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POLICE/FIRE



Palmer Police share history of policing

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PALMER – The Palmer Police Department recently held the first session of this year’s Citizens Police Academy, sharing the history of the department and policing.

The Citizens Police Academy, spearheaded by Sgt. David Burns, is a free, 10-session, informative class that provides community members an inside look at law enforcement in Palmer.

The goal of the academy is to provide a greater awareness and understanding of law enforcement’s role in the community, and give participants better knowledge of the operations and resources of the Palmer Police Department.

“Law and order has always been a societal issue (or) concern,” said Burns. “As soon as society builds up, policing and community forms.”

His presentation revealed the history of policing dates at least as far back as 1000, referencing the role of Shire Reeves, or Sheriffs in England.

Shire Reeves were responsible for policing shires, which are equivalent to modern day counties.

“They would go out into the night and patrol for looting and stealing,” said Burns.

Around 1630, Boston established a more formalized policing agency known as the “Boston Watch.”

Burns said the United States was still part of England at the time, and was tasked with similar responsibilities as Shire Reeves.

Around 1700 an organization called the Carolina Slave Patrol formed, and was paid by the wealthy to function as bounty hunters.

In 1829, a gentleman later coined as the “Father of Modern Policing,” Sir. Robert Peel, established the London Metropolitan Police Force.

Peel also introduced the philosophy “people are police,” and “police are people.”

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Pathfinder holds open house



At the Special Education table, (from left) Mike Forrest, Marina Latourelle, Annette Dzidek, Yvonne Jianaces, Bryony Parker and Kate Connelly.

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Shares curriculum

PALMER – Last week, Pathfinder Regional Technical Vocational School held an open house

to give parents and families the opportunity to see the school’s classes and curriculum for them-

selves. The parking lot was so full at 6 p.m. on Thursday evening that

cars had to park in the driveway leading up to the school.

“It’s very exciting to see all these people here early, well before we were even open,” said

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COMMUNITY



Submitted Photos by PDVTF Director Crystal
Three generations of family joined in the fun during the event. Each member is shown holding a customized scarecrow.

Scarecrow contest to bring light to domestic violence



One attendee is shown making a “scary” face and wearing festive Halloween fingers.

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PALMER – In light of Domestic Violence Awareness month in October, the Palmer Domestic

Violence Task Force has kicked off the organization’s second annual scarecrow contest and will host a second scarecrow building event later this month.

PDVTF Director Crystal said

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POLICE/FIRE

Board of Assessors request bylaw changes

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MONSON – The Board of Assessors appeared before the Select Board requesting four separate by-law changes get added to the Special Town Meeting warrant, which the board approved after a discussion.

The assessors’ request is about four sections of article 23 in the town bylaws, which relates to the town’s Finance Department.

“The vote to amend the town bylaws to create a Department of Municipal Finance in accordance with Mass General laws 43.C was made at the annual Town Meeting held on May 8, 2006,” said Assessor Chris Haley. “In accordance with the bylaw, the incumbent town accountant was sworn in as the Finance Director on Aug. 14, 2006. The Board of Assessors is asking for four separate changes to that article.”

He said the board’s request to amend these articles aims to reduce “ambiguity concerning the rules and obligations of everyone involved. The upshot of all four of these is that we believe policy should remain with the Board of Assessors, and personnel issues should remain with the Director of Finance and Budget.”

According to Haley, the board’s request comes after a decision made in 2022 when the board voted to close the office on Wednesdays.

“We didn’t enter into that decision lightly,” said Haley.

He said the workload was “overwhelming.”

This past August, Haley said the board received an email stating that by the order of the Director of Finance, “the window (would) now be open.”

He said the board believed there was “zero consideration of the reason why maybe we could have come to that decision.”

Haley added that the board is fully aware they hold elected positions, independent of the Select Board.

“We took an oath to the voters to provide a fair evaluation,” said Haley. “If we don’t have the ability to make policy decisions in the office we cannot fulfill our oath.”

Finance Director Jamie Farnum said she did not hear any response when the August email was sent out for the offices to reopen, and that “it was the Town Administrator’s decision to reopen all the town offices.” She said she expected to hear back

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MONSON

Board rescinds vote to demolish Annex

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MONSON – After much discussion at its meeting Tuesday, the Select Board rescinded its Sept. 12th votes to demolish the Town Hall Annex after the fire station renovations next door are finished, and to make the Art Council move from the Town Hall Annex building by Jan. 1, 2024.

The board’s decision to rescind both votes comes weeks after community uproar regarding the initial decision.

Initial vote

During the Sept. 12th meeting, Fire Chief Brian Harris requested that the board allow the Fire Department to temporarily use the Town Hall Annex building during the fire station renovation project as it would save \$200,000 from the project.

According to Harris that use would have eliminated costs for temporary housing units including water, sewer and HVAC hookups.

Harris also requested demoli-

tion of the building once the renovations were completed as it was suggested in 1978, when the current fire station was being built.

He suggested the demolition would allow for a wider access point for emergency apparatus.

Building Commissioner Justin Larivee said bringing the building up to code would cost approximately \$300,000.

During the Sept. 26th meeting, the Art Council were joined by more than 30 supporters as they came before the board asking that they rescind the motion, but their

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COMMUNITY

HFD hosts eighth annual open house

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HOLLAND – Community members joined the Holland Fire Department in supporting their

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Turley Photos by Dallas Gagnon
Liliana O’Connor, Patrick Mullen, Celia Beecher, Natalie Mullen and Norah Beecher are all smiles as they explore the different vehicles in the Fire Department.



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Local artist re-imagines the past



Three monarch butterflies gather nectar from this goldenrod plant. They are gathering energy for their long migration to Mexico for the winter.



Submitted photos
A monarch butterfly heads for some goldenrod. A bumblebee is already on the plant.

Goldenrod attracts bee and monarch butterflies

A couple noticed some monarch butterflies while watching an osprey at a pond in Warren. One particular patch of goldenrod attracted lots of butterflies and bees. The sun lighted the scene just right to snap some photos to share in the Turley Publication papers. If you have a great scenic fall photo to share, please send it to journalregister@turley.com.

DEADLINE

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



A black and white photo of a pin-up girl is on display at the Palmer Library Community room. Artist Steve Knapheide used red accents to highlight some of the photo's features.

Palmer artist presents art gallery

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PALMER – From a child's first steps to their walk down the aisle, capturing milestones has been embraced by many since the invention of the camera.

However, throughout time, memories of the past are often lost and make their way from a living room wall, to a box in the attic or even to a stranger.

"When I look at these photographs, I can imagine some of the stories," said local artist Steve Knapheide. "These photographs are of people having fun or enjoying each other's company; they are just trying to record a little bit of their lives."

After retiring from a career in graphic design, Knapheide took to photo restoration, digital photography and reimagining lost memories through art.

Knapheide said he wanted to explore digital photography as he never had an opportunity to during his career.

"When I left the business, I taught myself on my own. I got books and set up my own little studio," said Knapheide.

He set his sights on photo restoration and began searching flea and antique markets in pursuit of vintage "snapshots."

"I started buying them and scanning them to teach myself how to fix them," said Knapheide.

Eventually, he had "hundreds of these things on file," so he began printing, enhancing and hand painting them.

For the entire month of October, Knapheide's art is on display at the Palmer Public Library in the community room.



For some images, artist Steve Knapheide digitally enhances natural colors for a more artistic effect.



Many summer scenes and beach photos are shown throughout the collection.

While one portion of the gallery is dedicated to digitally enhanced "snapshots," accentuated with hand-painted edits, another portion is dedicated to Knapheide's own photography.

"The left hand side are all my digital photos; photographs I have taken and brought into Photoshop and worked with, changing them around, adding, subtracting," said Knapheide.

"The right hand side of the show is all copies of vintage snapshots, which are enhanced and hand painted on top of photographs."

While people are the primary focus of his vintage art, Knapheide's photography focuses on places.

"There are no people in my photos; they are all forgotten parts of towns and factories," said Knapheide, who is a St. Louis native. "When I moved here, I was just amazed at the abandoned factories and buildings"

He added that while the emphasis on each collection is different, "it all has to do with the past - about what we don't notice, or we don't see."

All the photos on display at the Palmer Public Library are of local places, from Ware to Holyoke.

"I ran across some parts of Holyoke on a train trestle that had all kinds of interesting graffiti," said Knapheide. "They are all abstracts."



A group of young men share an oceanside photo.



Turley Photos by Dallas Gagnon
Artist Steve Knapheide focuses on both dated photos and dated architecture.

He said while some of the photos on display may look like abstract paintings, they are all "actually photos from interesting parts of town."

He said he believes "people get a little kick out of nostalgia," and the historical aspect of his art piques his interest.

Knapheide's husband, David Golden, said he has been a part of Knapheide's journey in discovering vintage photos and has watched his re-imaginings take shape.

"Seeing families' lives left in a box is pretty sad. We hope that doesn't happen with a lot of the photographs we have," said Golden. "There are quite a few individual women in these photos, and I look at them and my mother pops into mind because that's how she wore her hair in the '40s."

Knapheide said the photographs were interesting to him "because we do the same things today; we take pictures at the beach, we take pictures of our friends and family."

He said that while the styles and locations may change, the idea is the same, adding "these people and situations were important to someone at the time and it's been lost."

"People have moved on." He credited Golden for supporting him and arranging for his art to be on display this month.

To check out some of Knapheide's art, stop by the Palmer Public Library before the end of October.

Every month, a new artist is featured in the community room. To meet Knapheide, he will be hosting an artist reception Thursday, Oct. 12, between 5 to 7:30 p.m.

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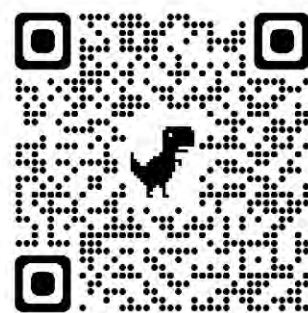
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October 21
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MONSON

October 28
Monson HS parking lot; 4-5:30 p.m.
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HOLLAND

October 28
Holland Elementary School;
5:30-8:30 p.m.
Parking begins alongside E. Brimfield Rd. Cut off for arrival is 6:15 p.m. Trunk or treating begins at 6:30 p.m.

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October 28
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The Chapel on Silver Street was dedicated 125 years ago.



The choir at Silver Street Chapel sang songs like "In the Good Old Summer Time."

Silver Street Chapel in Monson celebrates 125 years

By Marcelo Gusmao
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MONSON – This past weekend, the Silver Street Chapel celebrated its 125th anniversary.

The Silver Street Chapel and Community Center was established in 1898, and originally dedicated on June 5 of that year. The Chapel was then re-dedicated on July 25, 2021, and has been regularly operating since then.

The anniversary celebration included presentations about the

Chapel's history, and a sing-along led by the First Church Choir of songs like "Daisy Bell," "Sidewalks of New York," and "The Yankee Doodle Boy."

The celebration also included games for kids to play outside, with many of the attendees dressing up in clothes from the 1800s.

The Chapel President Laura Mushenko presented a plaque to the late previous president, Richard Guertin, in recognition of his devotion and service to the chapel.

The Chapel has no ongoing source of income from either a con-

gregation or government subsidies, but is regularly rented for weddings, retirement parties, and other private events. Because of this, it relies on donations from the Friends of the Silver Street Chapel to pay for its utilities, insurance and repairs.

To find out more about the Silver Street Chapel, or to become a Friend by donating to it, please call 413-530-0964.

Turley photos by Marcelo Gusmao
Sakina, age 4, Ilyas, age 8, and Henry, age 7, play together in front of the Silver Street Chapel during the celebration.



NYC Bus Trip December 9 spots available

Spend the day in NYC with your friends! A King-Gray bus is now taking passenger reservations to spend the day in the Big Apple shopping, sightseeing, attending a Broadway show, or simply enjoying the holiday bustle. 11 Seats remain but the bus is filling up steadily as the Nov. 1 deadline nears.

The roundtrip fare of \$77 in-

cludes the driver's gratuity. Departure is 7 a.m. from Ludlow High School's parking lot at 500 Chapin St., Ludlow. Arrive 15 minutes early to board the bus. Passengers will be dropped off at Times Square and ETA is 11 a.m. Departure will be from Lotte New York Palace Hotel at 455 Madison Ave. and 50th Street at 6 p.m. with ETA 10:30.

Make your check payable to Gloria Fortunato, 52 Deer Run, Belchertown, MA 01007 and make certain your cell number is on the notation line. A phone call will confirm your seat upon receipt of your check. Don't miss this opportunity to see NYC during Christmas season.

Hearts Willing Club to present "Laughter Yoga"

MONSON – The Hearts Willing Club of the First Church in Monson presents "Laughter Yoga" with Robert Rivest, on Wednesday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m. Laughter Yoga combines laughter exercises with yoga breathing moves. This combination of techniques reduces stress and improves mood.

The event is free and open to the public. Roseann Vinciguerra, of First Church, invites anyone interested in attending to join the popular program.

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— Greg from West Springfield

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Viewpoints

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

How do disability programs affect Social Security's budget?

Dear Rusty

I read with interest an analysis of the history, reasons, and financial costs of the Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance programs. My question is, specifically, what portion of the Social Security budget goes toward SSI and SSDI vs. for regular SS retirement income for those who paid into the fund during their working lives? How are the costs of SSI and SSDI covered by the federal government? When did these two sections of the budget enter the law and what was the impetus behind them?

Signed: An Inquiring Mind

Dear Inquiring Mind

No part of Social Security's "budget" is used to pay Supplemental Security Income. SSI is a means-tested general assistance program for disadvantaged children and needy disabled adults and aged seniors who have very little income and very few assets. Federal SSI benefits are paid from the government's General Treasury, not from Social Security Trust Funds.

SSI is jointly administered by the person's state of residence and the Social Security Administration, and the state usually provides additional benefits to supplement the financial assistance provided by the federal government under the SSI program. The Social Security Administration only administers the SSI program, it does not fund it.

By contrast, Social Security Disability Insurance benefits are for employed Americans, who become disabled and unable to work full time. SSDI benefits are meant to provide limited income replacement for the disabled worker and those benefits are paid from a separate Social Security Disability Insurance Trust Fund.

The DI fund receives a portion (0.9%) of the FICA SS payroll taxes every American worker pays on their earnings and is used to pay disability benefits to eligible American workers, who are unable to perform "substantial gainful activity" for a year or more. The eligibility criteria to collect SSDI are very strict, but those approved receive their benefits from this separate DI trust fund, not from Social Security's Old Age and Survivors Trust Fund.

Payroll taxes collected for disability purposes are deposited in the DI Trust Fund as interest-bearing government bonds, and those DI assets are redeemed as needed to pay SSDI benefits. FYI, SSDI (disability) benefits stop when the person reaches full retirement age, at which point the beneficiary is automatically switched to regular SS retirement and after which their benefits are paid from the regular Old Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund.

