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COMMUNITY

Palmer Public Library bequeathed \$3 million fortune

Wanted to thank staff for their help

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PALMER – When Town Manager Ryan McNutt received a hand-delivered packet of paperwork last year he was shocked to discover it contained a will naming the Palmer Public Library as the recipient of a \$3 million estate.

“It was a total surprise,” said McNutt. “We could have never guessed this.”

The late Thomas P. Budnick, a Ludlow native who died last year in

Holyoke, left an estate of more than \$3 million and several parcels of land located throughout Massachusetts, including in Harwich.

McNutt was appointed by the Hampden County Probate and Family Court to serve as the personal representative of the estate this past July.

After Budnick died in his Holyoke apartment on May 15, 2022, McNutt said he received hand-delivered mail by Palmer Police Lt. Erin Sullivan after responding to a call in Holyoke.

McNutt said Sullivan told him the paperwork was retrieved from a deceased person’s apartment and had been handed over by the Holyoke Police Department.



Palmer Public Library located on 1455 N. Main Street.

It named the Palmer Public Library as the sole beneficiary of his estate, and specifically excluded his “only (loving) sister Barbara A. Budnick-McEachern-Serrano.”

A library regular

According to Palmer Public Library Director Stephanie Maher, Budnick was “somewhat of a regular” many years ago, but gradually stopped going to the library.

Prior to being the Library Director, Maher said she was the children’s librarian so while she knew of Budnick, she didn’t know him particularly well.

She said he often called to ask for reference help, do research in the library and would lightly tell the

staff he planned to put the library in his will. She said the staff assumed it was his way of saying “thank you.”

“He claimed to own a stake on the moon, and he had a news article... he used to give us all copies of it all the time,” said Maher. The library staff would jokingly say “if he leaves us his will we’ll have a piece of the moon.”

McNutt said, “some of the parcels are actually in the Atlantic Ocean, off the Cape, so he did own land under the Atlantic Ocean.”

According to Maher, Budnick had actually sent the library a copy of his will while a different director

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SCHOOLS

Monson receives \$625,000 Drug Free Grant

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MONSON – The Monson Public Schools and the Monson Substance Use Community Partnership were recently awarded a \$625,000 Drug Free Communities Grant by the White House National Control Policy in conjunction with the Centers of Disease Control.

The federal grant is focused on preventing youth substance use and providing education resources.

Funds will be distributed over a five-year period, with \$125,000 coming annually. The first allotment was dispersed Sept. 30.

In a press release published by the MSUCP on Sept. 30, MSUCP Chairperson Dodie Carpentier said the partnerships’ goal “is to make Monson a safe and drug-free place for our youth,” and to strengthen community involvement in preventing substance use among young people.

The release also said the grant provides funding to local community coalitions for preventing youth substance use of prescription drugs, marijuana, tobacco and alcohol.

The MSUCP plans to achieve these goals by using effective strategies to educate youth, parents, public officials, businesses and community leaders about the risk of underage substance use and its correlation with mental health.

Carpentier said the partnership is perfect for the grant as it caters to all school-aged children in kindergarten through 12th grade.

According to Carpentier, the MSUCP and Monson public schools will create a business plan using data collected from parent and student surveys relating to substance use, and determine how to meet goals and reduce youth substance use.

The school district and MSUCP have already gathered a trove of data about youth substance use from a variety of sources.

Sources include parent and student surveys, a 2019 Prevention Needs Assessment Survey from Monson’s eighth, 10th and 12th graders, data from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health’s Bureau of Substance Addiction Ser-

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Fire safety in Monson



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Patrick, Kaden, Mariska, Bryson, Spencer and Alyssa O’Hara share a family photo at Sunday’s event.

Open house offers fire prevention education and fun

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MONSON – Residents gathered at the Monson Fire Department in support of the MFD’s annual open house and participated in fire safety and prevention activities.

“The annual open house gives us a chance to interact with the community outside of an emergency setting,” said Fire Chief Brian Harris.

He said while firefighting is a significant part of what the department does, fire

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Firefighters share fire prevention and fighting strategies with youth. Shown is Brantley Beaumier learning how to take aim at a fire.



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Granite Valley Girls on the Run team shown from left to right are Kylie Coursey-Scotton, Coach Sarah Casmiro, Aubrielle Samkin, Maddie Strom, Lailani Bedward, Anna Almeida, Fiona McManus, Coach Alyssa Darling, Coach Jessica Scoville, Ariana Esposito, Maddi Donovan, Sophie Kaminski, Ashlee Kozdronkiewicz, Coach Megan Clifford and Emily Ostrander Rylee Sherman. Front row from left to right are Audrey Caswell, and Kailyn Graves-Harrison.

Girls on the Run

Local schools encourage social-emotional wellbeing

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PALMER/MONSON – The girls at Old Mill Pond Elementary School in Palmer and Granite Valley School in Monson are not only encouraged to learn in the classroom, but also outdoors, alongside peers, coaches and friends.

Opposed to focusing on book work, the trained-volunteer led, after school activity focuses on the social-emotional well-being and adaptability of youth girls following a guided lesson plan.

This fall season marks “Girls on the Run” debut for OMP.

“Girls on the Run Western Mass inspires girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident using fun, experience-based curricula that

creatively integrates running,” said Alison Berman, GOTR Western Mass Council Director. “(It) is the only national physical activity-based, positive youth development group program for girls with an evidence-based curriculum, trained coaches and a commitment to serving all girls.”

Old Mill Pond mom, Erica Nadeau said she heard about the program before it made its way to OMP through a friend of her daughter.

“She’s loving it so far,” Nadeau said of her daughter. “Each meet has a theme associated with it and questions for parents to ask.”

She said as a parent, the guided questions are helpful in creating more targeted, thoughtful conversations that aim to build off what her daughter is learning in the program.

“The first class was about their ‘star power,’ and they were

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PALMER

Town Council discusses plans for future development

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PALMER – The Town Council met to discuss various issues, most notably the reconstruction of the wastewater treatment plant, a housing production plan, the appointment of the town planner, and an amendment to the zoning bylaws.

Wastewater Resolution

The Council discussed a resolution to appropriate \$2 million to

pay to design and reconstruct the roof of the wastewater treatment plant. This will include paying any costs incidental to the \$2.86 million previously appropriated for this project.

“At the last meeting there were two things that were requested,” Council President Barbara Barry said. “One was the original cost of the project was estimated to be the \$2,868,000, which was the original borrowing authorization. You had also indicated at the last meeting that you were working on what

the impact would be to the sewer ratepayers for this additional \$2 million.”

Town Manager Ryan McNutt said that he’s in communication with Monson’s Finance Director about the town contributing 20% of the cost to the repairs, but it will have to wait for a Town Meeting vote. In the case that Town Meeting votes against appropriating the funds, Monson will still have to pay the amount of money toward the repairs.

“This schedule is kind of tight,

without knowing what they’re doing yet,” Barry said. McNutt agreed that it’s “incredibly tight.”

“We’ve been trying to do this project since June of 2021,” McNutt said. “Very little maintenance has been done to these town buildings in the past 20 years. They are all starting to really fall apart, and the roosters are coming home to roost.”

“In the meantime, between 2020 and now, this project has become more expensive, much like almost every single capital project

in the United States right now.”

McNutt said that he feels confident that Monson will vote to pay its portion of the cost.

Housing production plan

The council voted to accept the Housing Production Plan, as presented by McNutt and John Latour, the community development director.

“This is the final copy (of the Housing Production Plan) that

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Prizes Will Be Awarded
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Pet of the Week

MEOW MEOW

This is Meow Meow. He is four years old and lives in town, on Calkins Road, with Phil McManus. He's never been on an incredible journey. We feature your pets here. Is your fur friend a dog, cat, chicken, lizard, horse, bird, mouse... you get the point. Is there a pet you're fostering and trying to re-home? All pets are welcome! Email a high-resolution jpg of your pet with a little information to mharrison@turley.com.

Blessing of the Animals to be held Oct. 22

PALMER— All are welcome to bring their pet to a special Blessing of the Animals service at St. Paul's Church on Sunday Oct. 22 at 10 a.m. This unique church service will feature music, readings and prayers of blessing for the animals.

Pet photography will be offered by John McCarthy of Longleash LLC. Pet Photography of Wilbraham, at 11 a.m. at the church's fellowship hall. A free 4x6 photo of pets will be given. Additional prints and gift certificates will also be available.

Bring pets as they are, or in festive Halloween attire; perhaps even dressed for Christmas for a special Christmas card photo shoot.

If the pet is unable to attend, then be sure to bring a photo of your pet to be blessed.

Drink and refreshments will be served as well as treats for the animals.

Seeing the light with window replacement



Turley Photo by Marcelo Gusmao
 Kolby Rodriguez, Nick Riley, Hunter Perron, Scott Theriault, and Caleb Duval have been hard at work repairing the windows at the Monson Free Library. After 30 years the library is currently undergoing window replacement.

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needs to be approved," Latour said, "The state is the ultimate end user of this, they use this as a guide for how we move forward with promoting low-income housing and affordable housing in Palmer."

McNutt said, "having a housing production plan is also a component of our Master Plan."

Latour and McNutt said that this plan may lead to future grants, as it will be recognized as progress towards housing production by the state.

"Every community in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has a subsidized housing inventory," McNutt said. "The state would like every community to be at 10%; Palmer is under 5%, which is not abnormal, that's very typical for a community like Palmer."

McNutt said that with the rising cost of living, it's important for the town to develop rental properties at an affordable price.

"We're going to have a lot more renters for a lot more years, because homeownership, the goalposts are moving so far away from the average ordinary person," McNutt said.

The council voted unanimously to accept the Housing Production Plan.

Town Planner

McNutt announced that Linda Leduc has taken an opportunity at another community, leaving her position as town planner vacant. McNutt has appointed Heidi Mannarino to the position.

"Town planners are very short and much in demand right now, so I'm not keen to keep this position open, because we have a lot of projects, especially a lot of economic development projects, on deck. I want to keep things moving forward," said McNutt.

Mannarino was recommended for the position by Leduc herself, having worked closely with Mannarino in her position as conservation agent. McNutt mentioned that Leduc started as a conservation agent before becoming town planner, and that she intends to make herself available to help Mannarino transition into the role.

"I am incredibly excited and grateful for this opportunity to grow within Palmer," Mannarino said. "I have big shoes to fill, as Linda Leduc helped the town in so many wonderful ways, but I am eager to begin tackling the new challenges that come with this role."

"I'm confident that Heidi is a capable person and employee that will be able to apply her skills and background to the town planner position."

Mannarino will continue working as a Conservation Agent while the position is being advertised.

Cannabis retail

The council discussed an amendment to zoning for additional cannabis retail. According to the present zoning bylaws, the maximum number of cannabis retailers in town is limited to three "open and operating facilities," but the amend-

ment would increase this to four special permits issued by the town.

"This was referred to the Planning Board," Barry said. "They did have their public hearing, and on a 3-2 vote they recommended that we increase the number from three to four."

James McMahon, the attorney for Green Gold Group, spoke in favor of this amendment.

"What we're really looking to do here with this zoning amendment is reflect the situation as it stands today in Palmer," McMahon said. "The Planning Board has issued four special permits, all of which have been recorded, for marijuana retail. The town has issued and executed four community host agreements for marijuana retail, but the zoning code is very ambiguous."

"The Zoning Code as written says that a marijuana retailer is an open and operating facility transacting the sale of cannabis. That is very far down the pipeline in terms of regulation, and it's also outside of the town's control," McMahon said.

"Once a host community agreement is issued and once a special permit is issued, the rest of the pathway to licensure is with the Cannabis Control Commission, and facilities can open, fail to open. I know we've seen in town a number of facilities that have obtained those special permits and host agreements and have failed to open, most notably the one right now on Sherer Street."



Friends of Monson upcoming events "Monson Scares" series

Scarecrow Contest

Rules and Regulations:
 Scarecrows will be displayed at Memorial Hall, Oct. 21-31

A prize will be given to the best scarecrow. Please register by Oct. 21, via Friends of Monson Facebook Page, Email kjake861@gmail.com or text 413-544-1555.

Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Rules and Regulations:
 Memorial Town Hall, Oct. 31, 6 p.m.
 Geared towards ages 13-19
 Please register by Oct. 27, via Friends of Monson Facebook Page, Email kjake861@gmail.com or text 413-544-1555

Second annual Fall Holiday Decorating Contest

Rules and Regulations:
Prizes will be given for:
 Scariest, Most traditional, Most artistic (Sponsored by the Monson Art Council)
Judging will be Oct. 27-29
 Please register by Oct. 23, via Friends of Monson Facebook Page, Email kjake861@gmail.com or text 413-544-1555

Cemetery Commission to host annual cemetery walk

MONSON – The Monson Cemetery will host this year's annual cemetery walk at Hillside Cemetery following Trunk or Treating at Monson High School, on Saturday, Oct. 28.

Participants will gather at the top of Hillside Cemetery at 5:30 p.m. The walk begins at 6 p.m.

Residents will have an opportunity to learn about the families that helped build Monson, as well as connect with other community members over complimentary donuts and cider as provided by the Monson Historical Society.

The Replanting Monson Tree Committee will also provide roasted chestnuts.

The annual cemetery walk is a free program, offering residents a family-friendly and festive activity to enjoy amongst other citizens and trunk-or-treaters.

After exploring the cemetery and Monson's history, the walk will conclude with a guided tour of the Jacob Thomas House.

The guided tour will feature pictures, tools and items on display relating to this year's theme.

This program is made possible by the collaborative efforts of the Monson Cemetery Commission and the Monson Historical Society, as well as a grant provided by the Monson Cultural Council.

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Wishing Well Charities hosts fall fundraiser

WARE – Wishing Well Charities, Inc. will hold its annual fall fundraiser on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 3-8 p.m. at Teresa's Restaurant, 305 Palmer Road.

There will be a cocktail hour with cash bar, sit down dinner with family style meal, a spectacular silent auction and music and dancing with the Time Trippers.

Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased at Nat Falk, or by calling either 413-204-0009 or 413-330-4013.

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The three instructors for the American Sign Language class are from left, Jamie Lakota, interpreter Kelly Gavin and deaf instructor Theresa King.



The instructors leading the class through new signs, including numbers one through ten.



Shown from left are Heather Mellish, Jackie Collier and Kathryn Collier enjoying their time learning new words in American Sign Language.

Country Bank announces open house at West Street branch

WARE – Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving central and western Massachusetts, is pleased to announce that its West Street Banking Center in Ware has been renovated to offer its customers a modernized banking experience.

An Open House is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 26 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. The public is invited to join the celebration.

It will feature a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 3:30 p.m. with local business partners and bank representatives, a food truck offering specialized donuts and apple cider, appearances by the Bank's mascot, Buck and Smiley Ball from the Worcester Red Sox, giveaways, and a drawing for tickets to Old Sturbridge Village's Christmas by Candlelight event.

"We are very excited to introduce a new and modern design within our Full-Service Banking Centers, expanding our ability to consistently provide sales and service solutions for our customers while supporting Country Bank's promise to make a difference in delivering a world-class customer experience. Investing in this location is very important to us, not just because it is our flagship office, but because it will provide an enhanced banking experience for our customers while also reinforcing our commitment locally within the Town of Ware and surrounding communities," said Russ Fontaine, senior vice president of Customer Experience and Retail Banking at Country Bank in a press release.

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vices, and findings of the 2022 Community Health Needs Assessments conducted by local hospitals.

The 2019 school's customized PNAS data revealed that by the time Monson youth reach grade 12, 72% of them have used alcohol, 70% have used marijuana, 63% have used vaping devices and nearly 11% have used prescription stimulants not intended for them.

According to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Bureau of Substance Addiction Services, 55 Monson residents of all ages received state-funded addiction services in fiscal year 2022.

