carter et al one hundred fifty and no/100 (150) feet, more or less to the place of beginning.

Together with the right in common with the Grantors and other, to use the proposed street, as shown on said plan for all purposes of travel.

Bing the same premises conveyed to Randall E. Paxton from Nathan J. Smith, Jr. by deed dated 9/12/2014 and recorded on 9/12/2014 in the Register of Deed for Hampden County, Massachusetts in Deed Instrument 42258 Deed Book: 20424, Page: 168

Also known as: 11 Christine St., Palmer, Massachusetts 01069

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 September 12, 2014 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 20424, Page 168.

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.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Brock & Scott, PLLC
1080 Main Street, Suite 200
Pawtucket, RI 02860
Attorney for U.S. Bank National Association
Present Holder of the Mortgage
(401) 217-8701
09/21, 09/28, 10/05/2023

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Bridget K. Sloan and Joseph C. Sloan to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for The Federal

Savings Bank, its successors and assigns, dated November 16, 2018 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 22449, Page 172, subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank National Association by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for The Federal Savings Bank, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 23042, Page 332 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at **2:00 PM on October 5, 2023** at 92 Wales Road, Brimfield, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land with buildings thereon in BRIMFIELD, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being further bounded and described as follows:

The land being shown as Lot 4 on the westerly side of Wales Road, Brimfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts, on sheet 1 of 2 on a plan entitled "PLAN OF LAND, BRIMFIELD, MA. PREPARED FOR: JEFFREY L. PAULIN", dated March 26, 2004, drawn by Fancy Land Surveying, 3 Hastings Road, Spencer, MA and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 333, Page 53 and Book of Plans 333, Page 54. Said Lot 4 containing 1.532 acres (66,750 +/- square feet) according to said plan. For title reference see Deed Book 22449, Page 128.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the

benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.

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Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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50 State Street
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Docket No. HD23P1908EA
Estate of:
Richard B Smith
Also known as:
Richard Bradway Smith
Date of Death: 08/27/2023
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Rose Marie Leonard of Monson, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Rose Marie Leonard of Monson, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**. **IMPORTANT NOTICE** You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right

to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/10/2023.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 12, 2023

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Under the requirements of M.G.L. Chapter 131 § 40, the Monson Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, October 4, 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 addition of a front and side porch and construction of a garage within Riverfront Area for the property located at 18 G Elm St, identified as Assessors Map 097, Parcel 043, is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act. The property owners are Paul Girard and Susy Cadieux.

Monson Conservation Commission
09/21/2023

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, October 4, 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 installation of a ground

mounted solar array and dug trench for the property located at 91 Upper Palmer Rd, identified as Assessors Map 091, Parcel 013, is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act. The property owners are William and Dena Plante.

Monson Conservation Commission
09/21/2023

TOWN OF WALES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of MGL Ch 40A §10 & §11, the **Wales Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on October 11, 2023, at the Wales Senior Center at 5:30 p.m.** on the application of Jane Duggan regarding the property at 125 Union Rd. in Wales. The applicant is requesting that the ZBA grant a special permit for the construction/installation of a 12x28 shed. Any person interested and wishing to be heard on this application should refer to October 11th, 2023 agenda on the Zoning Board of Appeals page on the town website (www.townofwales.net) under zoning board agenda for the above date. If you have any questions or concerns, please email planning@townofwales.net

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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, October 4, 2023 at 7:20 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 clearing and removal of vegetation within Riverfront Area for the property located at 175 State Ave, identified as Assessors Map 088, Parcel 001, is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act. The applicant is the Division of Capital Asset Management & Maintenance. The property owner is the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Monson Conservation Commission
09/21/2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Steven Bisson to Beneficial Massachusetts Inc., dated May 25, 2007 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 16720, Page 270, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Beneficial Massachusetts Inc. to DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc., recorded on June 7, 2018, in Book No. 22207, at Page 61 DLJ Mortgage Capital,

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The Petitioner requests that: **Cathleen Riberdy of Ware, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **un-supervised administration**.

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WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
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Special Education students Hunter Simpkins, Michelle Childs, Makayla Carney, Andy Robare, teacher Paul Holloway and student Austin Bickel deliver Turley Publications newspapers to classrooms around the district as part of the Life Skills program.



Hunter Simpkins puts a smile on Palmer High School Principal Sue North's face as he hands her a paper.



Andy Robare delivers a copy of the "Journal Register."



Austin Bickel concentrates as he writes the name and location of where he will deliver this week's copy of "The Journal Register."



Austin Bickel gives a thumbs-up as he cleans tables.



Austin Bickel is shown delivering a newspaper to Assistant Principal Amy Herring.



Hunter Simpkins shares a photo with Kaylei Nareau as they wait for elementary-schoolers to return to lunch.

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visit very often. Holloway said students deliver about 40 papers to faculty in the high school and 45 at the elementary school.

Ninety newspapers are donated by Turley Publications in support of the program, and subscribers select which paper they want based on where they live or where they work.

While the newspaper delivery opportunity allows students to practice social skills, other job training programs are offered to students, such as a table cleaning position.

Paraprofessional Christine Mansfield said students take turns volunteering to sanitize tables in between lunches at the elementary school.

"We're a unified school," Mansfield said. "These students have an opportunity to get out and get experience."

She added two students participate in cleaning tables regularly and are paid for their work.

A few former students who have "aged-out" have even landed positions working in the cafeteria at Old Mill Pond.

Some other experiences that help develop students' life skills are grocery shopping trips and ordering meals at restaurants.

"Twice a week we go shopping and bring back food," said Holloway.

This allows students to learn "everything from buying and budgeting to scanning at self check-out," Holloway said.

According to Mansfield, she urges students to practice price-checking as well.