"Regular" Social Security retirement benefits, spousal benefits, dependent benefits and survivor benefits are paid from Social Security's OASI Trust Fund, which receives most 5.3% of the 6.2% FICA Social Security tax withheld from the paychecks of American workers. As of the end of 2022, the OASI Trust Fund held about \$2.7 trillion in interest bearing government bonds.

Neither SSI or SSDI affect this "regular" OASI Trust Fund - only true SS retirement benefits and benefits for dependents of the retiree are paid from the OASI Trust Fund. As an aside, Social Security reform is being used to prevent the OASI Trust Fund from being fully depleted in 2033.

To answer your last questions, the Social Security Disability Insurance Trust Fund was established in 1956, after which SSDI benefit payments to eligible disabled American workers began. Federal "Supplemental Security Income" assistance was codified into law in 1974. And, as you likely know, Social Security retirement, spousal and dependent benefits were enacted in the 1930s, before the first monthly Social Security check was mailed in January 1940. The impetus behind these programs? Avoiding poverty for the neediest among us. Without these programs, at least 22 million more Americans would be living below the poverty line.

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Planning ahead for raised beds!

My friend Jacquie is very proud of the tomato plants she grows each year.

She squeezes them into the little garden adjacent to the front door of her condo, and has even grown some in hanging containers. I received this question from her via text a few weeks back, and by the sound of it she wants to expand her gardening endeavors:

"For those of us that like to plan ahead, what are the pros and cons of raised bed gardens, and if you decide to go that route, what is the process?"

There are several advantages to gardening in raised beds. If the ground you would normally garden in is too sandy or too clayey, you can stop dealing with those troubles when you switch to raised beds!

You can carefully choose the soil that you fill the beds with. I personally love the Coast of Maine brand Raised Bed Mix, but I am sure there are resources online for mixing your own blends.

You can also plant more intensively, meaning fewer weeds! Concentrate fertilizers, lime and compost right where you need them, saving money along the way.

You can start working the ground earlier in the spring because it warms up quicker in raised beds. You don't have to worry about soil compaction as much either, because rarely, if ever, will you have to step into the beds.

You no longer have to weed the rows like you would in a normal garden, or will you have to worry about mulch or other materials to cover the rows with.

One drawback might be the cost to get started. Between the edging materials and the mix, you end up filling the bed with, it could get darn expensive.

First, you have to decide on what type of material you'll use to edge the beds with. There are pros and cons there too, but more on that in a bit.

A minimum depth of one foot is needed for most crops barring corn; that crop would need a deeper bed. On the flip side, if the ground beneath the raised beds is usable (i.e., not contaminated or pavement etc.) then you could potentially make the beds not as quite as deep, figuring plant roots will penetrate out from the walls.

Wood, stone, brick, pavers and cinder blocks are all possible edge materials. Simple raised beds can even be made within hay bales!

Beds made from pine slabs may only last a few seasons; rock type edging will last indefinitely.

One drawback to beds made out of hardscape materials might be the fact that they dry out more readily. Although that would not have been an issue this year, it could be down the road.

I had a number of raised beds that I made in an old tennis court on my property. They were edged in field stone because I had an endless supply on my property.

Free, yes! Beautiful, yes! But practical, not so much.

On a hot summer day, I was sometimes out there watering two or more times!

The new galvanized metal raised beds seem to be rising in popularity. I know very little about them or how readily they dry out in between waterings.

As far as bed width goes, usually no more than four feet wide is recommended. That way you can reach inside comfortably.

I have been very successful growing peppers, zucchini and onions in my raised beds. Flowers and herbs also seem to do very well.

Tomatoes perform okay, but for me, green beans seem to be unhappy. There isn't enough room for winter squash, and I've never attempted corn.

Refresh your soil each year with the addition of compost and fertilizer. Because the bed is like a big container, the soil can get exhausted after a season of use.

I would say gardening in raised beds is worth the investment. Start out small and expand if you feel you enjoy having more to take care of.

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.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Letter to the Editor:

The 2023 Monson Food Truck/Music Festival fundraiser was a huge success, considering all the obstacles that we had to endure. We were not permitted to use the stage set up from Levesque Trucking, which had been a huge financial savings to our event in past years. We were required to increase the number of Sani-Cans. Police Detail was used from Hampden, as the Monson Police passed it on to them. There was an additional charge of \$45 per hour for Fire Department personnel to do inspections on that morning. Even though all food vendors were pre-inspected for a permit fee. Increases in insurance for a one-day permit. We received no visits from Town Officials at the festival and only three town employees and their families showed up for the day. Heard from some town employees who were told not to attend event. Considering all of these obstacles, we are still able to donate the following: \$1,000 to the Monson Senior, Nutrition program, \$1,000 to the Monson Polish American Citizens Club, towards their Handicap Ramp, \$1,600 worth of Gift Certificates for Karen King's Military Care Christmas packages, \$1,000 to the Clowning for Kidz Foundation - Meeting the needs of children. Monetary donations to Strong Little Souls & Battlecom Care Packages in Zekes honor. Dana Farber/Brigham Women's Cancer Research program, \$10,000.

Committee members Ken Bailey, Brenda Binczewski and Dot Jenkins all worked together in making this event a tremendous success. This definitely could not have been done without their support. Also, a big thank you to all the volunteers that helped with the work before, on the day of and after with clean up etc. Special thanks must go to all of the Murphy Family for erecting the fencing throughout the exterior of Veterans Field. Bob Ainsworth and Kurt Jameson was exceptional as always. Nancy Bryant for her Drone photos and Graphic Designs.

I would like to extend special thanks to Monson Savings Bank, the Monson Lions Club, Remo for providing lodging to our Bathroom Attendants, Beth's Family Restaurant, Adams IGA Supermarket, The Main Street Tavern, Mug N' Muffin, Quaboag Country Club and from "Gifts from the Town" for all the donations and assistance with this event. As well as those Ad sponsors in our brochure We are hoping we will be able to have this event next year in a surrounding Community. Stay tuned for further details.

Thank you to the Journal Register, The Reminder, as well as MPACT-TV and WARE Radio, 97.7 AM & 12.50 FM for all the great coverage we received for this event.

Respectfully,
Jean Bailey, Founder & Chairperson
Monson Food Truck and Music Festival Committee

Oppose House Bill 4420

A Monson reader has opined to us Journal readers to support HB4420, "An Act Modernizing Firearm Laws"; lecturing that deaths from gun violence are increasing everywhere, including Massachusetts; which as she stated has some of the "strongest gun laws in America."

After writing this, she went on to encourage readers to support additional gun laws, but only this time they must be made stronger and more comprehensive, and with a common sense approach. So, to understand this, Massachusetts, a state that is considered to have some of the strongest gun laws in America, must enact stronger gun laws. This should be interpreted to mean more restrictions on law-abiding gun owners. Are the gun laws on the books now not comprehensive and lack common sense? I believe a similar argument has been made to create or strengthen gun laws in the past. This is a typical argument made by gun control advocates who fail to see, or choose to ignore the obvious. Their mind set is, if current gun laws do not work, stronger laws will. This will be their common sense argument until guns in Massachusetts are completely banned; for the law abiding citizen that is.

The only people that obey these overwhelming and complicated laws are the law-abiding gun owners. Gun control advocates fantasize that the illegal gun owners will all of a sudden develop a social conscience and decide to comply with the new laws; but they are sadly mistaken. A majority of the items that Bill 4420 proposes are already included in various sections of Mass. General Laws, and yet we still have the violence. I would say that because

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The Journal Register welcomes readers to participate in this year's election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to The Journal Register, care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to mharrison@turley.com. Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday's newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

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

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By Ellenor Downer



LeConte's sparrow

On Friday, Oct. 6 Massachusetts Audubon Society reported a sighting of a LeConte's sparrow in Longmeadow.

The LeConte's sparrow is about five inches long and has a dark crown with a white central stripe. It also has reddish-brown streaks on a gray nape. The upper breast and flanks are buff colored.

It has a orang to buff orange face surrounding a gray ear patch. Other distinct features are a flat head and a short tail with fine streaking on the upper breast of juveniles.

This sparrow feeds on the ground and eats grass and weed seeds as well as insects. The female lays three to five light gray eggs with darker marks in a cup like nest of grasses placed on or just about the ground. They breed in Canada and winter in the Florida Gulf states.

To avoid danger, it often runs through grasses rather than flying over the grass. It may sing during the day and night. LeConte's sparrows inhabit marshes, wet meadows and weedy fields. Their song is a high-pitched buzz with accents at start and end like "tika-zzzzzz-tzt."

Other sightings

Other sightings for Oct. 6 reported to Massachusetts Audubon Society included a Townsend's warbler at Plum Island, a prothonotary warbler in Winchester and several reports of clay-colored sparrows.

Loon Preservation Committee

Loon Preservation Committee staff and volunteers in the month of September focused on a number of important post-season tasks including storing nest rafts on shore for the winter (over 140 rafts statewide), pulling and storing the signs that were used to protect vulnerable loon families, rescuing loons in distress and beginning the process of quality checking the data collected during the summer months.

LPC staff rescued five loons in distress throughout the state during the month of September. Rescuing a loon is just the first step in getting it the help that it needs. They thank the veterinarians and rehabilitators who worked with us to evaluate and treat ailing loons; the wonderful veterinarians and staff at VCA

Capital Area Veterinary Emergency and Specialty, Hopkinton Animal Hospital, and Meadow Pond Animal Hospital, who helped with x-rays, blood work and assessment of rescued loons; Dr. Mark Pokras, who consulted on all cases and provided valuable insight and suggestions for care; and Maria Colby of Wings of the Dawn Wildlife Rehabilitation, who housed, fed and provided daily care and treatment to all five loons rescued in September.

Sadly, LPC also continued to collect and necropsy dead loons throughout the state, nine total in September. While it is always sad to lose a loon, being able to determine the cause of death for individual loons allows LPC to collect valuable data on the challenges that the loon population is facing.

Feeders

I put out my suet feeder during the day and take it in before dusk so the bears don't take the suet and feeder. I have lost quite a few feeder that way. I have downy, hairy and red-bellied woodpeckers coming to the suet as well as white-breasted nuthatches and black-capped chickadees.

I also have a small tray feeder for meal worms and bird seed. I put a small amount of the meal worms and seed each day. The birds empty the feeder so the bears only find an empty tray.

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

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violent crimes are on the rise it is obvious that offenders do not care about any law; be it comprehensive, common sense, new or old.

The criminal boldness is reinforced by the knowledge that the judicial system is broken; absent of penalties that fit the crime. We have some district attorneys that shirk their responsibilities to all of us law-abiding citizens by not diligently pursuing maximum sentencing, or by playing "Let's Make A Deal." There are ap-

pointed judges choosing to give probation in lieu of appropriate jail time, even to repeat offenders. Gun Control advocates always turn to strengthening gun laws while not given underlying causes serious consideration.

The cause for increase in deaths from all violence is a multi-headed monster with many factors, such as, mental health, social, economics, parenting, environment, peer pressure, substance and alcohol abuse, weak penalties, and the list goes on. The Police are doing their part, but the judicial revolving door spins freely.

When guns have been completely banned in Massachusetts, don't be fooled, if these issues are still not addressed, the violence and death will continue one way or another.

This bill is an assault on our 2nd amendment, not so cleverly disguised as a common sense approach for gun safety. Legal gun owners are among individuals most committed to firearms safety. Oppose HB4420!

Al Couture
Palmer

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from the Board of Assessors or the principal assessors after sending the email.

Farnum said although she understands the board's desire to have more distinction amongst any of the roles, she believes "we have to think about the importance and the conti-

nunity that we can create between the finance departments."

She said she does not have any power over the BOA's oaths, and does not believe changing bylaws would solve "internal miscommunication."

Farnum said she believes the "only solution is to continue as a finance team."

Select Board Chair Patricia

Oney and Vice Chair John Morrell agreed with the proposed idea of closing town offices one day a week.

"I don't have a problem with it at all because I talked to the two young ladies that work in the office and they convinced me they needed to close the office one day a week," said Morrell.

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request was denied.

Rescinding votes

At Tuesday's meeting, Select Board Vice-Chair John Morrell shared a statement regarding the original votes.

"I noticed the Arts Council was devastated when they left the room on September 26th," said Morrell. "Monson is a special place where we all know each other and live together. I don't want this to come between us as we move forward."

He said that "while the House of Art was discussed, it was, at that time, only an option, other than renting mobile units for the Fire Department operations while renovations were being done."

Board member Peter Warren said he "also looked at this from a financial standpoint with a real focus on taxpayers."

He added residents shared with him before he was voted on the board that "taxes were too high," leading him to vote on the request "look(ing) at it from that lens."

However, Warren said after receiving emails, phone calls and text messages from residents after the Sept. 12th vote it was made "abundantly clear that (he) had made a mistake."

Chair Patricia Oney thanked "all the people who took the time and energy," to write the Select Board.

"People went into really thoughtful and heartfelt messages. It's clear that there are people in town, and even in the region, who feel how important arts and culture is to the fabric of Monson," said Oney.

She said the town has "reached this point by a series of mistakes," adding "hopefully we've learned from them."

She suggested had the town and council extended "the lease it had 24 years ago and had been more proactive about the care over that period of 24 years," perhaps "the building wouldn't have fallen into disrepair."

She said she agreed with the other board members to change their votes.

"Hopefully what we've learned is to communicate more clearly and specifically with regards to the duties and

responsibilities of both parties with respect to that building," said Oney.

Fire Chief Brian Harris apologized to the Arts Council and members of the community "for the lack of clear communication."

He said it was never his intention to "make anyone feel like they were being deceived," adding that after much discussion he "fully support(s) not using the House of Arts as temporary quarters and the subsequent demolition."

Harris said he hopes the Arts Council will "have further dialogue with (him) to work with the issues that have been identified during this process."

Oney said she believes public safety should be one of the main focuses of town government.

"In large part, I think that's what this controversy was about. I do understand widening the driveway would make the egress more safe," said Oney.

She said she also believes safety was "the only factor in considering whether to widen the driveway."

Monson Arts Council Vice President Reed Coles said the entire discussion has "brought to light how important art and culture is to this small community as it is to all communities."

He said while he does not want to overlook public safety, he wants what is best for the

Fire Department as well as what is best for the town.

"We are here for Monson and Monson is here for us," he said.

Moving forward

Oney said the council and the town are working together to create a lease for the building.

"We are waiting to try and get a template from another organization who has done a municipal lease," said Oney.

She said the board and the council are also working to acquire grant money.