Monson School Superintendent Dr. Cheryl Clarke said an action item the district has initiated since receiving the grant is the creation of a Drug Free Communities program director and Drug Free Communities project coordinator position within the school system.

The DFC project coordinator will be responsible for "building the capacity of and sustaining DFC work and on underage drinking, nicotine and marijuana use," as well as serving as a resource for parents and adults.

The program director will provide the project coordinator support in addition to overseeing the MSUCP operations including grant administration, budgeting, planning and ensuring the overall goals of the MSCUP are achieved.

Clarke said "prevention is a powerful tool to counteract youth substance use in our community and we will use this funding to help youth in Monson make healthy choices about substance use, mental health and overall wellbeing."

Library hosts free American Sign Language classes

By Emily-Rose Pappas
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PALMER – Have you ever wanted to learn American Sign Language? Well, look no further than the Palmer Public Library.

The library is hosting the organization Signing Basics for one-hour classes from 11 a.m.-noon where students taking the class will learn 100 words in sign.

The students enjoyed Theresa King's classes, and many were happy to share about it. Rachel Carrier mentioned that ASL has always been on her bucket list and how lucky she felt to take the class.

"She's [Theresa] a great teacher," Carrier said.

Jackie Collier found the class to be entertaining and enriching, eager to come back each week and complete her homework.

"She's a fun teacher. She has a lot of energy," Collier said.

King's fun and energetic teaching style made the class easy to follow. The class reviewed the signs for the alphabet, and then learned new words relating to people, as well as signs for the first ten numbers.

The class members also showed how much they learned by finger-spelling words like "love," "start," and "kindness." The class was all smiles as they learned the sign for "start" looked like putting a key into an engine using fingers.

King has been deaf for most of her life and began to learn sign language at 18 when she began to lose her hearing. She has been teaching ASL for 15 years.

She wants everyone to learn ASL as it is a valuable skill to connect the hearing and speaking community with the deaf community. She came up with two

ideas for why this is so important.

"First, be comfortable with deaf culture. You need to be comfortable with the fact that deaf and hearing people are the same," King signed, with Kelly Gavin translating. "Second, think of the language as beautiful."

The ways in which ASL functions is a wonderfully fantastic thing to learn about and understand. "My hope is that people will grow a desire for ASL, and not only a desire to learn, but also a desire to meet with and mingle with deaf people," King signed.

King hopes the world understands that language is not only spoken words but is also represented by and shown in many other ways, and signs.

Gavin had a desire to work with members of the deaf community and went on to achieve a degree in deaf studies and is three years into interpreting

school.

"I really love the language," Gavin said, while signing her words to King. "I have always had in my heart a desire to be more involved with the deaf community."

American Sign Language is an important aspect of our community, and something that should be more widely introduced and understood. It is important, as a community, that we welcome all who enter it and are a part of it, and learning ASL can be the first step.

The five-week workshop continues this Saturday, Oct. 21 from 11 a.m.-noon, as well as Oct. 28 and Nov. 4 at the Palmer Public Library, 1455 North Main St.

For more information about the library and its events, visit www.palmerlibrary.org/events.

Pathfinder adopts electronics policy, approves MASC policy recommendations

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PALMER – Last week, Pathfinder Regional Technical Vocational School held a blended virtual and in-person School Committee meeting, where they discussed a new electronics policy, and voted to adopt new language in their policies as recommended by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

School Superintendent Eric Duda also announced several new hires at the school, including Timothy Anderson as a Special Education instructor, Corrina Warton as an accounts payable associate, and Jeffrey Turner and Ryan Ball as first and second shift custodians. Duda also announced the retirement of Darren Leboeuf.

Electronics

A new electronics policy is being adopted by Pathfinder, which would provide students with a pouch to keep their cell phones and other electronic devices stored, but inaccessible during the school day.

"We're not just looking to restrict their cell phone use for any old reason," said Principal Brenda Turner. "We really do feel that the benefits far outweigh the convenience of having that device."

Duda said that the pouches were bought using grant funding, costing about \$35 per student, and that the response has been mostly positive.

"The pouches will be in the possession of the students," Turner said. "They'll arrive to school with their phone and the pouch, it'll be placed in the pouch and secured, and then they'll keep that on their person throughout the day."

School Committee members were concerned about how students would be able to contact their parents in the event of an emergency.

"The pouches are essentially a cloth bag they could easily be slammed against something – the wall, they can stomp on them – and disengage that magnetic lock if necessary," said Assistant Principal Patrick Boudette.

"We plan to have two sets of high-quality scissors, in every room if necessary, to cut through that pouch quickly and effectively," Boudette added.

The motion to amend the electronics use section of the student handbook to include these regulations passed unanimously.

New policies

The majority of the meeting was dedicated to going over MASC's recommendations for updates to the language in Pathfinder's policies.

Resolutions included supporting the governor in creating a stable funding structure to support districts partnered through the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity, and to investigate bidding practices for school transportation providers, which the committee voted in support of.

One resolution that the committee decided not to support would see students who live greater than a one-and-a-half mile distance from the school not be reimbursed for the transportation costs.

"I'm not generally a fan of passing the cost onto the students," Keith Valley said. "That just puts more pressure on the parents to try to get their students here."

There was some discussion over a resolution to include a staff position with the purpose of promoting equity and inclusion at the school.

"We have that supportive atmosphere here, and we should," Marty Goulet said. "We should support it in any way possible."

Though the committee was supportive of making the school inclusive, it was noted that the student services director fills this role, and so the committee said they would not create a new position to support the resolution, but would agree to designate a faculty member to this task.

For a resolution to call on State Legislature to remove the \$800 million cap from School Building Authority projects, Goulet recommended that HVAC equipment be included in the program.

"They will do boilers and windows, but they don't do rooftop units, which are more expensive," Goulet said. "They really limited the ability to help towns."

"The general consensus (of the committee) is that we'd like Lorraine [Alves] to support this in a big way, with potential advocacy for the items that Marty [Goulet] mentioned," Committee Chair Julie Quink said.

The committee also voted to support increased enforcement of penalties against drivers who pass school buses when their lights are flashing. This would include giving cities and towns the ability to install digital video monitoring systems for the purpose of identifying violators.

The penultimate resolution was "to build strategy for an evaluation system [...] to investigate the extent of biases pertaining to MCAS testing."

"This is a problem that keeps coming up, where we're spending half the time producing these high-quality, work-force-ready kids, and they're not ever getting credit for that on any state standardized test," Duda said. "It really cracks me up."

Bob Lavoie described the decision as a "no-brainer," and the committee voted to support the resolution.

Firearms reminder

The most controversial item was the last resolution on the list, which instructed superintendents and school staff to send out communications to parents instructing them about the importance of properly securing firearms in the home.

Lavoie was not in favor of adopting this policy. "Why is this a situation for schools?" he asked. "In my opinion, it's got nothing to do with the school system."

"We're only talking about allowing the school to send a reminder to parents 'the law says lock up your guns,'" Goulet said, "because in reality, many times, across the United States, kids have taken their parents' guns to school and done harm," Goulet said. "The guns need to be locked up."

Though Lavoie abstained from voting on this particular issue, the consensus was to adopt the measure.

Pathfinder will have their next School Committee meeting in November, when they will look forward to accepting donations on behalf of the school and Duda to Toys for Joy.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

Matters

By Russell Gloor

How will my wife's Social Security be affected by her teacher's pension?

Dear Rusty

My wife, born in 1960, was a Texas school teacher for about 10 years and receives a \$1,000 per month pension from that work. She didn't pay into Social Security while teaching, but she paid into it for about 23 years while working elsewhere. I paid into Social Security my entire life, the maximum in most years, so my SS benefit will be much greater than hers.

I understand there are some sort of penalties or restrictions on my wife's Social Security benefits and also for spousal benefits due to her school pension. Please share the process I can use to estimate my wife's Social Security and tell me if she can file for spousal benefits.

Signed: Planning for the Future

Dear Planning

Because your wife has a Texas school teacher pension earned without contributing to Social Security, any SS benefits she is entitled to will be affected by two rules: first, by the Windfall Elimination Provision, which will reduce her personally earned Social Security retirement benefit and, second, by the Government Pension, which will reduce any spousal boost if she is entitled to one to her own benefit.

The amount of the WEP reduction to your wife's personal SS retirement benefit will be computed using a special formula, which considers the number of years she has contributed to Social Security through other (non-state) work. Since your wife became eligible for Social Security benefits in 2022 the maximum WEP reduction with 23 years contributing to SS will be \$358. If your wife has already obtained an estimate of her Social Security retirement benefit, deduct \$358 from that estimate and that will be pretty close to her actual SS retirement benefit when she claims. Social Security will figure out the exact amount of her WEP reduction when your wife applies, but you can also use Social Security's "WEP Calculator" for an estimate, which you can find by visiting www.ssa.gov/benefits/calculator/.

Whether your wife will be entitled to a "spousal boost" to her own Social Security retirement benefit depends on how your respective FRA entitlements compare and the GPO. The base amount of your wife's spousal boost will be the difference between her pre-WEP FRA entitlement and 50% of your FRA entitlement. If your wife's normal FRA entitlement is less than 50% of your FRA entitlement, the difference is a "spousal boost" added to your wife's personal SS retirement benefit. However, that base spousal boost will be reduced if taken before your wife reaches her FRA and even further reduced by the GPO (the GPO reduction will be 2/3rds your wife's State of Texas pension, e.g., about \$667. Any remainder left after these reductions to your wife's spousal boost will be added to her own WEP-reduced SS retirement amount, but if the remainder is \$0 then no spousal boost will be given and your wife will get only her WEP-reduced Social Security retirement amount.

FYI, Social Security's WEP and GPO provisions apply to anyone, who has a pension earned without contributing to Social Security, including many public service retirees in the 26 states, which do not participate in the federal Social Security program. I've published numerous articles about how these rules affect benefits and also about the rationale behind both provisions, which you are welcome to review at this AMAC Foundation website by visiting www.SocialSecurityReport.org.

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The Garden Lady takes on squash pollination

Christl, a recent transplant to Belchertown from California, wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady: "We are doing the post-mortem on our veggie garden and we had an issue with our butternut squash."

Last year we grew butternut from seed and had some lovely fruit that lasted most of the winter. This year we used the same seed, but the fruit was white without the distinctive crookneck shape.

I've cooked some and it is definitely not as sweet, but my dog is enjoying the special treats. I suspect that it cross pollinated with something else in the garden.

We also grew two types of cucumbers (which despite the rain went gang-buster), Mini cantaloupe melons and a yellow summer squash. None of these fruits seemed to be affected.

My question is how to avoid this? Are there particular cucurbits that are more likely to cross-pollinate or be cross-pollinated? Is there a certain distance one can plant away from each other?

I was hoping to plant some pumpkins and watermelon next year, but in light of the butternut, I am wary. I may be willing to forego planting some of the cucurbits, but cukes are a must and I'd hate to give up my melons.

I have enough room that pumpkins will stay out of the veggie garden."

Thank you for the wonderful and very timely question! First let's talk about how cross pollination occurs.

In the simplest of terms, bees carry pollen from plant to plant. When fruit forms, and the seeds from the fruit are saved and used the following year to start new plants, you can sometimes run into trouble and not end up with the exact plants you grew the year before.

We will take melon and cucumbers out of the equation here - they belong to the genus Cucumis and are species melo and sativus respectively. They cannot cross pollinate because they are different species.

Nor can watermelons, since they are a different genus and species altogether: Citrullus lanatus.

The genus Cucurbita, to which squash belongs, has five different species. Three of them are commonly grown in our climate; one more only occasionally:

Cucurbita pepo includes summer squash: zucchini, patty pan, and yellow crookneck as well as acorn, delicata/dumpling, and spaghetti winter squashes. Small gourds, and most pumpkins also belong to this species. Pepos have hard, five-sided ribbed stems.

Cucurbita maxima is comprised of banana, buttercup, Hubbard winter squash as well as some pumpkins, most notably the white pumpkin Lumina and the pretty deep orange-red "Cinderella." Fruit in this species have round stems and tend to be on the large side. They often have bumps on their skin and button ends (think of a belly-button). Highest carotenoid content when mature and sometimes the largest fruit on earth!

Cucurbita moschata is comprised of the familiar butternut-type of winter squashes as well as the cheese pumpkin, ancient "Seminole," and many other less common fruits. One distinguishing feature of this group is its smooth surface and usually a tan color. It is often used interchangeably for pumpkin in pie recipes. Quality of flesh and carotenoid content can range from good to poor; seed is nutritious.

Cucurbita argyrosperma. To people that live in the Southwest, their "pumpkin" of choice is the "Green Striped Cushaw" or "White Cushaw." Most consider it to be a rather pretty winter squash. Just like the moschata, it can be used interchangeably in recipes calling for pumpkin. Reportedly, it handles dry weather and is quite resistant to vine borers. It is rarely grown in our climate. One distinguishing factor of this species is silver seed which is large and nutritious. Culinary quality, however, is pale and poor.

Confusion sets in when you want to save seeds of your produce!

All squash are monoecious, that is male and female flowers are produced on the same plant. Note male flowers (usually outnumber female flowers 4:1) are on stems, flowers are fused with stamens versus female flowers that have an ovary at base.

Both are high in nectar that is attractive to visiting bees, most notably the honeybee and native ground bees.

Cross-pollination will not occur between different species - say between a pepo and a maxima but it will take place among members of the same species.

Since I grew zucchini, yellow crookneck and pumpkins in my garden, all Cucurbita pepos, I can't save the seeds from any of those fruits and expect them to look, or taste, exactly like their parents did.

What makes seed saving even more confusing for the novice is whether or not the variety they are growing is open-pollinated or a hybrid. Hybrids, however, are the result of crossing two inbreds.

Seeds saved from hybrid plants will likely germinate and produce fruit. Unfortunately, it will not be true, and it may or may not have a resemblance to the fruit you saved it from - it will likely resort back to either of its parents or some unique, different combination of genes.

With all of this said, I have a few thoughts as to what happened to produce misshapen butternut squash. If it was seed you saved from the plants you grew the year before, maybe they were hybrids and what you ended up with is something back in the genetic line.

Or maybe they cross pollinated with your neighbors moschata; for true seed, plants would need to be isolated one-half to one mile.

If what you grew was from the original seed packet- not anything you saved, then it remains a mystery.

Regardless, I do hope this helped in de-tangling a confusing topic and encourages you to plant all of your favorites next year!

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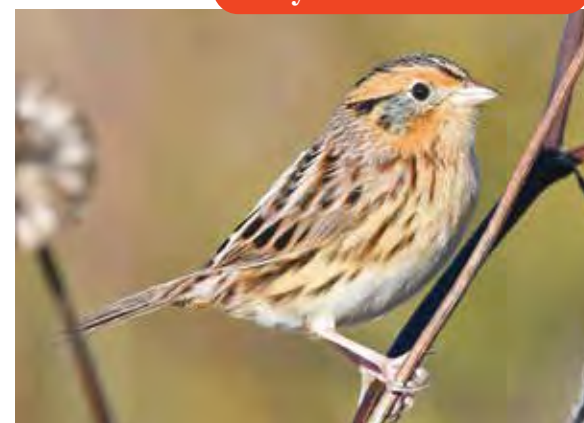
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By Ellenor Downer



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.

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\$1 Million recieved for energy infrastructure

BOSTON— Sen. Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.), chair of the Senate Environment and Public Works Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate, and Nuclear Safety, today celebrated an announcement from the Department of Energy that Massachusetts will receive nearly \$1 million in federal funding to develop clean energy infrastructure. This funding was awarded through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block grant program created through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Of these funds, Boston will receive \$659,900 to create a Building Decarbonization Advisory Program, which will assist residents with enhancing energy efficiency, decarbonizing their homes, and complying with the City's standards.