For restaurant practice, Mansfield said students will sometimes go to "Perso," the student-run restaurant at Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School.

"They learn table manners, how to order, how to pay, how to sit and how to make eye contact," said Mansfield.

Another life skill being taught by the Special Education department is how to cook.

Starting in the cooler months, students participate in a weekly/bi weekly soup making activity, which allows students to engage in guided cooking.

Mansfield said Holloway and the classroom paraprofessionals aid students in learning how to follow a recipe and measure ingredients.

"We have our own cooking room," Mansfield said. "They do pretty good," said Mansfield.

For the community involvement portion of the program, Holloway said the group is working on repainting and finishing the wooden trains on the common area of Depot Village.

Students joined Holloway in a shopping trip to Lowe's for some sandpaper and will complete everything from sanding to painting.

"I reached out to (Community Development Director) John Latour about us painting them and bringing them back," said Holloway. "That's part of community involvement and giving back."

Mansfield said seeing students grow throughout the program "is very rewarding," and hopes the older students gain "a little more independence to become role models," to younger students.

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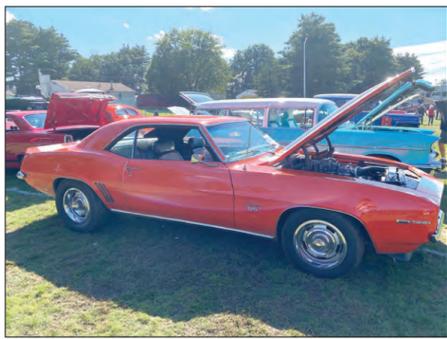
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Pathfinder Collision Repair teacher hosts 30th and final car show



Shown is an orange 1969 Chevy Camaro SS.



A front-facing image of the '69 Camaro.



A classic yellow buggie Volkswagen, featuring a roof-rack and dice, was on display at the 30th annual Palmer Regional Vocational Technical High School car show.



Shown from left to right are Debbie August, Michael Plouffe, Craig Sankey, Jason Bushey, Lauren Sankey, Tom Cote, Jeanine Sankey, Kris Spaulding, Mason Washington, Bonnie Spaulding, Marta Carrey, Glenn Sinon, Jeff Ovitt, Adam Holst and Ron Bushey.



Bonnie Spaulding, Roger Benoit and Kris Spaulding share a family photo with an award of appreciation from Sankey.



Seth, Savannah and Jennifer Lavallo stand before Seth's 2002 Chevy S10.



A 1967 Ford Mustang was in attendance, sporting a soft, metallic, green paint job.



Kelly Silva and Jay Koziol, of Ludlow, stand beside Koziol's Plymouth Duster.



Corbin Cuipenski and Hailey Letourneau are shown standing beside Cuipenski's 1965 Chevy Corvair Corsa.

By Dallas Gagnon
Staff Writer
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PALMER — After 30 years hosting the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School annual car show, PRVTHS Collision Repair teacher Craig Sankey is passing the torch.

"It's very bittersweet... we've met so many wonderful people over the years and lost great people within the community," said Sankey.

He said that after hosting the show for three decades, he and his crew believe their "time has come," adding PRVTHS Superintendent Eric Duda "wants the show to continue," and may form a car-show committee in the future.

Jeanine Sankey, wife to Craig, said the show started off as "an idea 32 years ago," to help offset the costs for students to participate in the SkillsUSA program.

Proceeds from the event have continued to provide financial support for the Collision Repair students to participate in the SkillsUSA competition as well as fund non-budgeted expenses such as shop shirts and sweatshirts.

Former Collision Repair adult program student Krista Wilson said Sankey "always puts the students first," and "is big on community."

"They've done so much over the years," said Wilson.

Sankey "deserves a lot of kudos," for all he has done for the students and the show, she said.

In the closing remarks, Jeanine Sankey revealed that with the help of PRVTHS Vocational Director Amy Skowrya, \$4,000 worth of sponsorships were secured in addition to the funds raised from the event.

The show generates money from a \$15 vehicle registration cost, a \$3 general admission fee and optional purchases of raffle tickets.

According to Sankey, the Sept. 17 car show was the largest and final showing, with over 300 registered vehicles in attendance.

"Our first show had 58 cars... My wife and I did everything," said Sankey.

Cousin to Sankey, Bonnie Spaulding, said she and husband, Kris Spaulding, have supported Sankey with the car show since 1997, starting off as volunteer cooks.

"It went from being extremely stressful (as) cooks, to just showing up and filling in," said Spaulding.

She added after the first eight years or so, the group went from trying to break registration from 100 cars on the lot, to trying to break 200.

"It's pretty incredible considering how many (vehicles) showed up," said Spaulding.

Sankey recognized several vol-

unteers who helped make the show possible over the past three decades, and said he has received "a lot of great support," from family and friends.

"We've had family by our side for 25 years," said Sankey. "We couldn't do it without (them)."

Daughter Lauren Sankey said that although her father's retirement from hosting the show is "bittersweet," it will create more opportunities for the family to enjoy attending shows opposed to organizing them.

"It's a lot of work," she said. "It takes up our entire summer, speaking with sponsors, going out to shows (and) handing out fliers," said Sankey. "Maybe my dad can restore his 1970 Dodge Dart."

While Sankey recognized the top 40 vehicles as chosen by himself and a judging team, he showed appreciation for "some people who make things happen."

"They say it takes a village; we definitely have a village," said Sankey.

He recognized friends and family, including Donna and Glenn Sinon, Bonnie and Kris Spaulding, Tom Cote, Adam Holst, Jason Bushey, Debbie August, Tom Willard, Rick Bushey, Jeanine Sankey and his parents.

"We have had an amazing crew over the last 30 years," said Sankey. "We appreciate everything."

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