"Once we decide where we are going with this, how we are going with this, there will be a lot more discussion and we will be inviting (the council) back a number of times," said Oney.

Morrell questioned why the town would create a lease for the organization.

Oney said the board must discuss if the town will be leasing the building or transferring it to the Arts Council.

The council previously had a three-year lease for the building in the mid '90s, although it has not had one since.

Arts Council member Raymond Possick said a lease is necessary in part because of access to grant funds.

"For the Monson Arts Council to apply for grants, we need a lease," said Possick. "We need to be able to prove that we are using the building (and) we have the rights to do so."

Arts Council member Alan Morin said that he and Town Administrator Jennifer Wolowicz discussed a fundraising initiative spearheaded by Wolowicz via Facebook.

Morin said Wolowicz suggested pooling the funds into a town gift account which would eventually be transferred to the Monson Arts Council.

"I just wanted to update everybody on what has been contributed to the House of Art building project so far; we've collected \$2,400 that has been turned into the general fund which has been earmarked into the town gift account," said Wolowicz.

Finance Director, Jamie Farnum said they created a "separate segment so that we are able to pull on the general ledger from the separate fund," adding "that way, we can track it internally."

Wolowicz said that in addition to the \$2,400 raised, there are \$3,700 in pledges so far.

"We'd like to thank everyone that has donated; they've been residents in town, they have been outside of town, they have been businesses," said Wolowicz. "We did it as a team."

Oney said moving forward it may be easiest to create a subcommittee to discuss the House of Art conversations.

"It's going to be a subcommittee, it's going to be Mr. Warren and we'll have some of the Art Council members on it too," said Oney. Larivee will also work alongside the subcommittee.

The board also voted unanimously to appoint Peter Warren to the subcommittee for the House of Art.

OSV to receive \$50,000 tourism grant

BOSTON — The Healey-Driscoll Administration announced that it has awarded more than \$1.9 million 98, to 45 cultural and tourism projects, including \$50,000 to Old Sturbridge Village. Old Sturbridge Village will make improvements to the museum's Visitor Center, constructed in 1975, to include roof and siding repair to secure the exterior envelope, restroom and lighting upgrades and accessibility to a gallery space. The improvements will result in an improved visitor experience and necessary repairs to keep the building sound.

The grants are being distributed through the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism's Destination Development Capital Grant Program, which supports projects that expand, construct, restore, or

renovate Massachusetts tourism destinations and attractions.

"Our administration is actively investing in the communities that elevate Massachusetts as a note-worthy travel destination. Through these grants, we aim to foster creative solutions to enhance our tourism economy," said Gov. Maura Healey. "These grants pave the way for a brighter future for our beloved attractions, allowing us to showcase them on a global scale."

"The DDC grants will boost industries that make Massachusetts a household name for annual travel," said Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll. "We look forward to working together to invest in our state's tourism economy, as it remains an important part of our economic development strategy."

The DDC Grant Program provides funding for aid in destination recovery and resiliency. The program's aim is to strengthen the Massachusetts economy through projects that enhance tourism resources and infrastructure, especially physical or structural upgrades that have a lifespan of greater than five years.

"We're committed to enhancing and revitalizing the diverse communities throughout Massachusetts that attract visitors from around the world," said Massachusetts Economic Development Secretary Yvonne Hao. "Tourism plays a vital role in the economic well-being of our state, and this grant program will position Massachusetts at the top of the list as an annual travel destination for years to come."

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"This philosophy holds true today," said Burns.

He said Peel's approach to policing emphasizes society's power to grant police authority to enforce laws according to how the community deems necessary.

In 1838, Massachusetts Legislature authorized the hiring of police officers throughout Boston to establish a more modernized police agency, although it wouldn't be until 1854 that the Boston Watch would disband and form a formalized police department.

Just 10 years later, in 1865, the Massachusetts State Police was established.

"Up until the late 1800s, early 1900s there, there was no formal police training," said Burns.

It wouldn't be until 1908 that a law enforcement officer from Berkeley, California, August Vollmer, would advocate and establish a police training curriculum and institution.

"He saw the vision of policing through Peel, not vigilante," said Burns.

Palmer Police history

Burns said an interesting anecdote regarding the history of the Palmer Police Department is the story of its Deputy Sheriff George Bills, who was murdered in 1919 after serving the department for 22 years.

According to Burns, Bills was shot and killed while in pursuit of a suspect accused of shooting Springfield Police Lt. James Daly.

The suspect boarded a train in Springfield headed for Palmer when the PPD were informed of the suspect's transit.

Upon arrival, Bills and Palmer Police Officer Charles B. Thomas boarded the train in pursuit of the suspect.

In an attempt to flee, the suspect shot both Bills and Thomas, with Bills sustaining three shots to his abdomen and Thomas sustaining one in his leg.

The suspect sustained one shot, fired by Thomas. With the assistance of other passengers, the suspect was taken into custody and sentenced to life in prison on May 10, 1920.

He was later pardoned on Dec. 25, 1936 by Gov. James Curley.

It was later discovered the suspect's father bribed a member of the Governor's Council in the amount of \$1,500 to recommend the pardon.

Bills is honored and recognized today at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C.

Modernized training, reform

"California and Massachusetts are pioneers of police officer standardized training," said Burns.

California established POST in 1959, with Massachusetts following suit, offering POST since at least 1970.

"Police reform is always on the agenda, because when society changes, we change to better serve," said Burns. "We can't police in a manner that our society doesn't want us to police."

He added the U.S recognized the need to emphasize professionalism between the early 1900s and the 1980s, with the philosophy of August Vollmer being widely adapted.

Vollmer is recognized as Berkeley, California's first ever police chief, serving between 1909-1923.

Vollmer's methods not only encouraged police training, but pushed to reduce political influence and corruption.

Other significant events in history policing Burns shared include the 1919 Boston Police strike, the creation of the National Commission on Law Observance and Enforcement, 1960s, 70s and 80s civil rights movements, and the 1994 Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act.

"The Boston Police Strike of 1919 was a big stepping stone for policing," said Burns. "Almost the entire Boston Police force was on strike."

He said the strike led to increased wages and better working conditions for officers, although those who participated in the strike were not allowed to return to work.

Under President Herbert Hoover and Attorney General George Wickersham, police reform included a survey of the U.S Chief Judges during the prohibition era and making recommendations for public policy.

The administration also pushed for the identification of police corruption.

Throughout the '60s and '70s, the U.S saw reforms in police accountability and civilian review boards.

Burns said the push to emphasize local control for law enforcement came about in the late 1900s, followed by the creation of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994.

The Act authorized the Department of Justice to bring civil suits against local law enforcement agencies to reign in abuse and hold agencies accountable.

In 2014, former President Barack Obama created an 11-person board referred to the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing.

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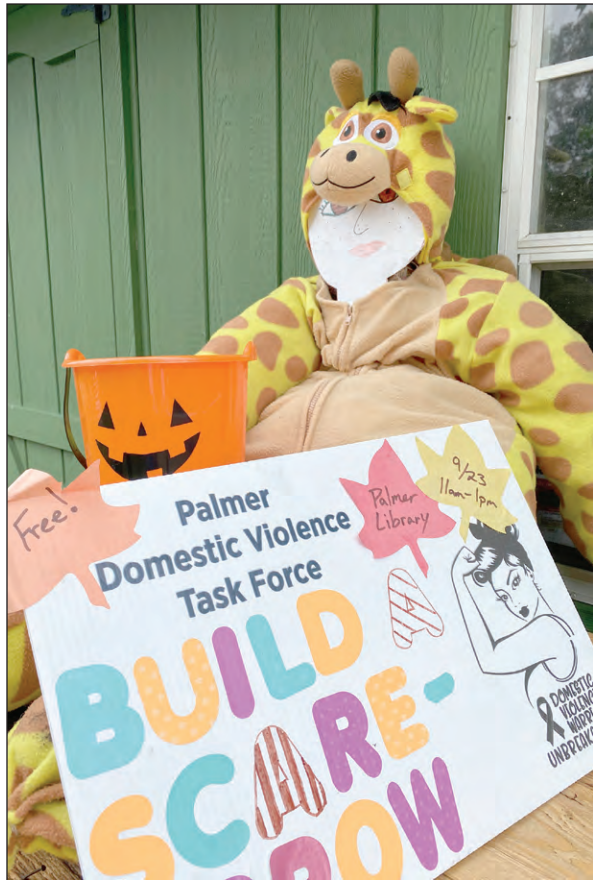
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Scarecrow contest to bring light to domestic violence



These participants used various materials to customize the look of their scarecrow; some even made masks to disguise them.



Adults and children smile as they participate in the second annual Palmer Domestic Violence Task Force scarecrow contest.



A pumpkin head scarecrow is shown with wild ribbon hair and skinny jeans



Opposed to giving their scarecrow bodies, some participants settled on making spooky heads instead.



One family shows off their scarecrows after stuffing one adult scarecrow and one toddler-sized scarecrow.



Some scarecrow "designers" made color coordinated outfits to match their creations.



Shown is a scarecrow decorated in classic fall flannel while sporting a top hat.



A youngster is shown smiling while digging for newspapers to stuff their scarecrow.

Submitted Photos by PDVTF Director Crystal

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Attendees of all ages were front and center at the second annual Palmer Domestic Violence Task Force scarecrow-building contest.

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not only will the scarecrows "make the town look nice and fall," but also raise domestic violence awareness.

After gaining much traction at the PDVTF scarecrow building workshop held in late September, Crystal announced the season's final workshop will be held on Thursday, Oct. 26, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Palmer Public Library.

The event is free and does not require registration.

Scarecrow building supplies include stuffing/newspaper, plates, shirts and pants will also be provided.

Those interested in participating in the scarecrow contest should submit photos to Crystal at PalmerDVTF@gmail.com.

Submissions will be featured on the PDVTF Facebook page where followers will vote and determine the first, second and third place winners.

Participants will have a chance to win \$75, \$50 or \$25.

Submissions are accepted from now until Nov. 1.

All photos will be posted for voting to the PDVTF page from Nov. 5, until Nov. 19.

The three photos with the most likes by noon on Nov. 19 will be announced as the winners.

Entrants should include their name, address and phone number upon entry so Crystal may contact them if they win.

The contest is town-wide and open to all residents.

For those interested in making a donation to the PDVTF in an effort to provide domestic violence resources to Palmer residents, please reach out to Crystal.

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Holland Fire Department personnel were in attendance to support the department's eighth annual open house. Shown from left to right, back row, are Deputy Chief Daniel Maudsley, Lt. Berg, Lt. Monroe, Lt. Tetreault Sr., Capt. Ryan Mullen and Chief James Gagne. Front row shown from left to right are Firefighter Rivera, Firefighter Holloway, Firefighter Phillips, Deputy Chief Rebecca Gagne, dog Bailey, Firefighter Colangione, Firefighter Tetreault, Firefighter Tetreault Jr., Firefighter Boiteau, Firefighter Dufresne, Instructor Lundin and Liam Wight.



Fire and ambulance personnel gather around long-term Fire Department supporter, Bailey. Bailey is about 16, and has been a staple in the department for over a decade.



Rowan Murphy sits inside the department's pickup after exploring the rescue boat and fire engines.



Lt. Berg, Lt. Tetreault Sr., Lt. Maudsley, Chief James Gagne, Deputy Chief Rebecca Gagne, Capt. Mullen and Lt. Monroe stand before the newly-restored Holland Fire Department sign.



Capt. Ryan Mullen shows son Patrick Mullen how to operate a fire hose and take aim at a fire display board.



Tom and Rowan Murphy smile as they check out the Holland Fire Department rescue boat.



Capt. Ryan Mullen is joined by mother, Nancy Mullen, and daughter, Natalie Mullen, in putting out a pretend fire.



Ethan Maudsley is joined by his family, Sophie, Brooklyn and Joseph Maudsley.



Emily Mullen and Taylor O'Connor smile before one of the fire engines on display.



Kelly, Norah, Celia and Ryan Beecher are some of many attendees who made their way to the fire station for the annual open house.



Lt. Monroe smiles as he holds a "practice dummy" made up of old fire hoses and uniforms. It is said to be approximately 200 lbs of dead weight.



Patrick Mullen paints pumpkins in the station alongside other children in attendance.



Celia Beecher pauses for a photo before choosing another color to paint her pumpkin.



Norah Beecher paints her pumpkin to have a green belly and purple smiley face.



Natalie Mullen looks like a real firefighter as she stops for a photo in the Holland Fire Department cut-out.



Liam Wight waves goodbye to onlookers as fire personnel head to fill up the trucks' water tanks.

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eighth annual open house event, Sunday Oct. 8. The event offered the community an opportunity to explore their local fire station, converse with fire personnel, operate a fire hose and even paint pumpkins. While many adults and children visited the station, Fire Chief James Gagne's dog, Bailey, also made an appearance. Attendees could be seen sporting complimentary fire hats, climbing into the department's rescue boat or relaxing alongside Bailey. Cap. Ryan Mullen helped a few

youngsters take aim at an interactive fire-fighting game while guiding participants in holding the hose steady. Also in attendance was the department's "practice dummy," which is used to help train fire personnel on what it feels like to carry a limp person during a fire rescue. The dummy is composed of old water hoses and worn uniforms, weighing approximately 200 pounds. The department thanks Acton Ambulance Service Inc. and the Angry Panda Food Co. for their support during the event.

Palmer High School 60th Reunion gathers



Submitted by Andrea Haveles Stokes
Palmer High School Class of 1963 held its 60th reunion on Sept. 23, at Salem Cross Inn in West Brookfield. Attendees totaled 28, 21 of which were alumnae, some of whom traveled from California, Florida, Michigan, Texas, Virginia, New York state. The remaining classmates in attendance still reside in Massachusetts. Everyone enjoyed seeing old friends and reliving the "good old days." A few folks continued reminiscing over breakfast the next morning in Sturbridge.

Monson military care package campaign returns

MONSON— The Monson military care package campaign will be held again this year. Main Street Tavern will have a fundraising night on Thursday, Nov. 9, from 4 to 9 p.m. and all are invited to attend. There will be a raffle and fun for all.

The program, now in its 9th year, was founded by Karen King, a local Realtor. This volunteer program continues to grow each year, providing 32 service members from Monson representing the Navy, Coast Guard, Army, National Guard (deployed), Marines and Air Force, with holiday gift boxes. The organization's goal is to raise \$5,000 this year which will allow the organization to send Visa Gift Cards to each member. The Committee would also like to request snacks and personal items for the boxes, including small homemade crafts and cards, from members of the community who would like to contribute.

The Packing event will be Sunday, Nov. 19 at 1 p.m. at the Monson Polish Club on Bliss Street and all donations must be received by Nov. 9. For more info, please visit the Facebook page: Monson Military Care Package Drive. Donated items may be dropped off at the Monson Free Library or call Karen King at 413-348-3948 to make arrangements. There is also an Amazon wish list posted on the organization's Facebook page of needed items.