Littleton will receive \$300,000 to collaborate with five local electric utilities, the Beneficial Electrification League, and the Northeast Public Power Association to launch a clean energy program. The program will help six Massachusetts municipal utilities transition to 100 percent clean energy while advancing their communities towards net-zero emissions by 2050.

"Massachusetts is the home of the American revolution, and we'll be the home of America's clean energy revolution," said Markey. "With nearly a million in federal funding, we are supporting Massachusetts families in upgrading and decarbonizing their homes - all while electrifying and transitioning our commonwealth to clean energy. Together, we can reduce carbon emissions to zero, protect environmental justice communities, and save our planet."

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Palmer's newest Eagle Scouts honored



Kathleen Grace Day and John Michael Lopes Dee perform a candle ceremony to recognize lifelong qualities Scouts have developed throughout their Trail to Eagle.

By Dallas Gagnon
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PALMER – Palmer Venture Crew 164 were joined by friends, family and supporting members of the community to honor Palmer's two newest Eagle Scouts, Kathleen Grace Day and John Michael Lopes Dee.

The Sunday, Oct. 14, Eagle Court of Honor marked history as Day became Palmer's first ever female Eagle Scout.

Attendees were given the opportunity to learn about Day and Dee's Trail to Eagle, recognize their accomplishments and bear witness to the Scouting ceremony rituals.

Scoutmaster William Mullen kicked off the ceremony.

He said the gathering was an opportunity to "celebrate all of their commitment (and) hard work."

According to Mullen, only 4% of scouts that embark on the scouting journey achieve Eagle.

"They were faithful," said Mullen of Day and Dee. Leading the Presentation of the Colors was Sarah Dee, followed by a declaration of the Scout oath, law and venture motto.

Mullen shared the scouting journeys of Dee and Day, also known as the Trail to Eagle.

"This is a milestone in the lives of these young people," said Mullen. "The first learned the scout law, scout oath, and slogan."

He said learning these three codes earned Dee and Day the title of "Scout."

Before advancing ranks to Tenderfoot, the scouts learned "to cook, camp and first aid."

Mullen said, jokingly, "one of the first things I taught Kathleen how to do was make a proper pot of coffee."

He added the scouts had to learn the importance of proper food preparedness, cooking and clean up before advancing to their Second Class rank.

"With their newfound skills, they had to set up a campsite, a meal and clean up," said Mullen.

"This deemed them worthy of Second Class Scout." He said the scouts confidence grew, and they "hungered to learn more."

He added that their "desire for independence was growing and showing."

It wasn't before long that Day and Dee would progress to rank of First Class Scout, which was when the "vast learning really began," he said.

According to Mullen, at this rank Day and Dee "saw that Eagle was attainable, (and) saw what they had accomplished and what was possible."

Upon advancement to Star Scout, Mullen said the next obstacle would be "Life."

Star Scouts were expected to work on projects around town, continue earning badges and learn fundraising strategies.

Finally, before achieving Eagle rank, Life Scouts were expected to act as mentors and share what they

had learned with younger scouts.

While Day helped younger scouts learn to tie knots, Dee helped teach the youngsters first aid.

Then it was "Eagle Rank; time to fly," said Mullen.

At this rank, Day and Dee were tasked with executing an Eagle Project, which is designed to help the community.

"It's like creating a business plan," said Mullen.

Day chose to do her project to benefit her family church and create a little library.

She was responsible for fundraising to cover the material costs of constructing the library.

Dee set his sights on helping the

Palmer Department of Public Works by scraping, sanding and painting 15 fire hydrants throughout town.

"Being the overachiever that he is," Mullen said Dee ended up painting 21 hydrants.

Day and Dee were asked to light a series of candles before the audience to symbolize three core values of Scouting: Honor, loyalty and courage.

Mullen asked all Eagle Scouts in attendance to join Day and Dee in reciting the Eagle Scout oath as they pledged to honor scouting throughout their lives.

"Your position is one of honor," he said. "Do your duty. Bring yourself honor. You are here to make the feature greater."



Kathleen Grace Day shares a hug with her sister, Meghan Salisbury, after naming Salisbury's significant other, Louis Tonelli, one of her mentors.



Palmer's newest Eagle Scouts Kathleen Grace Day and John Michael Lopes Dee share a photo with State Sen. Jake Oliveira, D-Ludlow.



John Michael Lopes Dee is joined by his mother and father in support of his Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony.



Eagle Scouts Kathleen Grace Day and John Michael Lopes Dee are recognized by the town of Palmer and awarded a citation by Town Councillor Karl Williams.



Kathleen Grace Day stands proudly as she takes her Eagle Scout oath.

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Arts Council to present "The Mousetrap"

By Marcelo Gusmão
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MONSON – The Arts Council is excited to put on a performance of "The Mousetrap" by Agatha Christie on the weekend of Oct. 27-29.

"The Mousetrap" tells the story of a group of seemingly unconnected people with dark secrets, trapped in an isolated English country manor in a freak snowstorm that they may not survive. The play first opened in London in 1952, and has been performed continuously ever since.

"We are excited and thrilled to bring this classic tale to the stage at Monson Memorial Hall," said Ray Possick, executive producer and member of the Arts Council. "The Mousetrap is one of the most successful and long-running plays of all time, and the cast, crew and directorial team have created a unique and compelling version that audiences will love. You'll never see the end coming."

Cast members in "The Mousetrap" include Leslie Marsh, Jake Wyse, Melissa Wiese, Libby Smith, Paul Marsh, Laura O'Brien, David Leslie, and Tom Duke, and it's being directed by Amy Lake.

"The Monson Arts Council Theater Committee has been working on building up the program after it was defunct for about eight years," Lake said. "We started last year with Steel Magnolias, and we brought this up as our second play."

Lake stage managed for "Steel Magnolias" last year, and then put her name forth when the council was looking for a director for "The Mousetrap." She said that "the benefit of 'The Mousetrap' is that it's a single scene," and so it would work well with the limited stage space in Memorial Hall.

"We looked for something that was simple for the set, and had a smaller cast," Lake said.

Sarah Thomas, a co-producer for the show, said that, "Given the ongoing challenges to arts in the Monson community as the future of the Arts Council hangs in the balance, this show and its story has the potential to be of great local and regional interest as well as appealing to an arts audience."

Concessions will be provided by The Better Bean. Tickets are \$21 for general admission, or \$19 for students and seniors, and are available for purchase at My-Monson.org, as well as at the door.

"The Mousetrap" will be performed at Memorial Hall on Friday, Oct. 27, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 28, at 1 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m., and on Sunday, Oct. 29, at 1 p.m.



Photos by Marcelo Gusmão
The cast of Tom Duke, David Leslie, Leslie Marsh, Paul Marsh, Laura O'Brien, Libby Smith, Melissa Wiese, and Jake Wyse rehearse The Mousetrap at Memorial Hall.



Submitted photos
Coaches and runners from Granite Valley School are covered in dots after participating in an interactive program.

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asked to explain what qualities they have," said Nadeau. Her daughter said that her star power is that she is athletic.

"Exercise is good for your physical and mental health (so) to have that inspire her, I look forward to seeing that," she said.

Berman said the skills GOTR aims to help participants develop psychological, physical and social behaviors "to successfully navigate life experiences through an emphasis on the development of competence, confidence, connection, character, caring and contribution."

Participants are asked to meet twice a week for about an hour and a half with coaches, and at the completion of the season, participate in a celebrative, non-competitive 5K event.

Additionally, teams will participate in a service project.

Granite Valley coach and school adjustment counselor Megan Clifford said GV is celebrating three seasons of GOTR this fall.

"We have had 44 girls participate and nine different volunteer coaches since the inception of our first team," said Clifford.

Being an adjustment counselor, Clifford said she teaches students "how to advocate for themselves, develop healthy coping skills, learn to self-regulate (and) practice a growth mindset."

When she first reviewed the GOTR curriculum, Clifford said she was "ready to dive in head first."

She said, "the curriculum is so much more than just a running program, it teaches girls how to handle social pressure, how to reframe negative thoughts and how to deal with challenges at home and school."

Clifford added she has seen firsthand the positive impact GOTR has had on both individuals and the community.

"The girls who have finished a season with me, and the incredibly dedicated coaches I work with, have not only increased their physical activity level, but they have learned to manage emotions, resolve conflicts and feel pride when helping others," said Clifford.

She said the celebratory 5K has served as an opportunity to get families and community together in support of the runners and a shared cause.

"The practice 5K alone has been an unanticipated vehicle for parent and community involvement," said Clifford. "At our 5K celebration our team had brothers, sisters, dads, moms, aunts, uncles...past teachers, and current principals all on the run."

Berman said the 5K is an emotional and uplifting event as it allows runners, families and coaches involved with the program to come together and celebrate the accomplishments the girls have achieved throughout the season.

Western New England University is hosting the fall 2023 5K, Sunday, Nov. 19, at 11 a.m.

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was in charge. "The will didn't look very official...clearly he had done it himself," said Maher. "It didn't mention any of his assets, any of what his estate entailed; just that the entirety of it would go to the Palmer Public Library."

She said the staff thought the notion was "very sweet," although no one was "pinning their hopes and dreams on it," as it didn't mention what his estate entailed and didn't appear to be official.

"This was at least, close to a decade ago," said Maher.

She said she hadn't thought about it for a long time, until she received a call from the Holyoke Police Department informing her that the Palmer Public Library was listed as the executor of his estate.

"Then it all flooded back to me," said Maher. "Then we found out that he had this account with money in it... it was absolutely unbelievable."

McNutt said they received the first check in the amount of \$3,032,276.48, which was cut on Sept. 15.

Since then, six additional checks were have been received, amounting to a total of \$3,063,598.51.

"We're not done yet," said McNutt. "He owned a bunch of land around Cape Cod."

He said they have hired a team of forensic investigators to go through all of Budnick's property records to determine what can be sold and what outstanding expenses or bills on his behalf have to be paid.

A year in the works

The entire process started over a year ago, shortly after Budnick's death.

Before the will could be deemed legitimate, Budnick had to be declared dead by a medical examiner, followed by a relative signing the release of his body.

"No processes can start until you've been released by the medical examiner's office, so that's the first thing that has to happen," said McNutt.

Budnick's next of kin was his sister, Barbara Budnick-McEarchen-Serrano, who declined to comment for this story. McNutt said he had no luck getting her to release his body.

"He sat on that tray in the medical examiner's freezer for like six months," said McNutt. "I got in touch with a cousin. She was very insightful, very helpful, and finally convinced the sister to sign off on his body."

Budnick's cousin, Marilyn Lasek, said he and his sister "were always at odds."

Lasek said she had reached out to McNutt "just over a year ago," after she received a call from the Holyoke Police Department asking her if she wanted to sign off on his body.

"The whole process, believe it or not, took about a year. He was in the medical examiner's office in Westfield for nearly six months. I couldn't sign him out because I wasn't next of kin," said Lasek. "Until Barbara was willing to release him legally, my hands were tied."

"I have no stake in this legally or financially, but I just wanted him to rest in peace," she said. After his body was released, Lasek had him cremated.

Probate process

McNutt said once his body was released, the town's attorney was able to start the probate process.

"There were still a couple points of jeopardy," said McNutt. Although the will was signed by three witnesses, it was not notarized.

McNutt said the town hired private investigators to track down the three individuals who signed the will to confirm it was legitimate.

Another challenge was that Budnick's estate was bequeathed to an entity rather than a person. After petitioning to become the personal representative of the estate, McNutt assumed the position of estate executive in July.

McNutt said by the time they are finished selling land and assets, the estate could amount to upwards of \$3.5 million.

During the Monday, Oct. 16, Town Council meeting, McNutt shared with the council that they have received over \$3 million at this time.

A formal acceptance of the estate will be held in November, with McNutt handing the acquired funds to the Library Board of Directors.

According to Maher, the funds will be put into a gift account for the library.

Maher said many of the library board members are "still in shock," adding "besides the building being built, this is the craziest, most wonderful thing that has happened."

She credited McNutt for "doing a lot of the leg-work," and Lasek for being "so helpful and wonderful."

McNutt said the money bequeathed is "great for the library. The library's budget is just under \$900,000 a year, so getting roughly three years worth of budgets in one shot, they can put it in the bank, live off the interest rate, just do some capital improvements year to year. With the interest money they can keep this going forever."

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.

Annual craft fair to be held

EAST LONGMEADOW— St Mark's Church, 1 Porter Road, will hold its annual Art and Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a wide range of artists and crafters offering items ranging from hand knit sweaters to hand-turned wooden bowls and birdhouses, from homemade jam to ceramics and glassworks. The Art and Craft Fair also offers a 'Cookie Walk' and an eclectic raffle of donated handmade items that benefits St. Mark's Church. The kitchen offers breakfast and lunch items such as homemade soups, chili and loaded baked potato for sale. Rain or shine. Free parking and admission. All are welcome.

Academy to hold women in business panel

WILBRAHAM—The Wilbraham and Monson Academy Center for Entrepreneurship, Economics and Finance department will host a "Women in Business" panel on Sunday, Oct. 22, at 10 a.m.

Students and families who are interested in hearing from WMA alumnae about their experiences in the world of business and finance and want to learn more about WMA's CEEF program should attend.

Attendees will hear from Allie Collins-Anderson '16, Rayna Ferris '22 and Madaket Stoltz '23. Collins-Anderson is a WMA Cora Pease Chandler Award winner and She holds a B.A. in Economics and Music from Wellesley College and is a J.D. candidate at Suffolk University Law School. She serves as a Client Services Associate at Kathleen Collins Wealth Management.

Ferris is a student in the Western New England University 3+3 Law Dual degree program. She was a WMA Pieria Prize winner as a senior

and was an active member of the Academy's Finance, Entrepreneurship and Business Society. She is currently serving as a bank teller at Luso Credit Union while attending WNEU.

Stoltz is attending Babson College and will declare her major in Entrepreneurship. She is a student-athlete, participating in Women's Track & Field and is a member of the Babson Blank Scholars Program. While at WMA, Stoltz was a Global Scholar, the Class of 2023 Commencement speaker and was the recipient of WMA's Stephen D. Luckraft Memorial Award. Stoltz was also a member of the all-female team that placed second in the high school division of the 2023 Massachusetts Personal Finance Challenge.

The event is free and open to the public and will take place in the Academy's Mark R. Shenkman Trading Center, located in Mattern Hall on the WMA campus.

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How women professionals can make more time for family

Women wear many hats every day. That's especially true for women juggling families and careers. Chauffeur, negotiator, advocate, moderator, mom, wife, and employee are just some of the titles that apply to modern women.

Data from the U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Census Bureau indicate women represent nearly half of the United States workforce, but women still devote more time than men to housework and child care. While few are advocating for traditional gender roles of the past to be reinstated, a 2012 Pew Research survey found that very few adults (16 percent) indicated having a mother who works full-time is the "ideal situation" for the family. Nearly 42 percent said a mother who works part-time is ideal.

The workforce has changed in many ways, particularly by the number of employers who have adopted family-friendly policies or pivoted to remote working during the COVID-19 pandemic. That means working moms have even greater leverage to find a balance that works for their unique situations. These tips can help women free up more time for what's most meaningful to them.

- **Employ time-saving strategies.** Embrace ways to save time during the day. Order groceries online during a lunch break and pick them up curbside after work. Pool resources with a neighbor to cover school transportation if busing is not provided. Schedule conference calls during commutes so they don't eat into the rest of the day.
- **Define your priorities.** Think about

what cannot be compromised or negotiated. Maybe that is being home at a particular time each day so the family enjoys dinner together. Get clear ideas of what you value most so you can build plans around those priorities.

- **Take vacation time.** Make it a point to use all vacation time, coordinating days off to coincide with family members' days off. Family vacations offer the best shots at uninterrupted, enjoyable time together. They should be ranked highly and scheduled early to ensure travel is possible.
- **Use technology to stay connected.**

There are times when the family may not be able to gather in person. This became evident at the start of the pandemic, when social distancing and isolation became a cautionary tactic to prevent disease proliferation. If the kids are missing you or you

are missing the kids at any time during the day, a video chat can be just what everyone needs to feel better.

- **Outsource housework and chores with smart ideas.** If the budget is there, hire a housekeeper to come in weekly to tame messes around the house. A "mom's helper" can be hired to come in and tend to certain needs. Family calendar apps can serve as personal assistants to keep track of family appointments. Clothing subscription boxes save time and provide a way to have carefully curated outfits shipped right to your home. A robot vacuum can tame dog fur on the rug while you are working in a home office. These ideas can free up additional time to spend with the family.

Working mothers can employ strategies to ensure ample time can be devoted to the ones they love.

How to approach work after a breast cancer diagnosis

A breast cancer diagnosis affects every facet of a woman's life. While women and their families must prioritize treatment, a host of additional variables, including work, also merit consideration after a breast cancer diagnosis.

Work is an important part of life, so it's understandable if women are concerned about how a breast cancer diagnosis will affect their careers. With that in mind, women can consider these tips as they share news of their diagnosis with their employers.

- **Prioritize your own comfort when speaking to an employer about your diagnosis.** Breastcancer.org notes that a woman's comfort level is the most important factor when sharing news of a breast cancer diagnosis with an employer. Some women

may want to inform only a few coworkers they're close with, while others may find it easier to let everyone know. There's no wrong or right way to share a diagnosis, so women should prioritize their own comfort when choosing which way to go.

- **Decide what you want to share.** Women can speak to their physicians to determine how long they will continue working, if their ability to work full-time will be affected by treatment and the projected length of treatment. Answers to the these questions can help women decide how much to share with their employers. If treatment will be lengthy and require time off to recover, then sharing such information can help employers arrange to cover your responsibilities.

- **Take additional measures to overcome side effects of treatment.** Breastcancer.org notes that treatment can produce cognitive side effects such as memory loss or difficulty concentrating. Successful professionals will undoubtedly want to maintain the standard they have established for themselves, and that can be done by taking a few simple steps to overcome any cognitive issues that may arise during treatment. Record Zoom calls so you can go back and view them, if necessary. Take copious notes during strategizing sessions. Begin using a planner so you can stay on top of deadlines. These simple measures are easy to employ and can ensure women don't miss a beat during treatment.
- **Take time off, if necessary.** Time off

should always be a consideration during cancer treatment. Breastcancer.org notes that various programs can help women meet their financial obligations if they're no longer earning income. Some employers may pay full salaries during treatment and not count time off as vacation or personal time, while others may grant short-term disability benefits that can provide some income during extended time off. Explore all of your options with the human resources staff at your firm.

A breast cancer diagnosis may require women to alter their work habits and schedules. Even the simplest tweaks can have a profound impact and allow women to direct much of their energy and focus on their treatment.

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Dakin Humane to host Whisker Wonderland

SPRINGFIELD— Dakin Humane Society will present Whisker Wonderland on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at its location at 171 Union St. Admission is free, but donations will be welcomed.

The second-annual holiday craft event will include a variety of local artisans offering pet-centric crafts and gifts. Last year's first-ever Whisker Wonderland event attracted many pet lovers and craft enthusiasts across western Massachusetts and northern Connecticut, as well as holiday shoppers, and people seeking eco-friendly, locally-focused gift items.

In addition, Dakin's Home Again thrift shop will be open at that time to provide additional shopping options. There will be a raffle of donated gift

items to support animals at Dakin Humane Society, and Dakin's holiday merchandise will be for sale. The family-friendly event will also feature a bake sale with hot chocolate.

"Last year when we introduced Whisker Wonderland, it attracted nearly 300 people," said Dakin's Director of Development and Marketing, Stacey Price. "We got a lot of terrific feedback from shoppers about how they got some great gifts for the animal lovers in their life, which helped with their holiday shopping. This year we will have even more vendors offering unique gifts inspired by pets at Whisker Wonderland."

Sponsors for Whisker Wonderland include VCA Animal Hospitals, and Finck & Perras Insurance Agency, Inc.

Karye Allard shares her story in healthcare

PALMER— Being a combat veteran of the Army National Guard and deployed with the 28th Military Police Company to Baghdad during Operation Iraqi Freedom, has provided me with the opportunity to see many different areas of the world with vastly different cultures and ways of life. These experiences have allowed me to be very grateful for where and how I am able to live. Working in healthcare has given me the opportunity to feel like I am giving back.

The most rewarding part of my role in mammography is when I am able to share with a patient that their exam is normal and that everything is fine. The relief that comes across their face is priceless. On the opposite

end of the spectrum, being there to listen to a patient's story, hear their fears, and provide a shoulder to cry on or offer a reassuring hug when unwanted news is given is just as rewarding.

Facing a breast concern can be an incredibly terrifying experience for many women. Being able to provide as much information and support during this time is one of my main goals as a mammographer. When a patient needs to return for additional images, I do my best to explain the reason for the visit and the importance of providing the radiologist with the best images possible.

Coming in for a mammogram is not something most women look forward to so pro-

viding a positive and encouraging experience to each patient is my top priority and the most meaningful part of my job. I hope to make a positive impact on people's lives during the brief interaction I share with each patient and hope that this allows them to return for their yearly mammograms with less hesitation and anxiety.

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cal knowledge they possess, and much they make me smile every single day. Simply put, they are just the best.

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 8 locations visit Baystate Health. To Make a Mammogram Appointment or call 413-794-2222.

Precision medicine is changing treatment for breast cancer

SPRINGFIELD—When it comes to treating most cancers today, specialists are quick to denounce the "one-size-fits-all" or "cookie cutter" approach that has changed over the past several decades.

It was back on April 16, 1999, that a short article appeared in The Wall Street Journal entitled "New Era of Personalized Medicine: Targeting Drugs for Each Unique Genetic Profile," which introduced to the public the new term personalized medicine.

"Decades ago, most patients with breast cancer received the same treatments. At that time, there really

wasn't a way for us to differentiate treatments for more effective outcomes based on a woman's specific type of breast cancer," said medical oncologist and breast specialist Dr. Prarthna Bhardwa of the Baystate Regional Cancer Program.

Personalized medicine, now more often referred to as precision medicine, is an innovative approach to the tailoring of medical treatment. It is based on the individual characteristics of each patient by identifying the molecular fingerprints of various cancers and using them to divide cancer's once-broad categories into far more precise types and subtypes. It allows for medical care

that "focuses on the right drug at the right dose at the right time for the right patient."

"Modern science has allowed us to focus on improving outcomes for our patients. Today, we are seeing women diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer, who years ago would have an average life expectancy of months to now surviving for years with treatments that are improving the quality of life for many," Bhardwaj said.

"Many of these new treatments began with patients who had advanced or stage 4 breast cancer. When oncologists started to see success in treating these patients with targeted therapies, what followed was incorporating them into treatment for patients with earlier stage cancers to achieve better outcomes for them as well," Bhardwaj said.

One of the earliest examples of putting precision medicine to work for breast cancer patients, and that served as an initial step in identifying different types of breast cancers, was the discovery in 1986 of the HER2 gene that promotes the rapid growth of cancer cells. HER2-positive breast cancers, which tend to be more aggressive than other types of breast cancer, account for about 15-20 percent of all breast cancer diagnoses, where the breast tumor has high levels of the protein known as HER2 which stands for human epidermal growth factor receptor 2.

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Eagle Scout receives recognition

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PALMER – Seventeen year old Alex Jamieson Jaworski of Troop 164 and Venture Crew 164 was formally honored for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout on October 1st at the Hardwick Crossing Country Club.

Jaworski was recognized by his Scoutmaster, troop, crew, Western Mass Council representatives, honored members of town and state government as well as by family and friends.

Jaworski, a National Honor Society student at Palmer High School, successfully completed his Eagle Scout Board of Review on August 8th.

He received his letter of congratulations from the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America dated August 11th.

In addition to the rank of Eagle Scout, Jaworski was also awarded six Eagle Palms for merit badges earned beyond the requirements.

Jaworski has been a dedicated member of Troop 164 since March of 2017 and a member of Venture Crew 164 since 2021.

During his time as a Scout he has served in many leadership positions including Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader.

He currently holds the position of Troop Scribe with Troop 164 and is Vice President of Administration for Venture Crew 164.

Jaworski has not only earned 54 merit badges, but has also been awarded the Dr. Charles H. Townes, and the Dr. Bernard Harris Supernova Awards; which focus on STEM sciences.

He also earned the World Conservation Award.

Jaworski was recognized by his Scoutmaster for helping an injured Scout back to camp during a campout, earning him a BSA Best Pin.

Jaworski was chosen as Honor Camper in 2022 by his adult leaders while attending summer camp at Camp Wanocksett in NH.

His Eagle Scout Service Project consisted of restoring and improving a town rest area located in front of the Town Offices and Palmer Police Station.

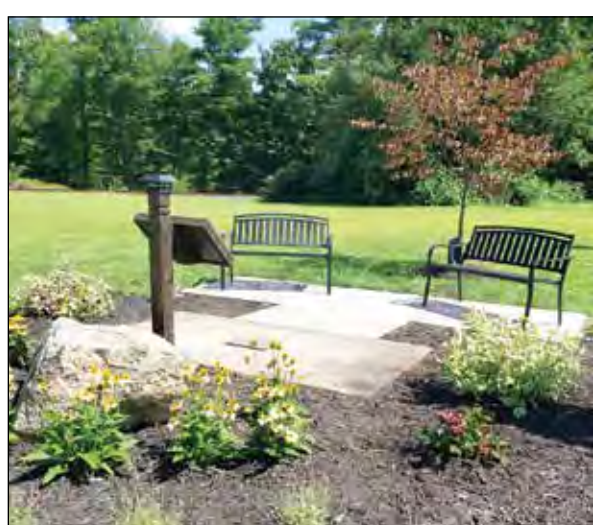
The project included the planting of a tree and perennials, refinishing the benches and constructing a new paved area for the benches.

Additionally, Jaworski's called for designing and erecting a plaque to commemorate the original "Town House at Four Corners," which was established in 1846.

The building originally served as a Town Hall and Meeting House for the Town of Palmer.

Jaworski enjoys acting in local theater productions and is a proud member of the Palmer High School marching, concert, and jazz bands.

Jaworski said he plans to remain active in both his troop and crew while enjoying the completion of his senior year at Palmer High School before attending college in 2024.



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Wilbraham Garden Club to meet Nov. 6

Meeting will occur at St. Cecilia's Parish Center

WILBRAHAM -- The Nov. 6 meeting of the Wilbraham Garden Club will take place on MONDAY at St. Cecilia's Parish Center on Main Street in Wilbraham at noon. A luncheon of sandwiches and dessert will be served. Please note the change of meeting date is on a Monday.

The speaker for this meeting will be Robin Desrochers, who will give a talk on Bird Watching in Wilbraham. Welcome to Robin's nest! She will discuss the different birds in our neighborhoods, and we will view some beautiful photos.

Robin will inform us how we can help them survive, as many bird populations are becoming endangered. This is a presentation that can be enjoyed by all!

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Also: on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Altar Servers will have a Mini Penny Sale with Door Prize of a Salt & Pepper Set from Poland (worth \$150) donated by Father Piotr. Prizes will be drawn at 4 p.m.

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Dan Moriarty, Monson Savings Bank President and CEO, visited Shriners Children's New England to present Stacey Perlmutter, Director of Development for Shriners Children's New England, with the Bank's \$1,000 donation.

Monson Savings Banks donates \$1000

MONSON— Monson Savings Bank President and CEO Dan Moriarty presented a \$1,000 donation to Stacey Perlmutter, Director of Development for Shriners Children's New England, in support of Shriners Cheers for Children event.

"On behalf of Monson Savings Bank, we are pleased to help support Shriners Children's New England. Our donation to Cheers for Children will support the patient care Shriners provides to local children," said Moriarty. "It is outstanding that parents and guardians have this incredible clinic right in our backyards to count on in a time of need."

The Shriners Cheers for Children event will directly benefit Shriners Children's New England, a local clinic that provides specialty orthopedic, neuromuscular, cleft lip and palate, and urologic care exclusively to children. The event will be an evening filled with fun. Including food, live entertainment, games, a cash bar, and a silent auction.

"I would like to extend a thank you to our friends at Monson Savings for their ongoing support of our clinic," said Perlmutter. "It is partners like them that help make the work we do possible. I look forward to seeing everyone at Cheers for Children."

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Fire safety in Monson



Heidi and Henry Penczek are all smiles at the Monson Fire Department's annual open house.

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safety, prevention and education are a big responsibility of the department as well.

He said the event not only helps share fire prevention strategies with the community, but allows children to be introduced to fire personnel outside of their uniforms.

The event featured a brief kitchen safety presentation, fire escape simulation, touch-a-truck and a story time with Sparky the fire prevention education dog.

For the fire simulation escape room activity, a trailer was pumped with fog or non-hazardous vapor to simulate smoke.

Participants were then guided to crawl under to the nearest "bedroom window," and climb out using an escape later.

After exiting the trailer, some firefighters were practicing the "stop-drop and roll" method to remind attendees what to do if they were burning.

Additionally, a display in the fire station showed several fire hazards, specifically electrical fire hazard concerns.

Harris said some things to avoid when using outlets, extension cords and electrical components is "daisy-chaining" and over-exhausting circuits.

"Daisy-chaining," is when multiple extension cords are linked to one another to add several outlets to a given unit.

However, it is a safety hazard as the cords and outlets are not designed to handle that much power.

Another electrical fire contributor was an extension cord that had been urinated on by an animal.

The cord on display had been seared after catching fire.



Turley photos by Dallas Gagnon

Zeffie, Wyatt, Sully and Chris David support the Monson Fire Department and fire safety during this year's annual event.



Bradley, Brittany, Melissa, Brantley and Firefighter Braden Beaumier stand before a fire simulation trailer after participating in some of the event activities.



Capt. Lisa Hamill is joined by "her biggest fans," Wyatt and Maci Golas.



Brothers Lucas and Landon check out the inside of a fire engine.



Capt. Lisa Hamill and Firefighter Amber DUBY are "fire ready," as they share a photo during the annual event.



Sparky gives a thumbs up to fire safety and prevention. Kaylee Louvitakis and Willow Brisbois make their rounds meeting Sparky, drinking cider and checking out fire engines.



Firefighter Arthur Manarile, Firefighter Richard Ingrassia, Capt. Lisa Hamill, Lt. Ruben Baker, Firefighter Braden Beaumier, Firefighter RJ Woodman, Firefighter Andrew Harrowfield, Firefighter Joshua McCarthy, Chief Brian Harris, Firefighter Amber DUBY, Firefighter Dwight Gregoire and Lt. John Wilson smile while hosting the fire safety and prevention event.



Caitlin Suzor, Cristiano Garcia, Audrey Dias and Kathleen Sheehan were some of many families in attendance.

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RIVALRY FOOTBALL



File photos

Dylan Doherty maneuvers through the crowd during Palmer's first game of the season against Pathfinder.

Panthers look for rebound game in rivalry

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—It doesn't matter if a football team has a perfect 7-0 record or are 0-7, you can throw the records out the window whenever Palmer and Ware battle each other on the gridiron.

The 97th meeting between the two neighboring high schools is scheduled to take place at Veteran's Field, which is located behind Ware High School, at 1 p.m. on Oct. 28. It'll be the final regular season game for both teams.