Current donors include Monson Savings Bank, which has paid for postage each year, Treehouse Brewing and Echo Hill Orchard and Winery, who are donating T-shirts, and Sunshine Village/Three Rivers who are providing Christmas Tree ornaments. Many other local businesses vitally help out in multiple ways. Girl Scout Troop #64811 helps by decorating box flaps, and local Boy Scouts and school children make cards for the service members.



Submitted photo
The Polish ambassador to the United States, Marek Magierowski, visited the Polish American Caucus of the State House, which included an informal lunch seen here.

Oliveira and Kushmerek offer invite to Polish ambassador

BOSTON – Recently, the Polish American caucus welcomed the Polish ambassador to the United States, Marek Magierowski, to the State House. The visit was orchestrated by the chairs of the Polish American Caucus, state Sen. Jake Oliveira, D-Ludlow, and State Rep. Mike Kushmerek, D-Fitchburg, to forge closer ties between the government of Poland and Massachusetts, and discuss working together to promote Polish cultural heritage in the United States.

During his visit, Magierowski spent time addressing the House and Senate chambers and spoke about the importance of the collaboration between Poland and the commonwealth. The visit also included meetings with the Speaker of the House Ron Mariano, and Senate President Karen Spilka, whose grandfather immigrated from Poland to the United States in the early 20th century.

"Having the opportunity to sit with President Spilka and Ambassador Magierowski and go from chatting about the villages where our grandparents and great-grandparents were born to how our nations can work together for shared prosperity reaffirmed the importance of the ambassador's visit," said Oliveira. "When we can come together face to face and reflect on our shared heritage with our allies and discuss all that we have in common, we strengthen the bond between us, which is something that can't be measured."

Oliveira and Kushmerek began arranging the visit after meeting with representatives from the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in June. Kushmerek was grateful to

Magierowski for his visit and reflected on his family history and the opportunities the visit presented.

"My father always dreamed about visiting his ancestral homeland, but geopolitics, poverty, and health denied him the opportunity in his lifetime," Kushmerek said. "This week, however, I know that my father would have been proud that, as House Chair of the Polish American Caucus, I had the amazing privilege of welcoming the Polish Ambassador to the United States as my guest at the State House to celebrate our shared Polish heritage, and promote the opportunities for further cultural, economic, political and tourism collaboration."

Magierowski's final stop at the State House was having lunch with members of the Polish American Caucus. During the casual lunch, he shared past and present photos of Poland he had on his cell phone to exhibit how far the historic nation had come. He encouraged the members to visit the nation of their descendants, where they would be pleasantly surprised by the new "modern Poland."

Before being appointed Polish ambassador to the United States, Magierowski worked as a reporter, editor and columnist, mainly covering international relations for over 20 years. He has also worked for the Chancellery of the President of the Republic of Poland as an expert on public diplomacy, and the Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Poland to Israel. He began his service as an ambassador to the United States in November 2021.

HCC session three classes begin Oct. 30

HOLYOKE – Prospective students have one more chance to sign up for classes at Holyoke Community College for the fall semester.

Fall session III classes begin Monday, Oct. 30, and run for seven weeks. All fall semester classes conclude by Dec. 21.

Students who enroll for HCC's flexible fall start dates have the opportunity to take a variety of courses both on campus and online in anthropology, biology, business administration, communication, culinary arts, economics, English, English as a Second Language, geography, human services, Latinx Studies, law, management, marketing, math, nutrition, music, psychology, sociology, Spanish, and veterinary and animal science.

To see a full list of courses and sections, please visit hcc.edu/flex-fa23

Registration for Wintersession classes and Spring 2024 classes opens Monday, Oct. 30. Wintersession classes start Dec. 29 and runs for two weeks. The Spring 2024 semester begins Jan. 16.

The HCC admissions and advising offices are located on the first floor of the HCC Campus Center and are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. (4:30 p.m. on Fridays).

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Submitted photo
Charlotte Theriault holds a poster congratulating her on scoring her 100th career point, which she achieved last Friday against Hampshire Regional.

Theriault notches 100th career point



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Charlotte Theriault makes a pass during Palmer's game against Hampshire last Friday.

PALMER – Last Friday afternoon, Charlotte Theriault achieved her 100th career point in a Palmer's 6-5 defeat against Hampshire Regional. Palmer trailed early in the game, but came all the way back just short of the tie. Theriault scored all five of Palmer's goals in the game. Loretta Petraszewicz got assists on four of the goals. Palmer is now 5-5-1 on the season.

Loretta Petraszewicz makes a quick pass.



Goalie Aubrey Boucher socks a free kick away.



Jordan Bigda clears the ball away.



Ava Przbycien makes a pass through the middle of the field.

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Elle Somers tries to separate from an opponent.

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Mustangs defeat Granby



Lynzie Bailey makes her way up the left side of the field.

GRANBY – Last Monday afternoon, Monson girls soccer picked up another win, defeating host Granby 7-1 for the second time this season. In the win, Hannah Murphy, Ciara Monaghan, and Aniah Myrie all had two goals each. Sierra Martinson also scored. Monson is 10-0-1 this season. Their only "blemish" so far this season was a 3-3 draw with a much larger school in Ludlow last Thursday afternoon.



Emma Murphy changes directions with the ball.



Ella Corthell turns toward the goal.



Goalie Emily Provost attempts to make a save.



Tyler Norling gets ready to go for a shot.



Collin Mederios heads for layup.



Ben Robinson makes a pass on the run.

Unified basketball action

PALMER – Last Thursday afternoon, the Palmer and Monson Unified basketball teams were in action against one another. Both programs have continued to have a lot of success and a lot of participation. The two teams have a few more games before participating in a season finale jamboree late October.

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Davian Motta flies for a layup.



Michelle Childs eyes the hoop as she shoots.



Cory Stetson heads down the court.



Kevin Kellegher angles toward a shot on the hoop.

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Pathfinder gets two

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent



Justin Davis makes his way up the left side of the field.

PALMER—The Pathfinder Tech boys varsity soccer team posted a pair of victories against the Pioneer Valley Christian Academy Eagles in a span of 24 hours last week.

The final score of the first meeting between the Tri-County League rivals was 4-1. That contest took place at Pathfinder Tech, last Tuesday afternoon.

The following afternoon, the Pioneers, who defeated the Eagles on the soccer pitch for the first time since 2016, traveled to Springfield and posted a 4-0 shutout victory.

"This is actually the first time in my coaching career that my soccer team has faced the same opponent on

Beaupre scores pair in Monson win

HOLYOKE – After a few tough weeks, Monson boys soccer broke through with a pair of wins last week, including a 4-1 win over Holyoke last Friday afternoon. Monson trailed 1-0 after one half, and then scored four unanswered goals in the second half, two of them from Colin Beaupre. Benjamin Pignone and Austin Meacham also scored. Monson improved to 3-6-1 for the season and hopes to keep the momentum going on Oct. 12 against Chicopee Comprehensive.



Jake Beaupre sends the ball away.



Benjamin Pignone stutter steps before making a pass.



Colin Beaupre follows through on a kick.



Anthony Tullouch dribbles up the field.



Austin Meacham gets a pass away before the pressure comes.

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Athlete of the Week

Charlotte Theriault
Palmer



The Palmer sophomore notched her 100th career point with five goals in a game against Hampshire Regional last Friday.
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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Monson Hall class announced

MONSON – The Monson Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is proud to announce its “Class of 2023” the 11th class of inductees. This year’s class includes seven athletes and six teams.

To date and including this year’s class, the committee has inducted: 83 athletes; 17 others (which includes administrators, coaches, staff and other contributors to Monson High Athletics); and 25 teams.

The induction ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 11. Social hour is at 5 p.m.; dinner at 6 p.m. and inductions at 7 p.m. It will be held at Twin Hills Country Club, 700 Wolf Swamp Road in Longmeadow. Tickets are on sale now and are: \$45 per person; \$75 per couple; and \$20 for children 12 and under.

For tickets and any other information please contact Jim Duggan, chairperson at: 413-267-3467 or by email jamesdug-

gan@comcast.net.

This year’s inductees are: Bahu Abdul-Wadud – 1,019 pts. Boys basketball, John Midura – 1956 (posthumously) Baseball 4 years; Basketball 4 years.; Soccer 3 years. (Gayle Midura and grandson), Caitria O’Neill – 2007 – Cross Country 2002-06 5 years; track (Jason Roebuck), Carly Zielinski – Softball; basketball (Jim Zielinski), Adam Boucher – 2008 – Cross Country; track, Connor Pennington – Swimming – multiple State titles, Connor Hicks – Soccer. The following teams will be inducted: 2018 Girls Basketball Team – WMass Champs – D4 State Finalists (first time in history), 2016 Boys Soccer Team – WMass Champs and State Champs, 2013-14 and 15 Cheerleading teams – WMass D4 Champs, 2005 Boys Cross Country team – league champs, WMass second place and states.



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back-to-back days” said Pathfinder Tech head coach David Wilson. “We’re going to play the same way in tomorrow’s game like we did today.”

The Pioneers, who also defeated Franklin Tech, 4-1, on the road last week, entered this week’s action with an 8-1 overall record, which is also their league record.

“We lost our first game of the season before putting together a winning streak,” Wilson said. “We still have a lot of work to do to get ready for both the Western Mass. and state tournaments.”

Pathfinder Tech, who lost to Athol at home in the season opener, was ranked third in the latest MIAA Division 5 power rankings. Despite his team being ranked in the top five, Wilson isn’t a big fan of the power rankings system.

“I don’t really think we’re a top five team. They haven’t factored in our strength of schedule yet and our ranking will go down at that point,” he said. “I’m not a fan of the power ranking system because it favors the eastern part of the state. We tend to get forgotten about out here in the west. We just need to keep winning games.”

The score of last Tuesday’s home match was tied 1-1 early in the second half when Pathfinder sophomore Adonis Dupre took over the spotlight offensively.

“Adonis played very well during the second half of today’s game,” Wilson said. “He’s not a pure goal scorer, but he’s a pure striker. Whenever he has an opportunity, he knows how to put the ball into the net.”

During the 51st minute, Dupre weaved around a couple of defenders before firing a low shot into the back of the net past Eagles sophomore goalie Andrew Vilakis (6 saves) for an unassisted goal.

Dupre scored his first goal of the regular season in a 10-1 home win versus Hampden Charter at the end of September. He’s also one of the four players listed on the Pathfinder varsity soccer roster who attends Palmer High School.

The other three players from Palmer High are junior Elijah Jez, sophomore Jaleel Nevue-Roman, and freshman Owen Pear. They’re able to play soccer for Pathfinder Tech as part of a co-op.

A couple of minutes later, Dupre lined

a shot from the top of the penalty box into the net following a corner kick taken by senior Kenny Brouillette.

“Both of the goals scored by Adonis were well struck,” Wilson added. “He’s one of the smallest kids on the field, but he came up big for us in today’s game. I’m looking forward to coaching him during the next couple of years.”

Dupre’s second goal of the match gave the Pioneers a 3-1 advantage.

The Pioneers scored their final goal during the 73rd minute.

This time, Dupre delivered a pass to junior Evan Costa whose shot attempt deflected off the goalie’s knee before crossing the goal-line.

Costa entered this week’s action with a team-leading 17 goals. He scored 15 goals as a sophomore.

“Evan is our leading goal scorer this season,” Wilson said. “He’s a very hard worker out there.”

With less than five minutes left in regulation P.V.C.A. freshman Nathan Hill was issued his second yellow card resulting in a red card. Hill was also suspended for last Wednesday’s match.

“It was the first time I saw him play, but I thought he was one of their stronger players,” Wilson said. “He was dangerous coming down the left side.”

The Pioneers took a 1-0 lead in last Tuesday’s home match in the middle of the opening half.

The scoring play began with a throw-in from the left sideline by junior Seth Mitchell. The ball bounced around the box before Costa put it into the net.

The Eagles scored the equalizer six minutes into the second half on a free kick. The kick was taken from the right sideline by freshman Jake Morozov. The shot floated into the left corner over the head of senior goalie Richie Gula (3 saves), who was looking into the bright setting sun.

The home team retook the lead again five minutes.

The four Pioneers goal scorers in the road victory against P.V.C.A. were senior Riley Sanderson, freshman Cayden Bousquet, Pear, and Costa.

Gula was credited with eight saves in his fourth shutout of the regular season.

CANDLEPIN LEAGUE NEWS

Thursday Night Mixed League

By Ryan Drago
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PALMER – The Thursday Night Mixed League arrived for their first league night in October.

The matches for this week consisted of team one facing off against team five. Another match was between team four and team two and the third was between team six and team three.

On lanes one and two, team one went up against team five. In game one, team one was victorious over team five by a score of 439-397.

In game two, team one was victorious again over team five by a score of 433-401.

In game three, team five defeated team one by a score of 427-423. For total pinfall, team one was victorious by a total score of 1295-1225.

On lanes seven and eight, team four was against team two. In game one, team four defeated team two by a score of 409-372.

Danny Fennyery of team two was the highest scoring bowler with an opening game of 115.

In game two, team four would win against team two by a score of 398-379. In game three, team two would win a close third and final game by a score of 425-422.

Fennyery finished strong with a 110 game and a three-game series of 320.

For total pinfall, team four was victorious over team two by a score of 1229-1176.

On lanes five and six, team six went up against team three.

In game one, team six defeated team three by a score of 400-393. In game two, team three would even up the match by winning game two 407-400.

Jesse Danek would break the century mark by scoring 105 in the second game.

In game three, team three would win over team six by a score of 405-390. For total pinfall, team three defeated team six by a total score of 1205-1190.

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

T-Birds fall in preseason tune-up

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - The Springfield Thunderbirds erased a 2-0 second intermission deficit before the Providence Bruins squeaked out a 3-2 overtime win in the final preseason matchup at Amica Mutual Pavilion.

Colten Ellis and Brandon Bussi kept the opposition off the board through 20 minutes before the Bruins connected for two quick goals in the second from Marc McLaughlin and Reilly Walsh respectively. Providence held the 2-0 edge into the final period of regulation.

However, the T-Birds showed some comeback magic as Drew Callin and Hugh McGing each tallied goals of their own just 27 seconds apart, and just 4:06 into the third, the game was deadlocked, 2-2. Ellis even helped his own cause, picking up the secondary assist on Callin's marker.

Despite being outshot 35-21 in regulation, Springfield got the game to overtime thanks to 33 Ellis stops, but Providence got the last laugh as John Farinacci beat Ellis at 1:35 of OT to secure the Bruins win. The T-Birds open their regular season slate next Saturday, Oct. 14 against Hartford, with puck drop set for 7:05 p.m. at the MassMutual Center.