"The Ware game used to be played around Veteran's Day and it's nice having the game played at the end of the regular season again," said Palmer head coach Matt Marciniac. "Most of the people who live in both communities already know what this game is all about and how long it has been played. It's always a game that you circle on the calendar when the football schedules come out. We're looking forward to playing this year's game."

Marciniac, who graduated from Palmer High School in 2006,

has been a part of the rivalry game as a player, assistant coach, and a head coach.

"Between being an assistant coach and a head coach, I believe this will be my 16th year coaching in the rivalry game," said Marciniac, who took over the head coaching duties from Peter Farr in the fall of 2019. "We didn't have very much success against Ware during my high school career, but we did beat them in my senior year. It's something that my teammates and I still talk about whenever we

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Andrew Menard sprints up the field with the ball.



File photos

Jadrien Berthiaume takes the ball over the goal line during Ware's first win this season.

Gavin Sawabi starts a run up the field for the Indians during action this season.

Fazio hopes to maintain perfect mark against Panthers

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARE—Thomas Shamgochain replaced Gene Rich as the Athletic Director at Ware High School prior to the start of the 2018-19 school year. Since that time, the Palmer-Ware football trophy has been on display inside Shamgochain's office.

"The Palmer-Ware football game is very important to the players on both teams," Shamgochain said. "If we do win this year's game, the players will have the trophy for a few days. It's like the

Stanley Cup tradition. Then the trophy will be displayed in my office for the rest of the year. The game means a lot to both communities. It's like a Super Bowl and the kids are very excited about it."

Shamgochain, who graduated from Quabbin Regional in Barre, didn't know very much about the rivalry game before he arrived at Ware High School.

"When I was a student at Quabbin, we didn't have a rivalry game like this one. I'm still learning about the Palmer and Ware football game, which has been a lot of fun," Shamgochain said. "I

really enjoy talking with the older fans about the early football games. I've also been looking at some pictures."

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Palmer High School Football – 2023-2024 Roster

No.	Name	Position	Grade
3	Dylan Doherty	RB/LB	10
5	Matthew Santos	QB/DB	10
7	Andrew Menard	WR/DB	12
9	Griffin Nawrocki	RB/DB	9
10	Tanner Kirk	RB/LB	12
12	Hunter White	RB/LB	10
21	Dyland Holbrook	TE/DB	9
25	Oswaldo Nieves, Jr.	WR/DB	12
27	Kodah Lavolette	WR/DB	10
30	Chase Lacasse	RB/LB	10
40	Landon Couture	TE/DE	10
42	Caleb McLarey	RB/LB	10
45	Karter Benoit	TE/LB	12
52	Brecken Gilman	OL/DL	10
55	Gavin Smola	OL/DE	10
62	Guillermo Rivera	OL/LB	11
63	Julien Valentin	OL/DL	11
70	Jared Perry	OL/DL	10
71	Andrew Haley	OL/DL	12
81	Kody Soynahang	WR/DB	11
82	Gustavo Calcano Vega	WR/DB	10
86	Tim Peiwihiet	WR/DB	12



Palmer Football (1-5)

Week 1 – Saturday, Sept. 9 – Pathfinder 33, Palmer 6
 Week 2 – Friday, Sept. 15 – Quaboag 34, Palmer 0
 Week 3 – Friday, Sept. 22 – Easthampton 56, Palmer 8
 Week 4 – Saturday, Sept. 30 – Palmer 6, Mahar 0
 Week 5 – Friday, Oct. 6 – Franklin Tech 44, Palmer 0
 Week 6 – Friday, Oct. 13 – Athol 27, Palmer 0
 Week 7 – Thursday, Oct. 19 – vs. Greenfield 6 p.m.
 Week 8 – Saturday, Oct. 28 – at Ware 1 p.m.
 Week 9 – Nov. 3/4 – TBD
 Week 10 – Nov. 10/11 – TBD
 Thanksgiving – Thursday, Nov. 23 – vs. Ludlow 10 a.m.

Palmer vs. Ware - Past results

With their 2022 win, their eighth in the last nine years, Ware leads all-time series 48-43-5.

1925	Palmer 0	Ware 0	1959	Ware 24	Palmer 14	1991	Ware 14	Palmer 14
1926	Ware 13	Palmer 7		(win Guard Trophy)		1992	Ware 46	Palmer 0
1927	Palmer 13	Ware 7	1960	Palmer 14	Ware 0	1993	Ware 34	Palmer 27
1928	Palmer 13	Ware 6	1961	Palmer 22	Ware 14	1994	Ware 14	Palmer 7
1929	Ware 13	Palmer 2	1962	Palmer 14	Ware 0	1995	Ware 8	Palmer 6
1930	Ware 13	Palmer 6	1963	Palmer 28	Ware 14	1996	Palmer 21	Ware 12
1931	Palmer 6	Ware 0	1964	Palmer 28	Ware 6	1997	Ware 28	Palmer 6
1932	Palmer 34	Ware 0	1965	Palmer 28	Ware 0	1998	Ware 30	Palmer 0
1933	Palmer 32	Ware 0	1966	Palmer 34	Ware 6	1999	Ware 42	Palmer 0
1934	Palmer 14	Ware 13	1967	Palmer 13	Ware 6	2000	Ware 34	Palmer 0
1935	Palmer 14	Ware 13	1968	Ware 18	Palmer 6	2001	Ware 28	Palmer 0
1936	Ware 12	Palmer 6		(snowstorm moved game to Nov. 23)		2002	Ware 20	Palmer 6
1937	Palmer 0	Ware 0	1969	Palmer 42	Ware 6	2003	Ware 20	Palmer 14
1938	Ware 26	Palmer 6	1970	Ware 12	Palmer 6	2004	Ware 43	Palmer 6
1939	Ware 13	Palmer 0	1971	Ware 6	Palmer 2	2005	Palmer 12	Ware 0
1940	Ware 6	Palmer 0	1972	Palmer 26	Ware 9	2006	Ware 8	Palmer 6
1941	Palmer 0	Ware 0	1973	Palmer 14	Ware 12	2007	Palmer 26	Ware 6
1942	Palmer 39	Ware 0	1974	Ware 14	Palmer 6	2008	Palmer 33	Ware 0
1943	Palmer 62	Ware 0	1975	Ware 18	Palmer 6	2009	Ware 16	Palmer 6
1944	No game		1976	Palmer 8	Ware 0	2010	Palmer 33	Ware 0
1945	Palmer 15	Ware 0	1977	Ware 20	Palmer 0	2011	Palmer 21	Ware 0
1946	Palmer 0	Ware 0	1978	Palmer 6	Ware 0	2012	Ware 29	Palmer 20
1947	Palmer 13	Ware 6	1979	Ware 38	Palmer 12	2013	Ware 20	Palmer 0
1948	Ware 14	Palmer 7	1980	Ware 21	Palmer 0	2014	Ware 14	Palmer 0
1949	Palmer 24	Ware 0	1981	Ware 27	Palmer 0	2015	Palmer 14	Ware 6
1950	Palmer 51	Ware 6	1982	Palmer 12	Ware 6	2016	Ware 26	Palmer 6
1951	Palmer 25	Ware 14	1983	Ware 10	Palmer 6	2017	Ware 41	Palmer 6
1952	Palmer 32	Ware 13	1984	Ware 7	Palmer 0	2018	Ware 19	Palmer 6
1953	Palmer 32	Ware 13	1985	Palmer 26	Ware 6	2019	Ware 34	Palmer 28
1954	Palmer 34	Ware 13	1986	Palmer 34	Ware 14	2020	No game played – COVID-19 pandemic	
1955	Palmer 6	Ware 0	1987	Palmer 16	Ware 0	2021	Ware 42	Palmer 21
1956	Palmer 13	Ware 6	1988	Palmer 14	Ware 12	2022	Ware 21	Palmer 0
1957	Ware 54	Palmer 13	1989	Ware 21	Palmer 7	2023		at Ware
1958	Ware 10	Palmer 0	1990	Ware 28	Palmer 6			

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get together.”
 Ware enters this year’s contest with a slim 48-43-5 edge in the overall series, which began in 1925. The Indians have won the last six meetings and nine of the past ten games. The Indians celebrated a 21-0 victory at Legion Field a year ago.
 One of the things that Marciniec enjoys doing each year is talking with his players about the history of the rivalry game.
 “It’s always nice to teach the players about the history of the Palmer-Ware rivalry football game,” he said. “I try to tell my players how special the game is. It’s something that they’ll be talking about for many years. I also like to have some of my former football players talk with the current players about the game. We always try our best to win every game that we play against Ware.”
 After the first six games of the 2023 regular season, the Panthers have a 1-5 overall record, while the Indians are a perfect 6-0.
 Palmer defeated Mahar Regional, 6-0 in overtime on September 30.
 “We’ve been struggling this year, but we did do all of the little things in the Mahar game” Marciniec said. “We played very well on defense, and we capitalized on their mistakes. We also moved the ball offensively.”
 The Panthers got the ball first in overtime and sophomore quarterback Matt Santos scored a rushing touchdown on third down.
 “After Matt scored a touchdown, the defense was able to shut them down, which was nice to see” Marciniec said. “(senior) Oswaldo Nieves Jr.,

and (junior) Guillermo Rodriguez combined to make a tackle on fourth down. Everyone was very excited following that game.”
 The Panthers will need to continue doing all of the little things in order to end their losing streak against the Indians.
 “We just need to focus on doing the little things which will hopefully help us win the game,” Marciniec said. “Whether it’s lining up correctly or knowing the snap count.”
 The other seniors listed on the Palmer football roster are Andrew Menard, Tanner Kirk, Karter Benoit, Andrew Haley Jr., and Tim Peiwihiet.
 Santos was also the starting QB in last year’s game against Ware.
 “Matt has improved a lot this year,” Marciniec said. “He’s the type of kid who watches a lot of film and he’s always trying to get better.”
 Sophomore Dylan Doherty is a running back. Menard normally lines up as a wide receiver or a tight-end.
 A couple of leading defensive players are sophomore Hunter White, sophomore Gavin Smola, and Doherty.
 There are several players from Monson High School listed on the Panthers football roster. They’re able to play football as part of a co-op.
 “We usually have five or six players from Monson every year,” Marciniec said. “We really need those players.”
 The Panthers assistant football coaches are Andrew Haley Sr., and Jacob Graveline.

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past ten games. The Indians celebrated a 21-0 victory at Legion Field a year ago.

Just like Shangochain, Ware football coach Mike Fazio, who graduated from David Prouty, hasn't been a part of the rivalry game for very long.

"I haven't lost to Palmer in the five years that I've been the Ware football coach. I'm hoping that the trend continues this year," Fazio said. "All of the kids know each other and it's a very important game for the members of both teams. In order for us to have a successful season, we need to beat Palmer. One of our goals is to keep the trophy in Ware. I just love coaching this team."

The Indians (6-0) will be the favorites heading into this year's contest against the Panthers (1-5).

"Because we've been successful against them in the past, it doesn't mean we'll be successful in this year's game," Fazio said. "We just need to continue playing well in that game."

The seniors listed on the Ware football roster are Talan Molina, Kyle Safford, Noah Fales, Dominic Guardino, Ayden Young, Kyle Gordon, and Jacob Witt.

"All of the seniors are great kids and they're also the mentors of our program, which is very important," Fazio said. "This is their final high school football game against Palmer, and they want to keep the winning tradition going."

The Indians will probably also need to beat Palmer in order to clinch the Intercounty North league title for the third consecutive year. They'll also be trying to clinch a spot in the MIAA Division 8 playoffs.

"You basically need to win every game to qualify for the state playoffs," Fazio said. "It's a true state playoff system and our ultimate goal is to play in the Division 8 Super Bowl game at Gillette Stadium."

Molina and Safford are the Indians two leading running backs this season.

"Both of them are seniors and they've put a lot of time in the weight room during the offseason," Fazio said. "They wouldn't be successful without the line blocking for them."

The members of the Indians offensive line are junior Nate Harmon, junior Ben Paro, junior Alex Orszulak, Fales, and Gordon.

The Indians first-year starting QB is Brady Dyer, who replaced Jack Autcher.

"Brady has done a really good job so far this season," Fazio said. "He has grown a lot since the first game of the season. He also has a lot more confidence."

Several other skill position players are junior wide receiver Gavin Sawabi, sophomore running back Jadrien Berthiaume, and junior tight-end Ben Torres.

The Ware defense has posted four shutouts. They did allow 27 points in a one point win at Narragansett on September 15. Athol also scored 13 points against Ware, but six of them came on an interception return for a touchdown.

The leaders of the Indians defensive unit are Safford, Harmon, Gordon, and Fales.

"The defense has done a great job this year," said Fazio, who calls the defensive plays. "We've been able to post a couple of shutouts."

The Indians assistant coaches are Nick Vantangoli, and Scott Slattery, who has been involved in the Palmer-Ware rivalry football game for almost his entire life.



Ware High School Football – 2023-2024 Roster

No.	Name	Position	Grade
1	Dalton Marquis	RB/DB	9
2	Gavin Sawabi	RB/DB	11
3	Jayden Kern	WR/DB	11
4	Thomas Richter	WR/LB	11
5	Talan Molina	RB/LB	12
6	Brady Dyer	QB/DB	11
7	Troy Dufresne	WR/DB	10
8	Kyle Safford	RB/LB	12
9	Jadrien Berthiaume	RB/DB	10
10	Troy Jurczyk	QB/DB	9
11	Brayden Compton	WR/DB	10
13	Sean Bernier	WR/DB	10
14	Zachary Safford	WR/DB	8
15	Jacob McNamee	WR/DB	9
17	Julius Marquis	WR/DB	8
21	Nathan Luxon	OL/LB	11
22	Mekhai Johnson	WR/DB	9
25	Samuel Torres	RB/LB	9
44	Zachary Scott	WR/DB	11
50	Benjamin Paro	OL/DL	11
54	Matthew Gambino	OL/DL	11
55	Noah Fales	OL/LB	12
56	Dominic Guardino	OL/DL	12
60	Ethan Corder	OL/LD	10
63	Dominic Montalban	OL/LB	11
64	Enrique Burton	OL/DL	9
66	Kyle Gordon	OL/DL	12
68	Jayden Diaz	OL/DL	9
71	Jacoby Heredia	OL/DL	10
72	Cam Grushey	OL/DL	9
73	Jacob Witt	OL/DL	12
74	Nathan Harmon	OL/DL	11
75	Hunter Briand	OL/DL	9
76	Marek Luongo	OL/DL	10
83	Benjamin Torres	OL/DL	11
84	Alex Orszulak	TE/LB	10

Ware Football (6-0)

Week 1 – Friday, Sept. 8 – Ware 20, Easthampton 0
 Week 2 – Friday, Sept. 15 – Ware 28, Narragansett 27
 Week 3 – Friday, Sept. 22 – Ware 21, Drury 0
 Week 4 – Friday, Sept. 29 – Ware 18, Greenfield 0
 Week 5 – Friday, Oct. 6 – Ware 34, Athol 13
 Week 6 – Friday, Oct. 13 – Ware 35, Mahar 0
 Week 7 – Friday, Oct. 20 – at Franklin Tech 7 p.m.
 Week 8 – Saturday, Oct. 28 – vs. Palmer 1 p.m.
 Week 9 – Nov. 3/4 – TBD
 Week 10 – Nov. 10/11 – TBD
 Thanksgiving – Wednesday, Nov. 22 – at Quaboag 6 p.m.

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The Pathfinder defensive line attacks.



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Jarrett Skowyra starts a return for the Pioneers.

Burke leads way for Pathfinder football

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

THORNDIKE—During the first five weeks of the high school football season, Pathfinder Tech senior William Burke was a cornerback.

Burke saw his first action at the running back position against Tri-County League rival Drury last Friday night.

Burke scored the first rushing touchdown of his varsity career late in the fourth quarter. It turned out to be the difference maker, as the Pioneers pulled out an exciting 26-18 victory over the Blue Devils at St. Joseph's Park.

"When I scored my first touchdown of the season, it was just an amazing feeling," said Burke, who rushed for a total of 73 yards on 10 carries in the home game. "I was a tight-end last year, but this was the first time that I've been a running back."

Pathfinder head coach Bill Darling is very glad that he and his coaching staff decided to move Burke to running back.

"Most of our running backs are either freshmen or sophomores. We just needed to make a change at that position," Darling said. "Billy is a solid football player and he's a very hard worker. I just thought it was awesome when he scored that touchdown late in the fourth quarter."

Burke also scored a touchdown in a varsity football game a year ago.

"I did catch a touchdown pass against Ware last year," said Burke, who's going to be a member of the Pioneers wrestling team this winter. "Scoring a

touchdown in tonight's game was a much better feeling because I just love being a running back."

The home victory evened the Pioneers overall record at 3-3 and they have a 2-1 league record. They're also 2-0 at home and are in a four-way tie for first place in the league standings.

Drury (1-5,1-2), who captured the Tri-County League title a year ago, tied the score at 18-18 with 7:44 remaining in the fourth quarter. The Pioneers defense made a stop on the two-point conversion play, which would've given the visitors from North Adams a two-point lead.

Following a 23-yard kickoff return by sophomore Dustyn Cook, the Pioneers offense, which is led by senior quarterback Hunter Griswold, set-up shop at their own 40-yard line.

After gaining just six yards on the first three plays of the series, Griswold kept the drive alive by completing a nine-yard pass to sophomore wide receiver Jarrett Skowyra on fourth down.

"Hunter is an outstanding athlete, and he's also a great kid," Darling said. "We have a lot of confidence in him to complete that pass to Jarrett on fourth down. It was a pivotal play of that drive."

Griswold also completed a 17-yard pass to senior wide receiver Ethan Nompoggi-Hawk and a four-yard pass to senior tight-end Jacob Longo, which moved the ball down to the Blue Devils 33.

Then Griswold called his own number and rushed for ten yards, which set the stage for Burke, who scored on a 19-yard



William Burke powers through the middle.



Dylan Cominoli gets a first down with a short run.

power run up the middle with 3:23 left on the scoreboard clock.

Griswold completed a touchdown pass to Longo on the conversion play giving the home team an eight-point lead.

The Blue Devils offense did move the ball down to the Pioneers 20-yard line with the help of a 25-yard reception by junior Cole Wetherell, but freshman Nicholas Pfister made the Pi-

oneers fourth fumble recovery of the game on the next play.

The Pioneers defensive unit took over the spotlight during the second quarter. Junior Landyn Russo, and sophomore Francis Meade both recovered fumbles, which prevented Drury from scoring the go-ahead touchdown.

Holding a slim six-point halftime advantage, the Pioneers took an 18-6 lead when Griswold sprinted 38 yards down the sideline for a touchdown with 8:41 left in the third quarter. Griswold broke away from a couple of tacklers along the way.

"They were trying to tackle me, but I just kept running on that touchdown run," Griswold said. "I was very happy when I finally reached the end zone. This was a fun back and forth game."

Drury answered right back with a 47-yard TD reception by senior wide receiver Dante Dillard in the middle of the third quarter. Dillard also caught another touchdown pass in the fourth quarter before Burke became the hero of the game.

The Pioneers will be making a trip to North Adams to face McCann Tech on Friday night before wrapping up the regular season with a home game against Smith Vocational on October 27.



Hunter Griswold scrambles around looking for a receiver.

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- 12. Lounge chair
- 14. Ocean
- 15. C. European river
- 16. Bowl-shaped cavity
- 18. ___ Caesar, comedian
- 19. Lyric poems
- 20. Tia's sister
- 21. A way to develop
- 22. Cows collectively
- 23. Areas close by
- 26. Slightly disreputable
- 30. Made a mistake
- 31. One who cites
- 32. Food stall: ___ pai dong
- 33. Narrow valley between hills
- 34. Members of people living mainly in the Congo

CLUES DOWN

- 1. A dissenting clique
- 2. Japanese city
- 3. Spiritual leader
- 4. Second letter of Greek alphabet
- 5. Musical term
- 6. Ruled over
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- 8. First year player
- 9. Moved in a circular way
- 10. Adolescents
- 11. Scottish or Irish Gaelic language
- 13. Someone who serves in the armed forces
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CLUES DOWN

- 29. Stale atmosphere
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- 45. Valley in Indiana and Illinois
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- 53. Heroic tale
- 54. Amounts of time
- 55. Eat

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Athlete of the Week

William Burke
Pathfinder

The converted running back scored his first varsity touchdown for Pathfinder in their win over Drury last Friday night. 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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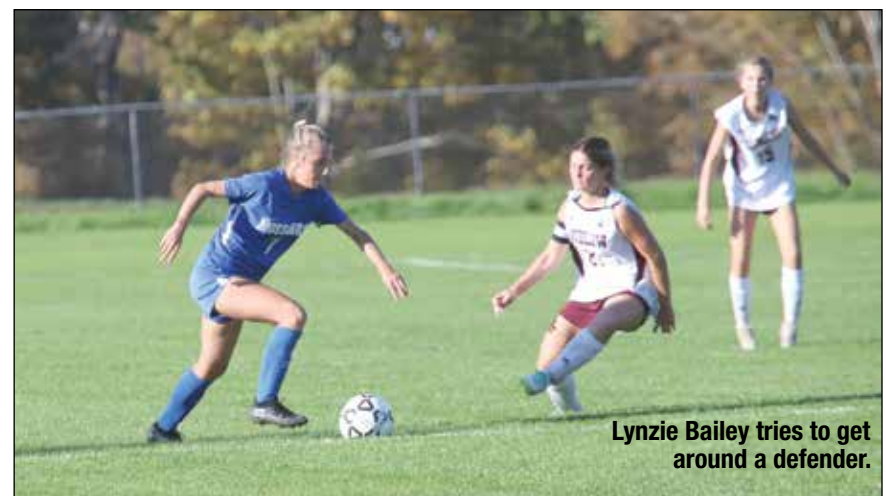
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Lynzie Bailey tries to get around a defender.



Avery Beaudoin makes a play on defense.

Mustangs remain undefeated

MONSON – Last week, Monson girls soccer tacked on two more wins as they defeated Southwick and Amherst. The Mustangs have already qualified for the Division 5 state tournament with

a 12-0-1 record and are likely to gain the top seed in the sectional tournament as well. The Mustangs have a pair of games remaining against Northampton before the regular season ends.



Ciara Monaghan is pressured near midfield.



Chelsea Hull passes the ball away.

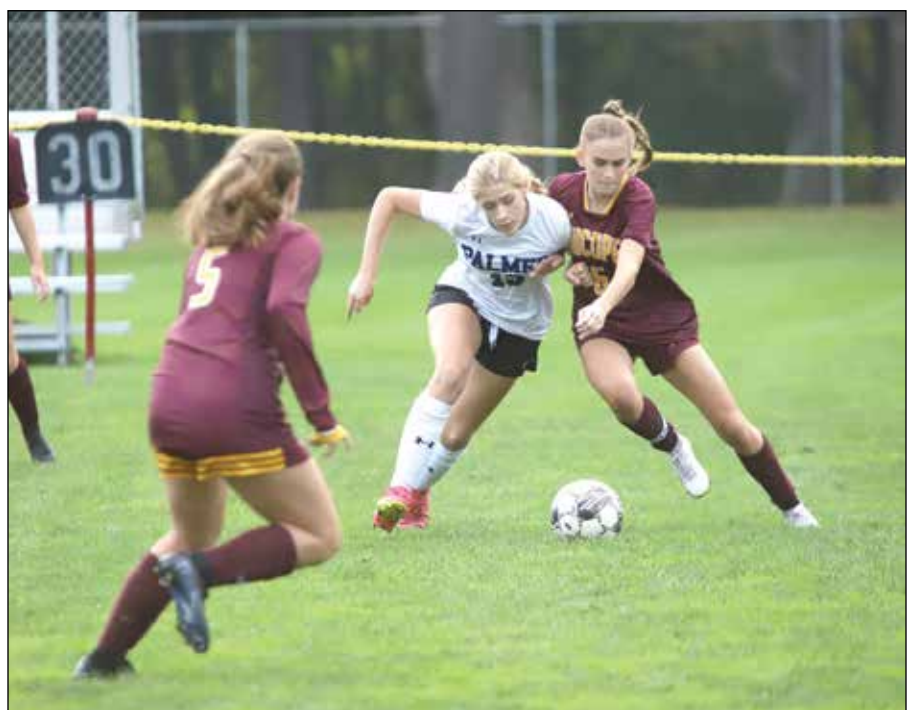


Loretta Petraszewicz makes a pass to her left.



Goalie Aubrey Boucher sends the free kick away.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



Addyson Petraszewicz fights for the ball.



Ava Swist heads up the field with the ball.

Palmer field hockey has tough week

HOLYOKE – Last week, the Palmer field hockey team suffered a pair of losses, suffering a 5-0 defeat at Holyoke, along with a 3-0 defeat against Hampshire. With the losses and a scoreless tie with Amherst, the Panthers are 0-8-1 for the regular season, but the Panthers also have yet to score a goal this season. The Panthers hope to change that with a match-up at Franklin Tech on Oct. 19 at 4 p.m.



Camden Kimball gets the ball near the circle



Brooke Swistak and Kaedy Gelin fight to take the ball.



Cyress Lachine makes a play.



Ellie Gelin goes low to try and block an opponent's progress.



Hannah Roy tries to get around an opponent.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Panthers win slugfest over Pacers

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE—Because the JV girls soccer match between Palmer and Chicopee was canceled, it gave Celso Sandoval, who's the Lady Panthers head coach, an opportunity to play his younger players in the varsity game.

With the Lady Panthers holding a 7-1 lead at halftime, seven reserve players were on the field at the start of the second half.

Chicopee managed to slice the deficit to 8-4 with a little more than 10 minutes remaining in regulation. It forced Sandoval to put his starters back into the game.

The Lady Panthers added three more goals and posted an 11-4 victory in a Central Division contest held at historic Szot Park, last Thursday afternoon.

"We didn't have a JV game today, so I decided to play our younger players in the varsity game. I thought this would be a very good learning experience for them," Sandoval said. "Once the score got to 8-4, I wanted to see how my starters would react to going back into the game. I was going to put them back into the game at some point during the second half. My main goal is to continue to build this program."

The road victory snapped

Palmer's four game losing streak and it also evened their overall record at 6-6-1.

"Anytime that you can get into the W column, it's a plus," Sandoval said. "Hopefully, this win will give us some momentum heading into our next game against Monson."

The Lady Panthers, who were scheduled to host the Lady Mustangs at historic Legion Field on Monday, posted an 11-1 victory over the Lady Pacers (0-11) in their first meeting, which was also held at Legion Field on September 20.

"They took a 1-0 lead against us in the first meeting of the season," Sandoval said. "We were able to respond very quickly after that. Chicopee is also a very young team."

Chicopee graduated 14 players a year ago and Gabby Hicks is the Lady Pacers first-year varsity coach.

"We're a brand-new time this year," Hicks said. "We only have five seniors this year, so the future does look bright. We might not have won a game yet, but the players have developed their skills a lot since the start of the season. We scored a season-high four goals in today's game and I'm very proud of the effort of my players."

Palmer sophomore Charlotte Theriault, who recently recorded

her 100th career point, added five more points to her totals against Chicopee. She posted her third consecutive hat-trick and eighth overall this season. She also had a pair of assists.

"Charlotte is a team-oriented soccer player, and she leaves it all on the field," Sandoval said. "It's very exciting watching her perform on the field."

Theriault assisted on the Lady Panthers first goal of the match, which was scored by sophomore Loretta Petraszewicz.

Palmer's next two goals were scored by Theriault, who entered this week's action with a total of 38 goals. She has scored a total of 77 goals since joining the varsity soccer team as an eighth grader.

Theriault's first two goals in the Chicopee game were assisted by senior's Grace Burke and Fallon Lynch.

During the 24th minute, Palmer built a 4-0 lead when senior Jordan Bigda fired a shot into the left corner of the net past Chicopee junior goalkeeper Jocelyn Coira (7 saves). The assist was given to junior Ava Przybycien.

The home team broke the ice following a goal by freshman Cassidy Pytel, which was her first goal of the season. Senior Avery Placzek was credited with the assist.

The Lady Panthers final

three goals of the first half were scored by Petraszewicz, junior Gianna Perry, and junior Jayda Pardo.

Less than a minute into the second half, a free kick taken by Placzek deflected into the net off the hands of Palmer junior goalie Aubrey Boucher (5 saves) making the score 7-2.

In the 54th minute, Palmer was given a penalty kick by the referee following a handball in the box. Przybycien stepped up to the line and fired a shot into the back of the net pushing the Lady Panthers lead back up to six goals again.

Chicopee continued to battle back with a pair of goals from eighth grader Sophia Moreira, and Placzek.

It was Moreira's first career varsity goal.

"This is Sophia's first year playing soccer and it was fun watching her score a goal for the first time," Hicks said. "She's a very hard worker."

At that point, Sandoval decided to call a time-out to put his starters back into the game.

A breakaway goal by Theriault in the 68th minute gave Palmer a 9-4 advantage.

Palmer's final two goals of the match were scored by seventh grader Evelyn Ladue, which was her first varsity goal, and Baer.

Mustangs suffer shutout

CHICOPEE – Last Tuesday night, Monson boys soccer suffered a shutout 7-0 at Chicopee High School. The Mustangs would follow with a loss against Chicopee Comprehensive 3-2, then rebounded with a win last Saturday morning against Southwick Regional 5-0. The Mustangs are now 4-8-1 on the season.



Jake Beaupre tries to keep the momentum going forward.



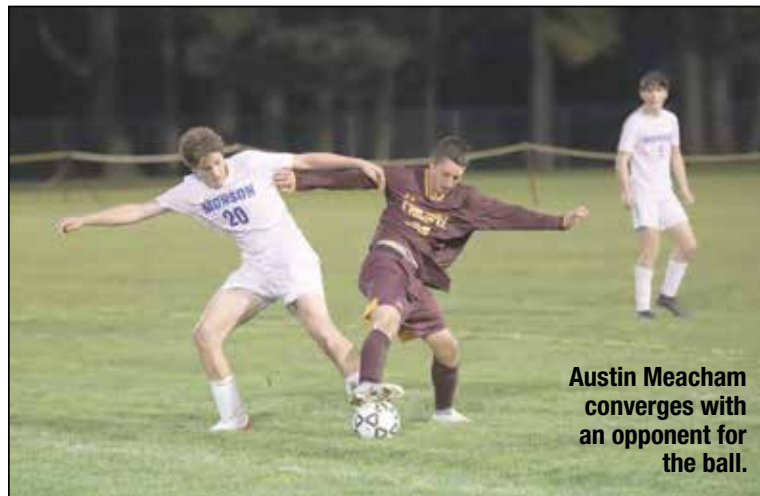
Austin Meacham tries to head off a Chicopee forward.



Goalie Kyle Beaudry makes a diving save attempt.



Brennan Peterson makes a pass.



Austin Meacham converges with an opponent for the ball.



Ethan Thurston makes a pass back.

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DEATH NOTICES

Richard Guertin
Died October 7, 2023
Lombard Funeral Home

OBITUARIES

Richard E. Guertin

1940-2023

MONSON — Richard E. Guertin, 83, of Monson, a retired vice-president of the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co in Springfield, MA, passed away peacefully on October 7, 2023 after a short illness. He began his career at Mass Mutual in the company's mail room, and held several executive positions before retiring as an executive officer.