Bubar steals show in Granite Series win

LEE, N.H. - Corey Bubar was probably not the favorite to win Sunday evening's Bosowski Properties 150. But in the season finale for the Granite State Pro Stock Series, Bubar stole the show.

The Windham, Maine, racer held off Jimmy Renfrew, Jr. to claim the \$8,500 victory at Lee USA Speedway, closing out Lee USA Speedway's year-ending Russ Conway's Oktoberfest spectacular.

And well back in Bubar's mirror, fellow Pine Tree State native Travis Benjamin drove a patient race to earn the GSPSS championship.

Sunday's season finale earned intrigue before the drop of the green, with a \$2,000 bonus offered to any top-five starter who would forfeit their position on the grid if they could come back to win. Derek Griffith, the 2015 GSPSS champion, answered the call, lining up shotgun on the 28-car field to chase the bounty.

Bubar, starting outside of Ryan Green, jumped into the lead early, building an advantage over Green in the opening stint as Griffith picked his way through traffic. When a yellow flag flew on lap 35, Griffith had already clawed his way to 12th with plenty of laps left.

On the restart, Renfrew surged to second, pursuing Bubar until a wreck in the back of the field brought out another caution on lap 47. Reigning champion Joey Doiron pitted from fifth, while Griffith cycled through to eighth for the restart. Benjamin, well ahead of challenger Brandon Barker in the title race, was tenth.

Bubar held off Renfrew's advances on the restart, but the Candia, N.H., youngster prevailed, making his way to the front and leading at halfway. A long green-flag run allowed Renfrew to stretch the gap between himself and Bubar, but Bubar reeled Renfrew in as they diced through lapped traffic. A slow car ahead of Renfrew at just the right time gave Bubar an opening, and Bubar charged back through to take the lead.

Griffith's bid for the bounty went up in smoke with 31 laps to go, as he shredded a right-front tire running fourth. Griffith rejoined the field after a tow, but his shot at the win was all but over and he would rebound to finish eighth.

Bubar brought the field to green, and while Renfrew hassled him for a couple laps, he was able to pull away down the stretch. In his first series start of the season, Bubar raced to his second GSPSS win and his first since winning at his home track, Beech Ridge Motor Speedway, in 2021.

Renfrew followed Bubar home in second, with Green, Dave Farrington and Angelo Belsito rounding out the top five.

And with an eleventh-place finish, Travis Benjamin completed his championship season, becoming the tenth different driver to fly the GSPSS champion's banner. The Belfast, Maine, veteran, a former NASCAR racer and multi-time regional champion, won the first two outings of the season and committed to a full-time schedule that saw him finish out of the top-five only once all year.

The Granite State Pro Stock Series and president Mike Parks extend their gratitude to the tracks, teams and sponsors that made this 2023 season possible, and hope to release details on next year's schedule soon.

Oliveira and colleagues pass tax relief package

BOSTON – Last Thursday, Oct. 5, state Sen. Jake Oliveira, D-Ludlow, and his colleagues in the Senate passed one of the most generous tax relief packages in decades aimed at providing responsible tax relief to Massachusetts' residents and businesses and making the commonwealth more affordable, equitable, and competitive.

The total impact for fiscal year 2024 will be \$561.3 million, with a \$519.3 million on-budget impact. In fiscal year 2027, when fully phased in, the total impact will be \$1.02 billion, with a \$969.3 million on-budget impact. Oliveira was encouraged by the package that will "put money back into people's pockets."

"When you look at this considerable and well thought out package, you're going to see tax relief that is focused on not only bringing equity to those who need it the most but also one that is both inclusive and far-reaching," said Oliveira.

Oliveira highlighted the significant impact the package would have on families. "The expanded Child and Dependent Tax Credit will more than double what fam-

ilies can claim per dependent by 2024, going from \$180 to \$440," he said. "This will benefit more than 565,000 families and become the most generous universal child and dependent tax credit in the country. I'm grateful to the Conference Committee for this incredible expansion and my colleagues in the Legislature for agreeing to support families as much as possible."

Additional package highlights include increased earned income tax credit and the Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit. The earned income tax credit will increase from 30 to 40% of the federal credit increase, and provide crucial support to working individuals and families, benefiting nearly 400,000 taxpayers with incomes under \$60,000.

The Senior Circuit breaker credit increase doubles the maximum senior circuit breaker credit from \$1,200 to \$2,400. This increase will make it easier for approximately 100,000 seniors who struggle with high housing costs to



State Sen. Jake Oliveira

stay in their homes.

Oliveira also praised the Conference Committee's decisions to include credits for users of regional transit authorities. A choice he believes shows the Legislature's commitment to regional equity. "The decision to make regional transit passes eligible for the commuter expense tax deduction shows the Legislature's commitment to all of Massachusetts, including the many folks out here in Western Mass who use regional transit in their daily lives," he said.

"Another detail in the package that will provide relief to more rural areas of the state is the Septic System Tax Credit. This bill will triple the maximum credit from \$6,000 to \$18,000 and increase the amount claimable to \$4,000 per year, easing the burden on homeowners in Western Mass who are facing the high cost of tank replacement or repair," said Oliveira.

Having passed the House of Representatives and Senate, the bill now goes to the governor for her consideration.

An introductory meditation class to be offered Oct. 21

WARREN – The Centered Place in Warren is offering a free Introduction to Meditation class, on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. The class will be taught by Swami Samvidaananda, who is visiting from Svaroop Vidya Ashram in Downingtown, Penn., where she serves as a Svaroop yoga and meditation teacher trainer. She teaches a wide variety of classes and workshops at the Ashram and worldwide.

Participants will learn an easy and deep method of meditation, the same method taught at The Centered Place by instructor and co-director, Phil Milgrom. Meditation is the fastest growing health trend in the USA Today. Contemporary scientists researching meditation have finally confirmed the benefits that practitioners have been claiming for centuries. Some of the many benefits of meditation include reducing stress, bringing greater calm and improving sleep. It also improves memory and focus.

Swami Samvidaananda will give a discourse on yoga's ancient teachings, which are very appli-

cable today. The program also includes chanting, which helps quiet the mind and open the heart. For meditation, she will show participants how to sit comfortably. She will then guide participants inward to get past the busy-mind and experience inner peace. Swami Samvidaananda came to The Centered Place last October and was very well received. Her programs are always deep, supportive and life changing.

To register for this event, or for more information, email phil@thecenteredplace.com or call 413-436-7374. Masks are welcomed. Anyone who has been exposed to COVID-19 should follow CDC recommendations, and if COVID symptoms develop or positive test for the virus is received, please do not attend.

Swami Samvidaananda is also presenting a half-day program the same day, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The program includes easily accessible yoga poses plus chanting and meditation. There is a charge. For information about registering, contact phil@thecenteredplace.com.



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The Centered Place in Warren is offering a free Introduction to Meditation class, on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. The class will be taught by Swami Samvidaananda.

The Centered Place yoga studio has served the local area since 1988. It was founded by Nancy A Nowak, who continues to co-direct along with her husband, Phil Milgrom. The studio was voted Best in Yoga by Sturbridge Times readers for several consecutive years until the magazine was discontinued.

Cambridge half-marathon registration open

CAMBRIDGE – Registration is open for the Cambridge Half Marathon and 5K at CambridgeSide. The races are scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 5 (race begins 7 a.m. EST) on a gorgeous new course with views of the Charles River along Memorial Drive.

The Cambridge Half Marathon is a 13.1 mile fast and flat course featuring views of the MIT, John W. Weeks Footbridge, Harvard University Stadium, Charles River and more. The new 5K race also offers scenic views alongside the Charles River. Both courses are US-ATF certified and start and finish at CambridgeSide.

Race registration includes quarter zip pull over (half marathon participants) or long sleeve shirt (5K participants), five complimentary CambridgeSide parking passes, training plan, race bib with timing chip, and finishing medal. Register for both races at CambridgeSide.com.

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The Saint Cecilia Parish Catholic Women's Club is holding its annual Rummage Sale in the Parish Center, 42 Main St., Wilbraham, on Friday, Nov. 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 4 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. (Satur-

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O B I T U A R I E S

Patricia Mary "Pat" Sullivan

PALMER — Patricia Mary "Pat" Sullivan, 77, passed away October 5, 2023. She was born on January 9, 1946 in Palmer to the late Timothy and Ann (Sullivan) Sullivan. Pat graduated from Palmer High School in 1963 and later worked for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from 1978 until retiring in 2001. Besides her parents, Pat was predeceased by her siblings, Eileen Gula, Kathleen Sullivan,

Mary Rose Sullivan, and recently by Margaret Thorp, and Norman Clark. She is survived by her brother, Thomas Sullivan; sister, Joann Sullivan; as well as many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and cousins. Services were held on Thursday Oct. 12, 2023, with visitation from 8:30-9:30am at the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home followed by a procession to Divine Mercy Parish for a Funeral

Mass at 10:00am. Burial immediately followed in St. Thomas Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Pat's memory can be made to the National Kidney Foundation by visiting www.kidney.org or to Divine Mercy Parish, 2267 Main St., Three Rivers, MA 01080. Please visit www.beersandstory.com to extend online condolences.

Second Chance Animal Services celebrates milestone

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Second Chance Animal Services, a nonprofit dedicated to improving the welfare of animals, is thrilled to announce a monumental achievement in their mission to reduce pet overpopulation. In September, the organization performed its 75,000th low-cost spay and neuter surgery, marking a significant milestone in their ongoing efforts to create healthier communities for pets.

This achievement builds on the success of Second Chance's longstanding commitment to providing accessible and affordable spay and neuter services. The organization began its low-cost program in 2005 at their East Brookfield shelter, aiming to address the root causes of pet homelessness. Today, the nonprofit's hospitals in North Brookfield, Southbridge, Springfield, and Worcester continue to serve hundreds of pets each month in state-of-the-art surgical suites, made possible by grants and generous donors.

Spaying and neutering not only contribute to controlling the population of stray and unwanted animals but also play a vital role in enhancing the overall health and well-being of pets. These procedures can prevent various cancers and other serious health issues while positively influencing pets' behavior by reducing aggression and roaming tendencies.

Sheryl Blancato, the CEO and founder of Second Chance, expressed her pride in the organization's impact through 75,000 surgeries. "This milestone is a testament to the dedication of our team and the support of our community," she said. "However, our work is far from over. We are committed to continuing our efforts to reach even more pets in need."

Blancato urges all pet owners to consider spaying or neutering their pets, emphasizing the preventative benefits. "Routine spays and neuters can protect pets from life-threatening conditions, including pyometra and testicular can-



Second Chance Animal Services recently celebrated its performance of its 75,000th low-cost spay and neuter surgery. Two kittens seen at Second Chance await their operations.

cer," she said. "Our goal is not only to address the immediate needs of pets but to contribute to a healthier pet community in the long run."

Pet owners interested in availing themselves of the low-cost spay and neuter program can visit www.secondchanceanimals.org, and complete a S.P.O.T application under the Vet Care tab.

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Please submit a photo of your veteran with his or her name, rank, branch of military and hometown by email to dflynn@turley.com or drop off a photo to **The Journal Register, 24 Water Street, Palmer, MA 01069**. All photos will be returned.

Please submit your photo no later than **Monday, October 16, 2023.**

There is no cost to submit a photo. No photos will be accepted after deadline. If you would like to use a prior submitted photo, please contact before to October 10th.

My breast cancer journey, from diagnosis and treatment to healing

By **Beth Alonzo**
Guest Contributor

In 2020 during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, my husband had a heart attack.

While he was still in the hospital, I learned I had breast cancer.

Beginning in 2017, I had been having mammograms every six months, because of something the radiologist saw on my screening mammogram that was a concern.

I will never forget the year 2020. Shortly after the COVID-19 pandemic had started, my husband had a heart attack. Hospitals weren't allowing visitors at that time because of the pandemic, so I was not able to see or be with him while he was in the hospital being cared for and recovering.

The day after my husband was admitted to the hospital, I had another mammogram which was abnormal and showed that I needed more testing.

Melissa, the tech who performed my mammogram, was exceptionally kind to me. I had told her about my husband's hospitalization.

It was very frightening to hear what the radiologist had to say to me about my mammogram without him by my side. Melissa stayed with me when I met with the radiologist, and it was a great relief to have her there for moral support.

The radiologist talked to me about the area of suspicion found on my mammogram, and he set up an

appointment for a biopsy. Everything happened very fast.

By the end of the week, I had my biopsy and within three days had an appointment to get the results. It was then that I learned that I had ductal carcinoma in my left breast.

Although this is something that no one ever wants to hear, the good news was that because it was caught early, it was stage 0 (zero).

During my appointment with Dr. Holly Mason, a breast surgeon at the D'Amour Center for Cancer Care, she carefully explained everything to me and offered me three options for treatment.

I chose to have a lumpectomy followed by radiation and was scheduled for the same-day procedure. I was glad that I didn't need to stay in the hospital and could go home after my surgery/lumpectomy.

Dr. Mason and the care team doing the biopsy were all very nice and my surgery went great. After a few weeks, I started radiation.

My first appointment was scary, but I had the best radiation technicians taking care of me throughout my five-week, five-day-a-week treatments. I never believed that I would be as comfortable as I was with my radiation team.

They truly were "Baystate's Best." I scheduled my radiation treatments for the end of the day so I could still go to work every day.

They were always on time and the

treatments were quick. Most of the time I would be back on the Mass Pike driving home just minutes after my 4 p.m. appointment.

I will always be grateful for all the support I received from my care team throughout this journey. I didn't tell my husband about my diagnosis until he was home from the hospital and feeling better.

I would like to share what I learned from this experience; make sure you keep on top of your breast cancer screenings. Good health is everything, and only you can take care of your health.

Today, I only need to have one mammogram a year and am cancer-free, and pray I stay that way!

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women.

During their lifetimes, regardless of breast size or family history, 1 in 8 women will receive a breast cancer diagnosis. But early detection makes breast cancer easier to treat.

Women over 40 do not need a referral to make an appointment for a routine screening mammogram.

For more information or to make an appointment online at one of the Baystate Health eight locations, visit www.baystatehealth.org/services/breast-care/mammogram or call 413-794-2222.



Police/Fire

Fire Logs

Bondsville

For the period Sept 26- Oct 2, Bondsville fire responded to 2 calls.

On Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 10:14 p.m., the department responded mutual aid to Maple Lane in Three Rivers for smoke in the residence. The department returned to service at 11:18 p.m.

On Thursday, Sept. 28 at 4:25 p.m., the department responded mutual aid to Sherwin Street in Ware for

a structure fire. The department returned to service at 5:03 p.m.

Three Rivers

The Three Rivers Fire Department responded to six calls for the week of Oct. 1-7.