Born in Springfield, he was the son of the late Anna A. (Bastien) and Joseph R. Guertin. He was a graduate of Technical High School in Springfield and Western New England College, now Western New England University in Springfield.

He lived several years in Hampden and also Monson, MA where he was involved in civic affairs. He served on the board of selectman for many years in Monson and for a period of time was the Monson Town Moderator. He was also a longtime member and treasurer of the Monson Arts Council. For several years he organized the Monson Arts Council's Holiday Craft Fair -Big MAC. He also dedicated much of his time to the preservation of the Silver Street Chapel and the House of Art.

During much of his life, he dedicated himself to the study of spiritual matters, and published many articles on the subject. In his younger years, he enjoyed camping, fishing and surfing and spent a lot of time at the ocean.

His proudest accomplishment was being a father of seven. He leaves his sons, Shawn Guertin and his wife Lisa, Matthew Guertin, Aidan Guertin and his wife Nadirah and Jordan Guertin; his daughters, Tara Guertin and her partner Dwight Sturtevant, Christina Guertin and her fiancée, Travis Moore and Hannah Guertin and her partner, Devin Finnegan; seven grandchildren, Samuel Guertin, Abbe Guertin, Alex Cantor, Delaney Moore, Nasir Guertin, Anisa Guertin and one on the way.

Visiting hours were held Wednesday, October 11 from 4-7pm at Lombard Funeral Home 3 Bridge St. Monson, MA. Burial was held privately.

In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial contribution in Richard's name to the Silver Street Chapel PO Box 20 Monson, MA 01057.



T-Birds rebound to beat Bruins in third period

SPRINGFIELD — The Springfield Thunderbirds (1-1-0-0) overcame a sub-par second period and battled their way to a 4-3 win over the Providence Bruins (0-1-0-1) on Sunday afternoon inside the MassMutual Center.

Vadim Zherenko got the nod in net for Springfield and picked up the win, stopping 38 shots on the afternoon. On the other end, Brandon Bussi got the start for Providence in the net, making 20 saves on 24 T-Birds attempts.

After a flurry of chances in the Providence zone about halfway through the first period, captain Matthew Peca got the T-Birds on the board first as he knocked a rebound home at the 7:48 mark. On a seemingly harmless play, Wyatt Kalynuk wristed a point shot toward Bussi, who appeared like he would squeeze it in the glove to get a whistle. Instead, the puck popped out of his trapper, and Springfield kept the puck in the zone the next half minute, culminating in the goal by Peca, which came as a sixth attacker was jumping on the ice following a delayed Providence penalty.

Peca's first goal of the season would be the only tally of the period, as the T-Birds marched back to their dressing room with a 1-0 lead. Nathan Walker picked up a point for a second straight day, getting credit for the primary helper, while Dylan Coghlan accrued his first point as a T-Bird with the secondary assist.

Providence had a golden opportunity to score five minutes into the second frame when Vincent Arseneau took advantage of a turnover and found teammate Joey Abate in the slot, but Abate's shot nailed the post and the score remained 1-0.

The T-Birds had a golden opportunity of their own to capitalize on with 7:28 to go in the second after Zachary Bolduc intercepted an errant pass, but Bolduc just missed on the glove side of Bussi as

the shot sailed over the crossbar.

John Farinacci finally got the P-Bruins on the board, hammering home a rebound past Zherenko on the power play, tying the game up at one apiece.

With just over a minute to play in the second, after an unforced giveaway in the defensive end by Springfield, the Bruins took advantage as Farinacci found Luke Toporowski for a one-timer in the slot, giving the P-Bruins a 2-1 lead going into the dressing room.

It didn't take long for the T-Birds to get even in the third, as Walker recorded his second goal of the season just nine seconds into the period to open up the scoring, with Adam Gaudette and Calle Rosen getting credit with the assists.

Just 4:19 later, Bolduc joined the scoring party on a 2-on-1 rush as he rifled home a shot past Bussi on the blocker side. The first-round pick's first career pro goal made it a 3-3 tie.

Providence did not go away quietly though, as Marc McLaughlin tipped in a Reilly Walsh point shot on a Bruins power play at the 13:21 mark, bringing the game to a 3-3 tie.

In need of another response, and with another delayed penalty situation, the top line delivered in the clutch. Finding a quiet area in the slot area, Gaudette snapped a perfect shot under the crossbar and recorded his first of the year and second point on the day, making it 4-3 with just 4:52 to go in the third.

Despite pulling their goalie and several dangerous scoring chances, Providence could not tie the score and the T-Birds escaped with their first victory of the year in thrilling fashion.

The T-Birds return to the MassMutual Center on Friday to complete their season-opening three-game homestand as they take on the Lehigh Valley Phantoms, with puck drop set for 7:05 p.m. at the Thunderdome.

Legislation to protect children in State's custody introduced

LUDLOW — Sen. Jake Oliveira (Hampden, Hampshire & Worcester District) and Rep. Mike Finn (6th Hampden) are determined to make sure that tragedies like the death of 14-year-old autistic teen David Almond don't happen again.

In 2021, after David Almond died from starvation and neglect, his father was charged with second-degree murder. Then came the 107-page report from the Office of the Child Advocate that painted a bleak picture of David's suffering and the staggering errors made repeatedly, day after day, month after month, by the multiple state agencies involved in his care.

In direct response to David's death, what Oliveira describes as an "unacceptable systemic failure," he and Finn have filed legislation in the Senate and House to ensure children are safe while under the supervision of the State by expanding protections for children in the state's custody.

In the final week of September, Oliveira and Finn provided passionate testimony to the Joint Committee on Children, Families, and Persons with Disabilities, advocating for the committee to give the bills favorable reviews.

"When children are in the commonwealth's care, they must be protected. With the tragic death of David Almond, we witnessed the systematic failure of many of our state agencies up and down our state government. From DCF to the district attorney's office through the school district. This is why Rep. Finn and I have spent the last year or so working together to file legislation to address these failures and challenges within our system by strengthening the protections available to us to ensure our children are safe," said Oliveira.

Oliveira went on to highlight the four areas of the State's laws that their

joint legislation would strengthen. Including ensuring that the Office of the Child Advocate has the tools needed to protect children in the commonwealth's care, strengthening the data reporting for DCF who need to submit annual reports to the Legislature, establishing a bill of rights for children and their families in foster care systems, and by providing educational supports for children. Oliveira stressed the bill would build the gaps in communication between DCF, the school districts, and state agencies.

During his testimony, Representative Finn highlighted their thorough and deliberate response when drafting this legislation. "It took us months to go through all of the findings that were in the OCA report. It took us months to work with the past administration at DCF and the findings of the past administration. It took us months to understand the recommendations of the OCA and to make sure that the prior (DCF) administration had implemented all those changes. And through all of that, we realized there were still some things that needed addressing, and that's what you'll see in this bill."

In October 2017, David and his three siblings were removed from their parent's custody because of allegations of neglect and physical abuse of the children, parental substance use, unsanitary conditions of the home, medical neglect of the children, and excessive absences from school. This was the fourth time that they were removed from the house for the pattern of abuse and neglect.

OCA could not determine why the termination of parental rights was not completed, as a termination appeared to be the appropriate legal action under the circumstances. Oliveira and Finn are now prepared to ensure that the oversights that contributed to the tragedy never happen again.

Railers fall to Mariners in opener

AUBURN, ME — The Worcester Railers HC (0-1-0-0, 0pts) fell to the Maine Mariners (1-0-0-0, 2pts), on Friday night by the final score of 4-2 at Norway Savings Bank Arena. The Railers are at the Fidelity Bank Worcester Ice Center against the Maine Mariners on Saturday, October 14th at 7:05 p.m. EST.

Maine started the game with two quick goals in the first from Ethan Keppen (2-0-2) and Wyllum Deveaux (1-0-1) to grab a 2-0 lead through one period. Worcester got on the board in the second thanks to Zach White's tip in front to make it 2-1. The Railers and Mariners traded goals midway through the second, as Jimmy Lambert (1-1-2) for Maine put the Mariners up 3-1 just before Jake Pivonka (1-0-1) got the Railers back to within one. Keppen scored the only goal of the third, as Maine would go on to beat Worcester 4-2 on Friday night.

The Mariners poured on the offense in a hurry to open the first, scoring twice in the first 3:06 of the game. Ethan Keppen (1st) finished off a cross-ice passing sequence from Tyler Drevitch to beat Tikkanen far-side and make it 1-0 Mariners. Wyllum Deveaux similarly capped off an up-ice rush with a backdoor tap-in past Tikkanen off a feed from Reid Stefanson (1st) to make it 2-0 Mariners. Former Railer Jimmy Lambert was in the lineup for the Mariners and managed to record the secondary assist on Deveaux's goal. Shots in

the first favored Worcester 14-6.

Zach White (1st) got Worcester on the board early in the second with his first as a Railer. John Copeland unleashed a shoulder-high shot from the point that White redirected past Starrett to make it 2-1 Maine. Lambert (1st) recorded his second point of the night as he beat Tikkanen with 8:01 to go in the second, and put Maine back up by two, 3-1. Just 19 seconds later, Jake Pivonka (1st) got Worcester back to within one off assists from Riley Piercey and Ash-ton Calder. The second period came to an end at 3-2, with Worcester continuing to outshoot the Mariners 12-11. The Railers led in shots through two at 26-17.

Intensity & physicality escalated midway through the third period. Mike Higgins and Cole Dubinsky dropped the gloves in response to a check on Worcester's Artyom Kulakov, which left him slow to get up. Maine scored first in the third when Ethan Keppen (2nd) found the puck alone far side off a feed from Stefanson to beat Tikkanen and make it 4-2. Worcester went on the power play late in the game with 1:46 remaining as Connor Doherty was sent to the box two minutes for roughing. Kulakov then dropped the gloves with Doherty, with both players ejected for the rest of the game after the fight. Neither team would score to wrap up the third, as the Railers fell 4-2 to Maine to open the preseason.

Candlepin League News

By **Ryan Drago**
Staff Writer
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Thursday Night Mixed League

PALMER — The Thursday Night Mixed League met for another night of league bowling.

The matches for the night featured Team Three against Team Two, Team One against Team Six, and Team Four versus Team Five. A close match was between Team Three and Team Two on lanes two and three.

In game one, Team Three was victorious over Team Two by a score of 425-405.

Jesse Danek of Team Three started off strong with a 109 first game. Danny Fennyery of Team Two started strong as well with a 108.

In game two, Team Three bowled in a close game, but still came out victorious over Team Two by a score of 399-392.

In the third and final game, Team Two rebounded and won by a score of 411-394. Fennyery finished strong with a 109 final game, putting his individual three game series for the night at 312.

For total pinfall, Team Three managed to win by a final score 1218-1208.

In another match, Team One faced Team Six. In game one, Team One defeated Team Six by a score of 406-402.

In game two, Team One was victorious again by a score of 431-392. In game three, Team Six managed to take the final game by a score of 400-386.

For total pinfall, Team One got the additional point by a final score of 1223-1194.

The next match featured Team Four playing against Team Five.

In game one, Team Five won over Team Four by a score of 402-376. In game two, Team Five continued being dominant as they won the second game by a score of 412-398.

Mike Wadas of Team Five broke the century mark with a 102 game.

Tuesday Night Commercial Elks League

PALMER — Some teams in the Tuesday Night Commercial Elks League are in pursuit of securing first place. Currently, it is a three-way battle for first place as the league nears the end of the first round of the season.

On lanes two and three, The Champs R Here faced off against Blue B's. In game one, Blue B's won by a score of 386-348. In game two, Blue B's won again by a score of 395-362.

In game three, The Champs won the last game by a score of 384-371. Blue B's took total pinfall by a score of 1152-1094.

Life is Good went against Last in Line for the night. In game one, Life is Good defeated Last in Line in a close game of 359-353.

In game two, Life is Good won by a score of 392-324. In game three, Last in Line took the last game by a score of 347-340.

For total pinfall, Life is Good won by a score of 1091-1024. Paul Cyr of Life is Good was well over average his first two games by scoring 124 and 118.

Team BK went up against the first place team, Compression. In game one, BK won a close game by a score of 379-372.

Paul Nothe scored 106 in game one. Compression was victorious in game two by a score of 352-346.

BK was victorious in game three by a score of 387-339. Nothe finished strong by scoring 123.

BK won total pinfall by a score of 1112-1062.

Acres bowled against their average and took two out of three games. Acres won total pinfall against their average by a score of 1198-1125.

Bowling tournament sets new fundraising record

By **Ryan Drago**
Staff Writer
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AGAWAM — The doubles tournament at Agawam Bowl set a single day record to raise money for Candlepins for Cancer.

The tournament itself, based off entries already raised \$1,000 for the charity. Other fundraisers consisted of 50/50 raffles, direct donations, and the purchase of about 20 WOW Shirts.

Manager Jim Feeley and the staff at Agawam Bowl did a fantastic job running the tournament. Alongside them was Candlepins for Cancer promoter and candlepin bowling broadcaster, Paul Grant.

Grant alongside members of Candlepin Bowling Network returned to Agawam for another fundraising event and to record a great competition featuring bowlers from Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine.

The grand total of funds raised on Oct. 8 set a single day record for Candlepins for Cancer.

The previous record was also held at Agawam Bowl's monthly King of

the Hill tournament back on Jan. 15. The amount raised back in January was \$1,869.

The doubles tournament surpassed that amount setting a new single day record. The tournament raised a total of \$2,784 for the charity.

The tournament resulted in paying a total of six teams, including a \$1,200 first place prize. The finals were between the team of Austin Valle and Brandon Martins against the team of Craig Wester and Chris LaFreniere.

In a one-game final, the team of Valle and Martins won by a score of 281-234 over Wester and LaFreniere. Martins finished strong by scoring a 127 in the finals. V

alle and Martins split the first-place prize of \$1,200 and Wester and LaFreniere split the second place prize of \$600.

The matches during the tournament can be viewed on YouTube on the channel Candlepin Bowling Network.

For more information about the lanes, visit Agawam Bowl at 359-363 Walnut St. Extension, go to agawambowl.com or call 413-786-4108.

Community Newspaper EDITOR WANTED

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

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

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- Management experience and/or experience managing content for a print publication.

Please send resume and writing examples to:

Eileen Kennedy, Executive Editor
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Public Notices

**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

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BONDSVILLE FIRE AND WATER DISTRICT
OF THE TOWN OF PALMER
FISCAL YEAR 2024
Hampden, ss.**

Bondsville, Massachusetts
To: Stephen Nagy, Acting Clerk of the Bondsville Fire and Water District of the Town of Palmer.

GREETINGS:
In the name of all Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the qualified voters of the Bondsville Fire and Water District of the Town of Palmer to meet at BONDSVILLE FIRE AND WATER DISTRICT COMPLEX in the Village of Bondsville, on **TUESDAY, the 7TH day of NOVEMBER 2023, at six o'clock** in the evening, to act on the following articles.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at this meeting.

Article 2. To see if the District will vote to transfer any sums of money from certified free cash to reduce the Fiscal Year 2024 tax levy or take any action relative thereto.

Article 3. To see if the District will vote to utilize the fund balance of \$20,923.66 remaining in the account created for the purchase of the Fire Department Vehicle and Carport to fund the replacement of the Boiler for the Fire & Water Department complex or take any action relative thereto.

Article 4. To see if the District will vote to transfer any sums of money from certified free cash to fund the matching portion of the \$12,000 USDA Grant for Engineering Services for the Preliminary Engineering Report & Environmental Review for the location of a replacement tank or take any action relative thereto.

Article 5. To see if the District will vote to utilize the fund balance of \$76,146.40 previously designated for the "Interim Finance Water Grant" for the purpose of paying a portion of the emergency repairs to the leaking 1908 Water Tank or take any action relative thereto.