On Sunday, Oct. 1, the Department was dispatched and cancelled en route to Shearer Street.

On Wednesday, Oct. 4, the Department responded to an EMS call on

Palmer Road.

Also on Oct. 4, the Department responded to a cooking fire confined to a container on Walnut Street.

On Thursday, Oct. 5, the Department provided a medical assist to EMS crew on Sylvia Street.

On Friday, Oct. 6, the Department responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries on Main Street.

Also on Oct. 6, the Department responded to an alarm system sounding due to a malfunction on Sykes Street.

Police Logs

Palmer

The Palmer Police Department reported 458 incidents on its logs for Sept. 26- Oct. 2.

Sept. 26

At 1:57 p.m. police responded to an accident with property damage on N. Main Street.

At 2:26 p.m. police responded to a disturbance at the corner of Main Street and Church Street resulting in 2 arrests. Katiemarie T. Derby, 34, of 4009 Hill St., Thomdike, was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct, assault and battery on a police officer, resisting arrest, and threaten to commit a crime. An unnamed 17-year-old juvenile was also arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and possession of one ounce or less of Marijuana by a juvenile.

At 11:33 p.m. police pulled over and arrested Henry Earl Record, 53, of 45 Parker St., East Longmeadow

on charges of OUI liquor, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, fail to yield for an emergency vehicle and a warrant.

Sept. 27

At 10:37 a.m. police pulled over and arrested Jorge Pinguil Acero, 27, of 45 Exchange St., Millford on charges of no inspection sticker and having a revoked license.

At 4:59 p.m. police pulled over and arrested Tyrus Lamar Allen, 43, of 207 Cherokee Dr., Springfield on charges of OUI Liquor second offense, number plate violation, no inspection sticker, and possession of an open container of alcohol.

At 5:55 p.m. police responded to an accident with property damage at the corner of Bourne Street and Main Street.

At 10:12 p.m. police responded to a structure fire at Quaboag Valley Co-op, where Justin Maheu, 60, of 79 Quaboag Valley Co-op, Three Rivers received a summons for charges of possession of ammunition and firearms without an FID card and improper storage of a firearm.

Sept. 28

At 12:57 p.m. police responded to an accident with property damage at the corner of Shearer Street and Thorndike Street.

Sept. 29

At 7:28 a.m. a 14-year-old juvenile was arrested for a bomb threat with serious public alarm.

At 8:00 a.m. police responded to an accident with property damage on Main Street.

At 5:47 p.m. police responded to an accident with property damage on the Mass

Turnpike.

At 7:32 p.m. police received sex offender registration.

At 9:24 p.m. police pulled over and arrested Kyle Timothy Messier, 31, of 50 Bacon Road, Wilbraham on charges of OUI liquor, no inspection sticker and motor vehicle lights violation.

Sept. 30

At 4:16 p.m. the police received sex offender registration.

At 4:55 p.m. the police received sex offender registration.

Oct. 1

At 10:57 a.m. police arrested Richard D. Walton III, 39, of 26 Hillside Village, Ware, on a charge of assault and battery.

At 3:51 p.m. police pulled over and arrested Kenneth H. Johnson, 64, of 296 Emery St., Bondsville, on charges of OUI liquor, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, resisting arrest, license suspended, and OUI related offense while license revoked.

At 5:46 p.m. police arrested a 14-year-old juvenile on a charge of making a bomb threat with serious public alarm.

Oct. 2

1:25 p.m. police responded to an accident with property damage on Palmer Road.

Monson

For the week of Sept. 24 to Sept. 30 the Monson Police department responded to 227 incidents, including the following:

Sept. 28

At 1:12 p.m. police gave Jessica Lynn Abbott, 46, of 16 Chestnut St., Chicopee, for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Sept. 30

At 1:13 a.m. police pulled over and issued a summons to Heidi Elaine Girard, 35, 290 Main St., Monson for no inspection sticker and suspended registration.

At 1:56 a.m. police pulled over and arrested Jessica Michelle Lynde, 27, of 97 Cubes Dr., Brimfield on charges of negligent operation of a motor vehicle, marked lanes violation, following too close, assault and battery on a police officer, resisting arrest, carrying a dangerous weapon and possession of class B drug.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

COMING SOON

POLISH SUPPER on Saturday, Oct. 14, at Monson-Glendale United Methodist Church, 162 Main St., Time 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Dining on the premises is back. Take-out orders are available. Limited quantities, so reservations are recommended, the deadline for ordering is Oct. 12. Call 413-267-5207 to place your order. Meal includes Golombki (stuffed cabbage), Pierogi, Kielbasa, Sauerkraut, Pickled Beets, Rye Bread, and Apple Crisp. Price is \$20 for adults and \$9 for children.

POLISH PLATE Dinner (Kielbasa, Golabki, Pierogi(4), Kapusta, Bread) and Frozen Polish Food Sale will be held at Immaculate Conception Parish Hall, 25 Parker St. Indian Orchard, (Eat in or Take Out) on Oct. 21, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$20. please call:

Maria Kowalski at 413-222-6229 or Maria Bukowski at 413-427-9464 to get tickets.

WARE GRANGE'S Annual Pumpkin Carving will be held on Monday, Oct. 23 at 6 p.m. at the Grange Hall at 297 Belchertown Road. This family fun event features pumpkin carving, a spooky Halloween story for kids by storyteller John Porcino, and a snack will be provided. Bring your own pumpkin and join the fun. Visit us on Facebook or at waregrange.org for more information.

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

INTERESTS

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

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

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

them on Facebook for more.

ONGOING

BINGO IS BACK at Amvets Post 74, 2150 Main St., Three Rivers, on Mondays. The kitchen opens at 4:30 p.m. Early Bird starts at 6:25 p.m. Call the Post at 413-283-4518 for further information.

FARMER'S MARKETS: The Brimfield Farmers Market at Hitchcock Academy

is a fun place to find cool, unique products, plants and seasonal produce every Saturday while you meet your neighbors and support Hitchcock and local businesses.

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

LINE DANCING CLASS: 3-5 p.m. and/or 6:30-8:30 p.m., every Thursday at the Monson Polish Club, 7 Bliss St, Monson. Rose's line dancing classes include absolute beginners and beginners, and participants get to dance to all types of music.

\$10 per class. Please wear comfortable footwear, no sandals.

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

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

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

Dakin Humane Society announces 2023 humane award winners

SPRINGFIELD – Dakin Humane Society honored four people, a group of students, a network of animal hospitals and a K9 comfort dog, at its 2023 Humane Awards, which were part of the organization's Barks & Brews event on Sunday, Sept. 10 at Fort Hill Brewery in Easthampton. Meg Talbert, Dakin's executive director, presided over the award ceremony.

The Humane Awards were originally created by Dakin in 2011 and are comprised of multiple community-based award categories for individuals making a positive difference in the lives of animals and people.

Award winners

The winners of the 2023 Humane Awards are:

Jerry Marchand - The Richard & Nathalie Woodbury Philanthropy Award. This award is bestowed to a leader in the community whose contributions are transformational and demonstrates extraordinary dedication. Marchand, a longtime Dakin foster caregiver and donor, recently took in his 600th Dakin cat, creating a new record for most pets fostered by a single volunteer. Because of his experience, he is often asked to nurture the most challenging cats and kittens. He is also a volunteer taxi driver for Dakin, transporting animals, food and supplies around New England as needed.

2022-2023 First-grade Students at Milton Bradley School - The Youth Award. This award honors a hero, 16 or younger, who displays extraordinary care and compassion to make a difference in the lives of animals, and makes the world a kinder and gentler place. This year's recipients are 2022-2023 first-grade students at Milton Bradley School in Springfield, whose "Good Citizen" project-based learning experience led them to hold a donation drive for much-needed items at Dakin Humane Society. The students made videos for morning announcements, created flyers and conducted an interview with Dakin to help collect donations.

Marina Bayeva - The Frances M. Wells Award. This award, named for the Greenfield Animal Shelter's benefactor, is given to an individual recognized for notable contributions to the health and welfare of animals. Bayeva, a native Ukrainian, lives in western Massachusetts. When Russia invaded Ukraine, she learned animal shelters there were in desperate need of help, and she successfully compiled a list of their needs. She set up a nonprofit, Help Animals Survive the War in Ukraine, which raised nearly \$55,000 for shelters in her native Dnipro, and has assisted shelters in procuring grant funding.

Jessecah Gower - The Champion Award. This award honors an individual who serves in the public or nonprofit sector who has faithfully made life better for tens of thousands of animals and people. Gower was named the recipient of this award based on her efforts as animal control officer and animal health inspector for West Springfield as well as her devotion to animals. Gower gives people the resources they need to keep animals in their homes, such as referring them to organizations that can provide assistance with vaccinations and spay/neuter surgery, among other things, and was cited for her tireless efforts to reunite lost pets with their families. She also works with inspectors from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the MSPCA to ensure the health and well-being of animals during The Big E.

K9 Frank and Officer Matthew Llewelyn - The Distinguished Animal Award. This award recognizes an exceptional animal (and human handler when applicable) whose extraordinary devotion to people has proved transformative or lifesaving in challenging or exceptional circumstances. The team of K9 Frank and Officer Matthew Llewelyn, his handler, received this award based on their efforts to deescalate mental health crises to which the Greenfield Police Department responds. K9 Frank is a comfort dog-in-training and member of that department since November 2022. Once trained, Frank and Officer Llewelyn will work primarily with the department's clinician to help defuse active behavioral health crises. When the program began a decade ago, Greenfield Police were the first comfort dog handlers in the country.

VCA Animal Hospitals - Corporate Leadership Award. This award is presented to a business or its corporate foundation, of any size, that demonstrates outstanding commitment to improve the lives of animals through employee giving, volunteerism, or partnership. The VCA Animal Hospitals were selected for this honor in recognition of their commitment to making a positive impact for pets, people and their communities. VCA Charities is a nonprofit organization founded in 2005 dedicated to helping pets in need. Together with VCA associates, clients and donors, VCA Charities has raised more than \$1 million providing free veterinary services, medication, food and financial support to more than 100 animal welfare organizations across the country.

Dakin Humane Society is located in Springfield. For more information, visit www.dakinhumane.org.

Rays of Hope to walk and run toward breast cancer cure

SPRINGFIELD – Thirty years and nearly \$17million raised, the 30th annual Rays of Hope Walk & Run Toward the Cure of Breast Cancer has plenty to celebrate on Sunday, Oct. 22, when the largest fundraiser steps off from Temple Beth El in Springfield. This year's presenting sponsor is Gary Rome Hyundai.

Over the years, all money raised remains local to assist individuals and their families affected by breast cancer. Baystate Health Foundation administers the funds which support treatment, breast health programs, outreach and education, the purchase of state-of-the-art equipment through the Baystate Health Breast Network, as well as support for the Rays of Hope Center for Breast Cancer Research. Rays of Hope also provides grants to various community programs throughout western Massachusetts.

"As we approach our 30th year, we invite all our friends and family back for another year and welcome all survivors whether you're at day one or year six or 30. As with every year, our 30th anniversary event will be filled with hope and love and a few surprises along the way, and we truly hope to make this the best year yet. Now is a perfect time to get your teams organized, recruit new team members, and most importantly spread the word. It's because of this community and the great people in it that we've been able to raise nearly \$17 million dollars," said Lindsey Bubar, 2023 Rays of Hope chair.

It all began in 1994 when Lucy Giuggio-Carvalho was diagnosed with breast cancer. "I was recovering from my treatment and wished that there was a centralized space for breast cancer support, someplace

to find information, a place to go for care, and research conducted in our own backyard," Giuggio-Carvalho said, who was at the time working as a case manager in the oncology unit at Baystate Health.

"I was grateful for my care at Baystate and knew I'd need an organization to work closely with to make this dream a reality, so I aligned myself with Baystate to begin the Rays of Hope. The rest is history," she said about the original walk which attracted 500 people and has now grown to over 20,000 participants.

"As we kick off Rays of Hope's 30th anniversary, we reflect on those who have helped us get to this moment," said Kathy Tobin, director of annual giving and events for Baystate Health Foundation. "We may not have a cure for breast cancer yet, but we have made lifesaving breakthroughs in treatment and the research continues. Importantly, we have a big extended family of support here in western Massachusetts."

Once again, the Ray of Hope will step off from Temple Beth El on Dickinson Street in Springfield and wind through and around Forest Park. The 14th Annual Run Toward the Cure 8K is coordinated and timed by 4Run3. As in the past, the Rays of Hope Big Wig program offers special "big wig" status to those raising \$1,000 or more online only by credit card.

Using the simple and convenient registration at baystatehealth.org/raysofhope, participants can create their own personal webpage to assist them in their fundraising efforts. Participants must raise at least \$50 to receive the collectible Rays of Hope 2023 T-shirt.

Check-in for the run begins at 7:30 a.m. followed by step off at 8:30



Submitted photo

The 30th annual Rays of Hope Walk & Run Toward the Cure of Breast Cancer has plenty to celebrate on Sunday, Oct. 22, in Springfield.

a.m., while check-in for the walk begins at 9 a.m. followed by step off at 10:30 a.m. Buses begin operating at 7:30 a.m. for runners and at 8:30 a.m. for walkers to shuttle them to Temple Beth El. Parking for runners is only at the Lenox American Saw & Mfg. Co. lot in East Longmeadow at 301 Chestnut St. Parking information for walkers can be found at baystatehealth.org/raysofhope. Parking for walkers is at Lenox American Saw, East Longmeadow High School, and Blueberry Hill School and Longmeadow High School in Longmeadow. There will be lot attendants to assist participants.

Anyone who wants to support the Rays of Hope, but cannot participate on Oct. 23, or who is unvaccinated or immune-compromised, can fundraise and sign up online as a "virtual" participant walking or running anywhere on any day.

Also, walkers and runners can visit the Rays of Hope Shop for

branded apparel, the Pink Hope Survivors Lounge, as well as a variety of breast health exhibitors. There will also be water stations and entertainment along the walking routes and cheerleaders "cheering" everyone on to success.

In addition to presenting sponsor Gary Rome Hyundai, other major sponsors include Baystate Breast & Wellness Center, Baystate Breast Specialists, Radiology & Imaging Inc., Gilead Oncology, Golden Years Home Care Services, Kinsley, MGM Springfield, Pfizer, PeoplesBank, USA and Zasco Productions. Also, all Baystate Health Foundation events are underwritten by Health New England. A listing of all sponsors can be found on the Rays of Hope website.

For more information about this year's Rays of Hope Walk and 8K Run, held rain or shine, call 413-794-8001 or visit baystatehealth.org/raysofhope.

North Brookfield Savings Bank announces hires, promotion

NORTH BROOKFIELD — North Brookfield Savings Bank is pleased to announce the hiring of Katherine Meyer as its human resource director, Michelle Ramos as compliance officer, and the promotion of Ann Brady to controller and treasurer.

North Brookfield Savings Bank prides itself on not simply hiring for technical expertise, but hiring individuals whose background will add to the bank's culture; people who bring different experiences, offer unique perspectives, and create a diversity of thinking among the bank's workforce.

Katherine Meyer

Katherine Meyer, of northern Connecticut, has been hired as first vice president, human resources director for the bank.

For the past seven years, she held the role of vice president, human resources for a Connecticut-based credit union. Prior to that, she held human resource leadership roles in industries such as healthcare, hospitality, construction and manufacturing. She serves on Lockton's Talent and Cul-

ture Advisory Board, is a member of the HR Association of Central Connecticut and looks forward to joining a local SHRM chapter in Western Massachusetts. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from the University of Connecticut, a master of science degree in human resource management from Cambridge College, PHR certification from the HR Certification Institute and SHRM-CP certification from the Society for Human Resource Management.

"I look forward to being a part of the continued success of NBSB which is so steeped in local community history, and helping to ensure that success by attracting the best talent to serve our loyal customers," said Meyer. "I enjoy visiting our branch locations, meeting our teams, and observing the interconnectedness of all our processes. I am excited to be working among such a truly dedicated group of people."

Michelle Ramos

Michelle Ramos, of Gardner, has been hired as vice president, compliance officer for the bank. She will be responsible for oversight of the bank's

compliance management program.

For the past 20 years, she has held a variety of roles for Fidelity Bank in Leominster, including eight years in retail banking, four years in corporate training, and eight years in compliance.

She is currently a part of the Finance Committee for Cornerstone Church in Winchendon. In addition, she holds certificates in deposit and lending compliance, and has earned a certificate of professional development through Nichols College.

"As the new compliance officer for North Brookfield Savings Bank, I am dedicated to upholding the high-regulatory standards and ensuring the bank's operations remain fully compliant," said Ramos. "I am excited to contribute to the bank's strong commitment to ethical banking, trust, and exceptional service while collaborating with and supporting my new colleagues."

Ann Brady

Ann Brady, of Wheelwright, has been promoted to vice president, controller and treasurer for the bank.

Previously, Brady worked for Country Bank for Savings for over 18 years, starting as a data processor before becoming the assistant accounting supervisor. She holds an advanced financial services diploma from the Center for Financial Training. With more than 20 years of experience in the financial services field, she brings a wealth of knowledge, confidence and experience to her new role and existing team. In addition to her previous duties, Brady will now be responsible for overseeing the accounting department and will sit on the bank's ALCO committee.

"I'm looking forward to the opportunity to expand my skillset by working with our CEO at a higher level," said Brady. "The accounting team is comprised of extremely experienced and talented people, with whom I am excited to learn as we move forward." North Brookfield Savings Bank is a mutual savings bank with full-service branches in North Brookfield, East Brookfield, West Brookfield, Ware, Belchertown and Three Rivers Village of Palmer.

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Smola supports legislation requiring salary transparency

BOSTON – State Representative Todd Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Ways & Means Committee) has endorsed a proposed change in state law that would require most employers to disclose the salary range for open positions on job postings to better inform prospective applicants and help close the gender and racial wage gap.

Smola stated, "Supporting House Bill 4109 is about promoting fairness, equity, and transparency in the workplace. This legislation shows that in Massachusetts, we value equal opportunity and economic fairness for all. I'm proud to endorse this bill, which is not only a priority for the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators but also supported by key business organizations like AIM and BECMA."

House Bill 4109, An Act relative to salary range transparency, would require businesses with 25 or more employees to provide information on the specific range of pay for an advertised job opening, and to disclose this information to current employees being offered a promotion or transfer to a new position with different job responsibilities. The bill was endorsed by the House of Representatives on a vote of 148-8 on Oct. 4.

"I believe in transparency in employment practices," said Smola. "It's crucial that we empower people seeking jobs with information about salary ranges. I am proud to stand with my colleagues and the business community to advance this important cause."

Ten other states, including Connecticut, Rhode Island and New York, already have similar pay disclosure laws.

According to Smola, House Bill 4109 would impose penalties against any business that fails to comply with the salary range disclosure requirement, which would be enforced by the Attorney General. The bill calls for a written warning for a first offense, a fine of up to \$500 for a second offense, and a fine not to exceed \$1,000 for a third offense.

The bill requires the Attorney General to conduct a public awareness campaign to educate businesses about the

new requirements. There will be a one-year grace period after the law goes into effect before enforcement will begin. For the first two years the law is in effect, covered businesses will have two business days after being notified of a violation to correct it before a fine is imposed.

House Bill 4109 also requires companies with 100 or more employees to annually file demographic and wage data on their workforce with the Secretary of State's office, which is the same information they are already required to provide to the federal government. The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development would then compile and post these reports with the data aggregated so as not to identify individual employers.

Smola said House Bill 4109 will help to correct a shortcoming in the state's 2016 pay equity law, which requires men and women to receive equal pay for comparable work. Although the law prohibits employers from inquiring about a job applicant's salary history, it does not prevent companies from asking about a prospective hire's salary expectations without having to disclose how much the position pays.

He said that House Bill 4109 is a legislative priority of the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators, which is co-chaired by State Rep. Hannah Kane, R-Shrewsbury, and state Sen. Joan Lovely, D-Salem. The Caucus said the bill will help to elevate economic opportunity and eliminate barriers for women in the workforce.

House Bill 4109 is also being backed by several business organizations. This includes the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, which is the state's largest nonprofit, nonpartisan business association representing more than 3,500 businesses in 150 different industries, and the Black Economic Council of Massachusetts, which advocates for Black businesses across Massachusetts.

House Bill 4109 now heads to the Senate for its consideration.

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

Monson Savings Bank contributes to West Springfield's 250th anniversary

MONSON – Monson Savings Bank has a long and proud history of supporting the communities that comprise Western Massachusetts. Recently, Monson Savings Bank made a \$500 contribution to West Springfield's 250th anniversary celebrations.



Submitted photo
Dan Moriarty, Monson Savings Bank president and CEO, center, presented co-chairs of West

Manson Savings Bank President and CEO Dan Moriarty, met with Sarah Calabrese and Carly Camossi, co-chairs of the 250th Town of West Springfield celebration committee, to present them with the Bank's donation.

"Monson Savings Bank is proud to show our support to the wonderful town of West Springfield," said Moriarty. "In 2022, Monson Savings Bank celebrated our 150th anniversary, so we can certainly relate to how special this milestone is and how important it is to celebrate it. We look forward to seeing all the celebrations that the Town's committee will be presenting in 2024."

Calabrese and Camossi both expressed their gratitude to the commu-

nity bank. "We are very appreciative of Monson Savings Bank's support," said Calabrese. "Their contribution will be used to help execute our 250th anniversary celebrations, specifically the 250th Golf Tournament set to take place in July of 2024."

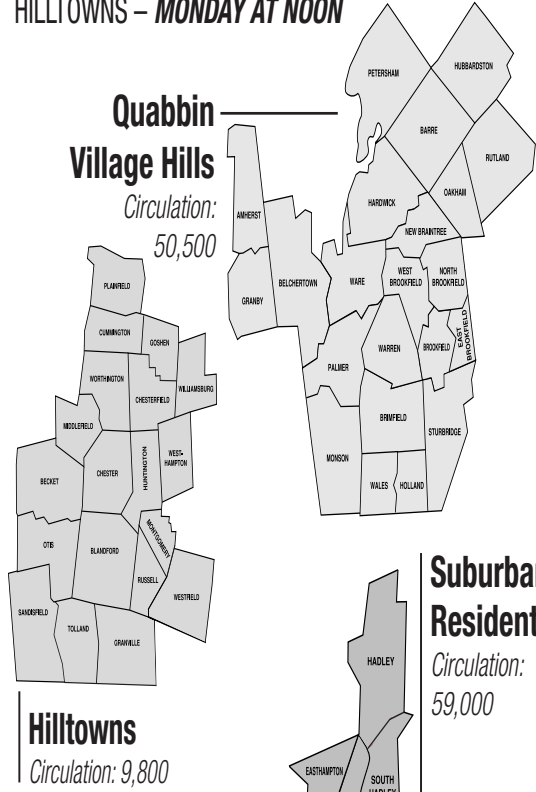
"The committee is so excited to celebrate our Town's huge milestone," said Camossi. "Thank you, Monson Savings Bank, for helping to make these celebrations possible. Monson Savings Bank is such a supportive community partner."

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Country Bank grants \$25,000 to Revitalize Community Development Corp.

WARE – Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving Central and Western Massachusetts, is proud to support Revitalize CDC in Springfield. The CDC performs critical repairs, modifications, and rehabilitation on the homes and non-profit facilities of low-income families with children, elderly military veterans, and people with special needs.

“Revitalize CDC has supported so many families in our community by helping them to maintain safe and healthy homes. Meanwhile, they have spent de-

cadés themselves in need of a permanent home to be able to continue this important work and expand their offerings. Country Bank is honored to contribute \$25,000 toward providing Revitalize CDC with this new home. We are confident that they will be able to broaden their impact exponentially with this building, along with increased storage capacity and the continued drive to do more for our neighbors in need,” said Ben Leonard, senior vice president, commercial banking team leader at Country Bank and vice chair of the Revitalize

CDC board.

“All of us at Revitalize CDC could not express enough gratitude for Country Bank’s generosity,” said Revitalize Community Development Corporation President & CEO Colleen Shanley-Loveless. “Your corporate partnership and support of our capital campaign to build a warehouse/distribution center will help us serve more families in need. Our appreciation is immeasurable for your trust in us and contribution to our mission.”

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From left to right are Jodie Gerulaitis and Ben Leonard from Country Bank, giving a donation to Revitalize Community Development Corp. Director of #GreenFit Program Ethel Griffin and Revitalize Community Development Corp. President and CEO Colleen Shanley-Loveless.



Public Notices

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 25, 2023 at 7:10 PM** in the Large Meeting Room, Town Office Building, 110 Main Street. Under consideration is a Notice of Intent for the construction of a new single-family home, septic system, driveway, stream-crossing, and stream restoration for the property located at 27 Bradway Rd Monson, MA, identified as Assessors Map 018, Parcel 003G, is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act. The property owner is Julyvete Rodriguez.

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10/12/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division Docket No. HD22P0971EA

**Estate of:
Eunice L. Bisnette
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PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Kathryn E. Massey of Palmer, MA**

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

10/12/2023

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 25, 2023 at 7:20 PM** in the Large Meeting Room, Town Office Building, 110 Main Street. Under consideration is a Request to Amend the Order of Conditions issued for DEP File# 228-0429 for ecological restoration efforts at Chapin Meadow to include prescribed burning on the property identified as Assessors Map 159, Parcel 002C, is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act. The property owner is Norcross Wildlife Foundation.

10/12/2023

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Monique De Villier to Sovereign Bank, dated September 27, 2000 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 11350, Page 313 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 November 2, 2023** at 78 Monson Road, Wales, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit: The land with the buildings thereon now known and numbered as 78 Monson Road, Wales, Hampden County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Said premises are shown as Lot No. 10 on a plan entitled “Form A” Plan of Lots Nos. 10 and 11 located on Monson Road, Wales, MA. Richard A. Nathan et als, Owners Suprenant Corproation Engineers”, which plan is recorded with Hampden Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 268, Plan 45. Said premises containing 3.7906 square feet of land according to said plan. Said premises are conveyed subject to and with the benefit of easements, restrictions, reservations and rights of way of record so far as the same are in force and applicable. 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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Town of Monson Zoning Board of Appeals LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40A the Monson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing, **Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.** at the Monson Town Hall 110 Main St. Monson, Ma 01057 on the application of Francis Fijal for a Special Permit to construct a 2 story single-family home with a garage in the basement level on a pre-existing non-conforming lot. The property is located at Hilltop Drive Map 75 and Parcel 71 and is zoned Rural Residential. A copy of the application is on file with the Zoning Board of Appeals and can be viewed during office hours by appointment.

Ronald Fussell,
Vice Chairman
10/12, 10/19/2023

Legal Notice Public Hearing Town of Wales

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing in the Office of the Board of Selectmen located at the Town Offices, 3 Hollow Road, Wales, MA on October 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., to consider a request by Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc to allow National Grid to install 1 JO pole and relocate 2 JO poles on Holland Road beginning at a point approximately 170 feet East of the centerline of the intersection of Brimfield State Road and continuing approximately 468 feet in an East direction. Approximately 170’ East of the C/L of Brimfield State Rd. install PL# 1-1. Continuing 282’ East install PL# 3 continuing 186’ East install PL# 4. New PL# 3 to be installed 15’ East of existing PL# 3. New PL# 4 to be installed 10’ West of existing PL# 4. The documents and map related to this matter are available for review from the Executive Secretary during regular business hours. Wales Board of Selectmen

10/12, 10/19/2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Open –End Mortgage dated March 29, 2013, given by Krystine A. O’Connor to Farm Credit East, ACA, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 19750, Page 325, covering property known as and located at 121 Haynes Hill Road, Brimfield, Massachusetts, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder (the “Mortgagee” or “Mortgage Holder”) for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at public auction taking place on the premises of **121 Haynes Hill Road, Brimfield, Massachusetts on Tuesday, October 31, 2023** commencing at **11:00 AM**, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage (the “Mortgaged Premises”), to wit:

The land in Brimfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being more particularly bound and described as follows:
Beginning at an iron pin in the easterly line of Haynes

Hill Road in the town of Brimfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts, said iron pin being located at the northwesterly corner of the premises herein described, and being also at a corner of land now or formerly of Andrew W. and Kathryn V. Gondek as the same is described in a deed dated 18 July 1962, recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 2891, Page 412;

Thence running S. 71 degrees 30’42” E. a distance of 235.67 feet along a stone wall and along land of said Gondek to an iron pin;

Thence running S. 72 degrees 45’56” E. a distance of 577.97 feet along a stone wall and along land of said Gondek to an iron pin;

Thence running S. 72 degrees 22’38” E. a distance of 821.31 feet along a stone wall and along land of said Gondek to an iron pin at land now or formerly of the Town of Brimfield, known as the Brimfield Town Farm;

Thence running S. 10 degrees 17’40” W. a distance of 710.74 feet along an old fence line and with land of said Brimfield Town Farm to a ten inch oak tree at a corner of land now or formerly of Lyman Stanton as the same is described in a deed dated 23 June 1956 recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 2740, Page 368.

Thence running N. 68 degrees 17’08” W. a distance of 1695.68 feet along the easterly line of Haynes Hill Road to an iron pipe;

Thence running N. 16 degrees 00’36” E. a distance of 334.50 feet continuing along the easterly line of Haynes Hill Road to the place if beginning, containing a calculated area of 24.549 acres of land, more or less; being the same premises described in a deed recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 3339, Page 78.

Being the same premises conveyed to Philip P. Welz and Fiona M. Welz by Deed of Antonio J. Batista and M. Constance Batista, dated May 26, 2004 and recorded at the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 14204, Page 468. See also deed dated 1-28-2013 in Book 19657, Page 348.

Excepting therefrom the parcel described in a deed from said Antonio J. Batista and M. Constance Batista to Florence Henderson, recorded in said Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 10383, Page 251 and more accurately bounded and described as follows:

The land in Brimfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being more particularly bound and described as follows:

Beginning at the iron pin in the easterly side of Haynes Hill Road, said from pin located at the Northwesterly corner of the premises herein conveyed and the southwest corner of other land of Grantor.

Thence S. 68 degrees 12’45” E. a distance of 275.00 feet to an iron pin;

Thence S. 20 degrees 03’20” W. a distance of 271.49 feet to an iron pin;

Thence N. 68 degrees 19’ W. a distance of 250.00 feet to an iron pin;

Thence N. 12 degrees 44’30” E. along the easterly side of Haynes Hill Road, a distance of 99.45’ to a point;

Thence N. 16 degrees 00’35” E. along the easterly side of Haynes Hill Road, a distance of 174.50 feet to the point of beginning.

Meaning and intending

to convey Lot 2 containing 1.648 acres as shown on “Plan of land in Brimfield, Mass., surveyed for Antonio J. and M. Constance Batista,” Kenneth Sherman, Engineer. Said Plan recorded at Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 279, Page 53; and

Also excepting therefrom, the land bounded and described as follows: Being “Lot 1” on said plan recorded at Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 279, Page 53.

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

TERMS OF SALE: The Mortgaged Premises will be sold subject to the terms set forth above and as hereinafter provided. Twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) dollars must be tendered in cash, certified check, bank treasurer’s or cashier’s check at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder to be held by the Mortgagee’s attorney, Jonathan R. Goldsmith, Esq., Goldsmith, Katz & Argenio, P.C., 1350 Main Street, Suite 1505, Springfield, MA 01103 (“Escrow Agent”). The successful bidder will also be required to deposit a sum equal to ten (10%) percent of the successful bid (less the \$20,000.00 deposit) with the Escrow Agent within

five (5) days of the date of the sale. The balance of the purchase price, plus a Buyer’s Premium equal to five (5%) percent of the successful bid amount, shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer’s or cashier’s check at the closing, which shall occur within thirty (30) days after the date of the foreclosure sale, time being of the essence, unless the Mortgagee agrees otherwise in writing.

The deposit tendered by the highest bidder shall be held as earnest money by the Escrow Agent which, at the option of the Mortgagee, shall serve as liquidated damages for any default by the successful bidder. Upon payment of the balance of the purchase price and the Buyer’s Premium, the respective foreclosure deed will be released to the successful bidder, whereupon the obligations of the parties shall be deemed to be properly fulfilled and discharged. Each successful bidder shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Sale containing the within terms at each of the Public Auctions.

In the event that any successful bidder at the public auction shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Mortgagee’s Sale of Real Estate and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the public auction, the Mortgagee reserves the right, at its election, to sell that parcel of the Mortgaged Premises by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder at the public auction provided that: (i) said second highest bidder shall deposit with the Escrow Agent, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within three (3) business days after written notice to the second highest bidder of the default of the previous highest bidder; (ii) the second highest bidder shall execute a Memorandum of Sale; and (iii) title shall be conveyed to the said second highest bidder within twenty (20) days of said written notice, time being of the

essence unless the Mortgagee agrees otherwise in writing. The terms of sale shall be the same as described above.

Other Terms, if any, to be announced at the time and place of the sale.

FARM CREDIT EAST,
ACA,
Present Holder of said
Mortgage,
By its attorney,

Jonathan R. Goldsmith, Esq.
Goldsmith, Katz & Argenio,
P.C.
1350 Main Street, Suite 1505
Springfield, MA 01103
Tel. (413) 747-0700
10/05, 10/12, 10/19/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division Docket No. HD23P2015EA

**Estate of:
David Michael Peritz
Date of Death: 07/17/2023
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Robert D Peritz of Palmer, MA**

Robert D Peritz of Palmer, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

10/12/2023

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS (SEAL)

**LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE
TRIAL COURT
Docket No. 23 SM 003669
ORDER OF NOTICE
TO: Richard D. Stred**

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

Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Palmer, numbered 275 State Street, given by Richard D. Stred and Marilyn E. Stred to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a Subsidiary of Lehman Brothers Bank, FSB, dated May 2, 2002**, and registered at **Hampden County Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 144361 and noted on Certificate of Title No. 9004**, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has filed with this court a

complaint for determination of Defendant’s/Defendants’ Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **11/13/2023** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER Chief Justice of this Court on 9/28/2023

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson,
Recorder
10/12/2023

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Dennis E. Wentworth, Jr. to Bank of America, N.A., dated February 26, 2010 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 18203, Page 169 (the “Mortgage”) of which mortgage U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust dated December 23, 2022 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 24876, Page 264, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 37 Wales Road, Holland, MA 01521 will be sold at a Public Auction at **12:00 PM on October 26, 2023**, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in Holland, Hampden County, Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon, situated on the southerly side of Wales Road, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the northwesterly corner thereof at an iron pin on the southerly line of Wales Road distant 138 feet easterly of a stake and stones marking the northwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Elmer R. Daigle et ux, at the intersection of Wales Road and Bennett Lane;

THENCE easterly along the southerly line of Wales Road, 110 feet to an iron pin at said Daigle land;

THENCE by said Daigle land: southerly at right angles to the southerly line of Wales Road 200 feet to an iron pin; westerly on a line parallel to the southerly line of Wales Road 110 feet to an iron pin; and northerly 200 feet to the point of beginning.

Being the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagor by Deed of Michael R. Ray and recorded immediately prior hereto.

For mortgagor’s title see deed recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 18203, Page

167. The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cashier’s or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee’s attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust

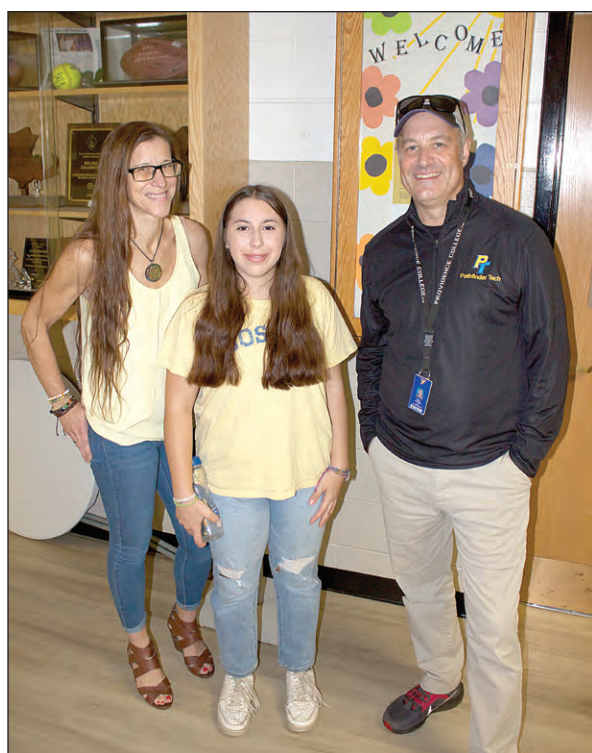
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Town of Monson LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance M.G.L. Chapter 40A the Monson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing, **Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 7:20 P.M.** at the Monson Town Hall 110 Main St. Monson, Ma 01057 on the application of Jesse Griswold for a Special Permit as required by § 4.1 and §4.2 of the Monson Zoning Bylaws. The applicant seeks to install a 12ft x 24 ft storage shed that is located within the Floodplain District and Water Supply Protection District. The property is zoned Rural Village and located at 19 Chestnut Street, Map 113 and Parcel 55. A copy of the application is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk. Zoning Board of Appeals and available for viewing during regular office hours.

Ronald Fussell,
Vice Chairman
10/12, 10/19/2023

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



Helaynah and Darcy Barry took a picture with Pathfinder's Physical Education Department Chair Peter Lamarine.



Dan Whalley had a table in the gymnasium with information about Pathfinder's educational programs.



School nurse Sarah Dunaj was there to provide information to students and parents.



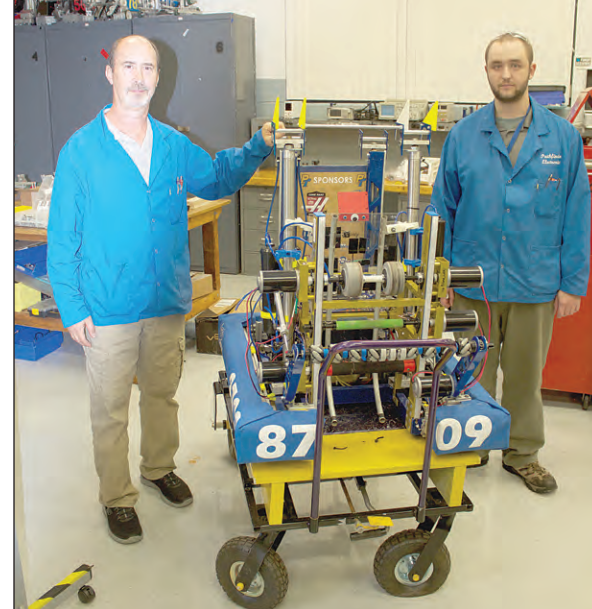
In the school lobby, (from left) Superintendent Eric Duda, Vocational Director Amy Skowrya, and Principal Brenda Turner greeted people for the open house.



The teachers from the Culinary Department gathered for a photo in the kitchen.



Paul Bouthiller and Joel Martel stand in front of a town police cruiser, for which the school's auto body department regularly does detail work.



Teachers in the Robotics Department pose with a robot.



Families sit in on a typical class at Pathfinder Tech.



Teachers from the electrical department, are (from left) Jeremy LaMotte, Brad Lord and Eric Simard.



Principal Brenda Turner and Superintendent Eric Duda are seen with one of the last teachers still on staff from their days as a student, Craig Sankey.



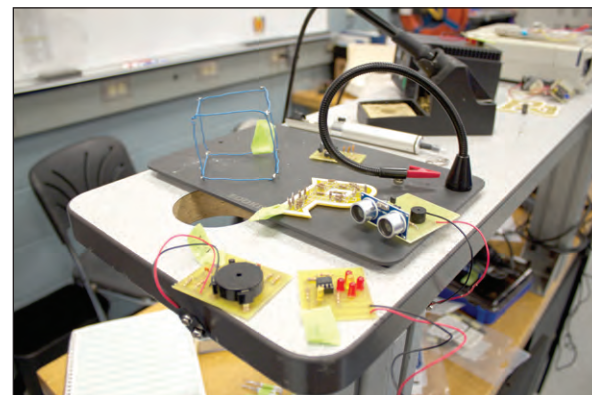
Turley photos by Marcelo Gusmão Standing in front of a brand new piece of equipment, are (from left) Eric Duda, Adam Girard, Derek Rivera, Douglas Bachand and Amanda Leclerc.



Sharing a joke together, the Carpentry Department members are (from left) Scott Baronas, Bill Darling, Phil Gallo and Louis Zglobicki.



The guidance and adjustment counselors, (from left) Erica Dupre, Tory Zalauskas, Taunya Wahlers and Nicole Horton, were a very popular table.



The Robotics Department is seen here with a number of gadgets that they had built.

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Vocational Director Amy Skowrya. "I love how people are so eager to get in."

After being greeted at the door by the superintendent, principal and vocational director, attendees could either go downstairs to the gymnasium, where faculty set up tables with information about the various services the school has to offer, or they could go to the classrooms to sit in on presentations about the curriculum and meet the staff.

"I was a lawyer in Southbridge for 29 years," said Peter Lamarine, who now works as the department chair of physical education at Pathfinder.

"COVID hit, and I wound down my practice and started substitute teaching," Lamarine said. "This opportunity popped up for this job, and I jumped on it."

Lamarine said that law was good to him, but he doesn't look back. "This is much more fulfilling," he said. "My soul is being

resurrected, a little bit at a time. My last case was across the street, and [...] after 29 years of grinding, dealing with criminals and divorce and stuff, I thought, 'Wait a minute, I'm never doing that again.'"

"When I leave this job, I don't think I'll be that happy," Lamarine added.

One Pathfinder staff member who doesn't need to speculate is carpentry teacher Louis Zglobicki, who is retiring after 16 years.

"I'm going to miss it," Zglobicki said. "I'm going to miss the kids the most. Especially on a night like tonight, when you see them all excited. That's kind of hard on you, and you really love it."

Zglobicki reminisced with Superintendent Eric Duda about porches and extensions that Pathfinder students had built under his supervision, even sharing some pictures he'd taken of the class with their finished products.

"That was the stretch energy stuff that came in," Duda said. "That was the first year I was introduced to knowing what that was. I'd never seen all the stuff you do with the

blocking and the foam, I thought 'this is amazing.' Now everybody has started adopting that."

"We added a two-car garage and asked, 'What do you want for upstairs?' (The owners) said, 'Master bedroom,'" Zglobicki recalled. "I said, 'Anything special up there?' and they said, 'master bath.'"

"I had the homeowner come in and insulate it, but we did every piece of drywall, we did the flooring, the windows, the roof. We tied everything in and then the homeowner goes, 'gee, you're doing all this stuff, can you re-side the house so it's all the same?'"

What started out as a one-year project turned into a three-year job, but Zglobicki is proud of the finished product, noting that it's been featured in magazines and remains a recognizable feature of the neighborhood.

The open house served as an opportunity for alumni to talk about their experiences with the school as well. Amanda Leclerc, a graduate from the technical school, set up a table in the Advanced Manufacturing Department to tell students

about the opportunities that her Pathfinder education opened for her.

"I took manufacturing when I was here in 2010-14, and then I got a job at Master Cam?" she said. "I don't like to brag, but I also like to give them the knowledge that by 27, I bought a house, I have my truck, and I have no student debt."

"The older gentlemen that are leaving right now out of the industry, they don't have positions filled by younger kids, so they haven't been able to train them. If they can get into the industry now, where there's guys that may be retiring in the next five to 10 years, and they can train them and give them that knowledge, that's huge for them," Leclerc said.

The open house provided a great opportunity for parents and families to learn more about their children's school, and to get to know the people who are caring for and instructing the students at Pathfinder. For more information, go to pathfindertech.org.

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