Article 6. To see if the District will vote to modify the existing Bylaws to incorporate the changes recommended by legal counsel and reviewed by the Bylaws committee members or take any action relative thereto.

Article 7. To see if the District will vote to work in collaboration with the Town of Palmer, Thorndike Fire & Water District, Three Rivers Fire & Water District and all local, state and federal agencies to obtain the estimated \$8,000,000 of funding necessary to replace the leaking 1908 Water Tank and the associated infrastructure as directed by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection "Declaration of State of Water Emergency Order" or take any action relative thereto.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in two or more public places in the Village of BONDSVILLE, in said Palmer, not less than fourteen days before holding of said meeting in a newspaper published in Palmer.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings hereon, before holding of said meeting.

Given under our hand on 3rd day of October 2023:
WATER COMMISSIONERS
OF BONDSVILLE FIRE
AND WATER DISTRICT
OF THE TOWN OF PALMER,
MASSACHUSETTS
David LaVallie, Chairman
Richard Dranka
Robert Young
A TRUE COPY ATTEST
Stephen Nagy,
Acting Clerk
10/19/2023

**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.

TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.

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

Santander Bank, N.A.
fka Sovereign Bank, N.A.
fka Sovereign Bank
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
ORLANS PC
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Waltham, MA 02454
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22-00073
10/12, 10/19, 10/26/2023

**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

**TOWN OF HOLLAND
Public Hearing
Tuesday, November 7, 2023
at 5:05 PM
FY 2020 CDBG
Performance Hearing**

The Town of Holland, in association with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, will conduct a performance hearing regarding the town's ongoing FY20 Community Development Block Grant Program. The hearing will take place on **Tuesday, November 7th, 2023 at 5:05PM.** The meeting will be conducted in person at the Town Hall Building, 27 Sturbridge Road, and virtually. For virtual meeting please visit: <https://meet.goto.com/120915685>. Phone: +1 (408) 650-3123, Access Code: 120-915-685.

The Town of Holland, serving as the lead community of the regional (Holland and Wales) FY 2020

Community Development Block Grant program, will be conducting a performance hearing. The hearing will review the projects funded through the program including a regional Housing Rehabilitation Assistance Program, Brimfield Senior Center Planning Study, and public social services including regional food pantry and domestic violence programs.

This program is funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, Massachusetts CDBG program.

All persons with questions or comments regarding the performance hearing will have an opportunity to submit comments up until and through the public hearing. Please submit comments to John O'Leary at the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission @ joleary@pvpc.org or 413-781-6045. Persons who require special accommodations should contact the Town prior to the hearing date at 413-245-7108 x101. 10/19/2023

**MORTGAGEE'S
NOTICE OF
SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Kathy Monaco to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS") solely as nominee for Mortgage Lenders Network USA, Inc. dated May 17, 2006, recorded with

Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 15927, Page 1, which mortgage was assigned to CitiMortgage, Inc. by Assignment dated July 1, 2009, recorded in Book 17885, Page 374; further assigned to Ventures Trust 2013-1-H-R By MCM Capital Partners, LLC Its Trustee by Assignment dated February 11, 2015, recorded in Book 20594, Page 137; further assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Hilldale Trust by Assignment dated July 20, 2017, recorded in Book 21833, Page 341; further assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Owner Trustee of the Residential Credit Opportunities Trust V-E by Assignment dated December 19, 2019, recorded in Book 23910, Page 267; and further assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Owner Trustee of the Residential Credit Opportunities Trust V-D by Assignment dated September 8, 2022, recorded in Book 24720, Page 66, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at **11:00 a.m. on the 27th day of November, 2023**, at the mortgaged premises described below, being known as 15 Colonial Street, Palmer, MA, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land located northeasterly of Colonial Street, Palmer, Hampden County, Massachusetts known and designated as Lot 45 (REV) on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Depot Village, Palmer, MA Prepared for Breton Estates, Inc. & William and Jean Andresen, Sherman and Woods Surveyors" which plan is recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book of Plans 336, Page 130 and to which plan reference may be had for a more particular description.

Containing 32,265 square feet (0.740 acres) according to said plan.

Subject to restrictions set forth in Book 3702, Page 435.

Subject to utility easements granted to New England Telephone and Telegraph Company dated March 19, 1976 and October 4, 1978 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 4254, Page 166 and Book 4692, Page 54, respectively, if applicable.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date. The Mortgagee further reserves the right to open the bidding at the time, date and place appointed for sale, and if no bids are received, or the bids received are deemed unacceptable to Mortgagee, to postpone the sale to a later

date by public proclamation. Said premises will be sold subject to and with the benefit of all restrictions, easements, improvements, outstanding tax titles, mortgages, liens, rights of tenants and parties in possession, unpaid taxes, municipal liens and other public taxes, assessments or liens, having priority over the mortgage described herein, if any.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by Foreclosure Deed to the second highest bidder provided that the second highest bidder shall deposit with Mortgagee's attorneys the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within three (3) business days after written notice of default of the previous highest bidder and title shall be conveyed to said second highest bidder within twenty (20) days of said written notice.

TERMS OF SALE:
Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) will be required to bid and be paid in cash or by certified check at the time and place of sale as earnest money. The balance is to be paid in cash or by certified check within thirty (30) days of the date of the sale at the offices of Murphy & Lupan, P.A., 5 Commonwealth Road, Natick, Massachusetts

01760. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of any typographical error in this publication.

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

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF THE RESIDENTIAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES TRUST V-D
Present holder of said mortgage,
By its attorney,
Michael J. Murphy
Murphy & Lupan, P.A.
5 Commonwealth Road
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Tel: (508) 650-9252
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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 and in execution 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 north-westerly 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 pin;

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-erly 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.,
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Springfield, MA 01103
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James F. Vicino and
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ceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/15/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. **UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
 Date: October 17, 2023
Rosemary A. Saccomani
 Register of Probate
 10/19/2023

LEGAL NOTICE
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Defendant
ORDER OF NOTICE
 This cause came to be heard upon the motion of the plaintiff, praying for an order of notice and thereupon consideration thereof, it is

Ordered, and Adjudged that an order of notice issue to said defendant, James F. Vicino and Edna R. Vicino et al., who last know address was 36 Stony Hill Rd., Holland, MA 01521, by publishing an attested copy of this order once a week each week for three consecutive weeks in the **Journal Register**, a newspaper published in the Town of Palmer, at least fourteen days before the eighteenth day of December next, and that said Defendant James F. Vicino and Edna R. Vicino et al. do cause their written appearance to be entered and her written answer and other lawful pleadings to be filed in the office of the Clerk of said Court at **Springfield** in said County of Hampden on or before the said eighteenth day of December next. If you, James F. Vicino and Edna R. Vicino fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for relief demanded in the complaint. Unless otherwise provided by Rule 13(a) your answer must state as a counterclaim and claim which you have against the plaintiff, Say Family, LLC, which arises out of the transaction or occurrence that is the subject matter of the plaintiffs claim, or you will thereafter be barred from making such claim in any other action. Entered: September 29, 2023
 By the Court
 Laura S. Gentile
 10/19, 10/26, 11/02/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD23P2134EA
Estate of:
Alexis Elizabeth Miller
Date of Death: 07/21/2023
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
 A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Gordon Miller of Ludlow, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Gillian Szlachetka Dubay of Chicopee, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

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

Police Logs

Palmer

The Palmer Police Department reported 424 incidents on its logs for Oct. 3- Oct. 9.

Oct. 3

At 9:10 p.m. police pulled over and gave a summons to Robert E. Hogan Jr., 52, of 21 Lawn St., Springfield on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, marked lanes violation and no inspection sticker.

Oct. 4

At 7:37 p.m. police responded to an accident with property damage. Nathan Nicolas Jr., 37, of 164 Linden Blvd, Brooklyn N.Y., received a summons on

charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, passing violation and unregistered motor vehicle.

Oct. 6

At 7:22 a.m. police responded to an accident with property damage at the corner of Main Street and Pleasant Street.

At 4:50 p.m. police gave a summons to Isaac James Spencer, 44, of 755 Worthington St., Springfield, on a charge of operating a motor vehicle without a license.

At 6:16 p.m. police arrested Jason Benavidez, 49, of 128 Bourne St., Three Rivers, on charges of OUI liquor second offense, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, marked lanes violation,

unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, unregistered motor vehicle, and failure to notify RMV of address change.

10:12 p.m. police responded to an accident with property damage at the corner of Ware Road and Old Warren Road.

Oct. 8

At 4:22 p.m. police responded to an accident on the Mass Pike Interchange 63 with property damage.

At 9:05 p.m. police responded to an accident on the Mass Pike Interchange 63 where Emma J. Engleheart, 35, of 11 Knox St., Palmer, received a summons for OUI liquor, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and marked lanes violation.

Oct. 9

At 1:44 p.m. police received sex offender registration.

At 5:25 p.m. police pulled over and arrested Robert Michael Rendano, 60, of 6 Britney Dr., Holden, on charges of OUI liquor second offense, negligent operation of motor vehicle, and marked lane violation.

At 9:24 p.m. police pulled over and gave a summons to Duane Kevin Pierce, 39, of 247 Hovey Road, Monson, on charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and no inspection sticker.

Fire Logs

Bondsville

For the period Oct. 3 to Oct. 9, Bondsville Fire responded to 2 calls.

On Wednesday, Oct. 4 at 3:41 p.m., the department responded mutual aid to Walnut Street in Palmer for smoke in the residence. The department returned to service at 4:12 p.m.

On Friday, Oct. 6 at 10:58 a.m., the department responded mutual aid to Sykes Street in Three Rivers for an alarm activation. The department returned to service at 11:12 a.m.

Three Rivers

The Three Rivers Fire Department responded to two calls for the week of Oct. 8-14.

On Friday, Oct. 13, the Department was dispatched to a fire call on Oleny Road in Thorndike.

On Saturday, Oct. 14, the Department responded to an EMS call on Skyline Terrace in Three Rivers

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same treatments, and this is what inspired researchers to learn why. Breast cancers are routinely tested for hormone receptors, specifically estrogen and progesterone, as well as HER2 currently. There is a subset of women who have triple-negative breast cancer who do not express HER2, estrogen or progesterone, resulting in their not being able to be treated with therapies targeting these protein markers and leaving them to rely on standard infusional chemotherapy," Bhardwaj said.

"Although several gene defects have been identified today that contribute to breast cancer, we don't yet have treatments against all of them, but the good news is that more are slowly beginning to be introduced in the fight against breast cancer. One of the newest and fastest-growing types of anticancer drugs is antibody-drug conjugates (ADCs) like Enhertu (trastuzumab deruxtecan). ADCs

involve the targeting properties of monoclonal antibodies, which bind to a specific protein attached to those cells and then go on to release a chemotherapy drug, preferentially killing cancer cells but preserving the normal cells," Dr. Bhardwaj said.

Surgery remains an integral treatment for early-stage breast cancer. This can be in the form of a lumpectomy or mastectomy, depending on the tumor size and breast size. Precision medicine has opened the window to allow targeted medical therapy to help shrink larger tumors or to treat positive lymph nodes and allow for smaller surgeries with less surgical risks, such as lymphedema which is a chronic swelling of the arm. There may even be a day when surgery does not need to be part of a treatment plan, and clinical trials are ongoing looking for the appropriate cancer and patient scenarios to which this could apply.

The most optimal treatment for breast cancer today involves a multidisciplinary team like that found at Baystate Health involving surgeons, medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, pathologists, and radiologists.

"At Baystate Health, we are fortunate to have a robust breast cancer program with dedicated healthcare professionals who work in tandem to provide the most appropriate care for an individual," Bhardwaj said.

"Any type of cancer diagnosis is a life-changing event for patients, and we are striving hard to make treatments more effective and less toxic. It is a privilege to be an oncologist guiding patients through their cancer journey as the field evolves in exciting ways," she added.

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Diamond Junction Bowling Lanes hosts tournament in November



Diamond Junction Bowling Lanes is an eight-lane candlepin center. The bowling alley will be hosting one of Western New England Candlepin Association's singles tournaments, Nov. 4-5.

By Ryan Drago
Staff Writer

PALMER – As fall approaches, so does the bowling season in western Massachusetts.

With leagues beginning in September the competition of candlepin bowling strikes the interest of bowlers all over the region. Diamond Junction Bowling Lanes is one of those unique centers that offers the New England small ball game.

The bowling alley is an eight-lane candlepin center with a retro feel. A place that takes you back in time to the classical atmosphere of a bowling alley with no computer scoring, but with paper and pencil.

Along with their fall and winter leagues during the week, Diamond Junction Bowling Lanes is entering into the upcoming tournament season of the Western New England Candlepin Association. The season will consist of seven events featuring singles competitions, doubles, and three-person team competitions.

Diamond Junction will host the second event of the season with a singles tournament.

Each competitor will bowl a total of three games and will try to earn points to qualify for the series finale at the end of the season. An established league average is required to participate in the tournament, so it determines each bowler's handicap, which is 90% based off an average of 130.

If someone bowls more than one league, then the bowler must use the highest league average, a minimum of 15 games from the current league season or last season's average.

The singles event will take place on the weekend of Nov. 4-5 and the shift times are Saturday, Nov. 4 at noon and 2 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 5 at noon and 2 p.m.

WNECA will also hold a doubles tournament at Bogey Lanes in East Brookfield, Dec. 2-3; and a triples tournament at Agawam Bowl in Agawam, Feb. 3-4, 2024.

Diamond Junction Bowling Lanes proprietor, John Havens Sr. is excited to get the alley back into the tournament circuit. This type of bowling activity has not been familiar to the Palmer alleys for well-over a decade.

Havens doesn't recall the last time a tournament took place at the alley but reflects on his experiences competing in them.

"I used to bowl tournaments all the time...they were fun," said Havens.

With not many candlepin bowling centers left in western Massachusetts, Havens is all for getting more involved with the tournament aspect of the regional sport.

Havens took over the role of running Diamond Junction Bowling Lanes back in December of 2019. As a bowler, he has been bowling candlepin since he was



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Diamond Junction Bowling Lanes has a retro feel.



Diamond Junction Bowling Lanes offers candlepin bowling.

3 years old.

He hopes that hosting the tournament in November will get more of his league bowlers involved and increase the interest in tournament bowling. With fall/winter leagues starting up soon, Havens acknowledged that many of his current league bowlers are already expressing interest in participating in the tournament.

"It's good to get the tournament interest back up again...got one more house involved," Havens said, referring to being a new addition to the Western New England Candlepin Association.

Diamond Junction is one of eight bowling centers in Western New England that will be hosting a tournament during the 2023-2024 season.

The entry fee for each event is \$45 per bowler. Diamond Junction Bowling Lanes can be contacted by calling 413-289-0013 or via email at diamondjunctionlanes@gmail.com. The retro candlepin bowling center is located at 1446 North Main St., right next door to Once Upon a Memory Treasures.

For more information about the center's hours, rates, and other fun entertainment options, visit www.diamondjunctionlanes.com.

Photographer gives tips to take better smartphone photos

By Emily-Rose Pappas
Staff Writer

PALMER – The Palmer Public Library hosted a free workshop on how to take fantastic photos with just your smartphone camera.

Technology has grown through the decades, and now we have access to a portable computer in our pockets, decked out with a camera that has all sorts of features.

Photographer and videographer Ryan Shepard brought to the class his 15 years of photography and videography experience to teach the basics of how to capture the perfect moment.

"You can get a lot out of your smartphone without having to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars," Shepard said. "With the tools built into the phone itself, you can have a really good camera accessible in your phone in your pocket or purse."

There is a lot to the camera of your Android or iPhone that you may not have realized, and it can be utilized to take professional photos, without the expensive camera.

When taking photos, it's important to consider what the intent of the photo is. Where is it going? What is it for? Will it be posted to social media?

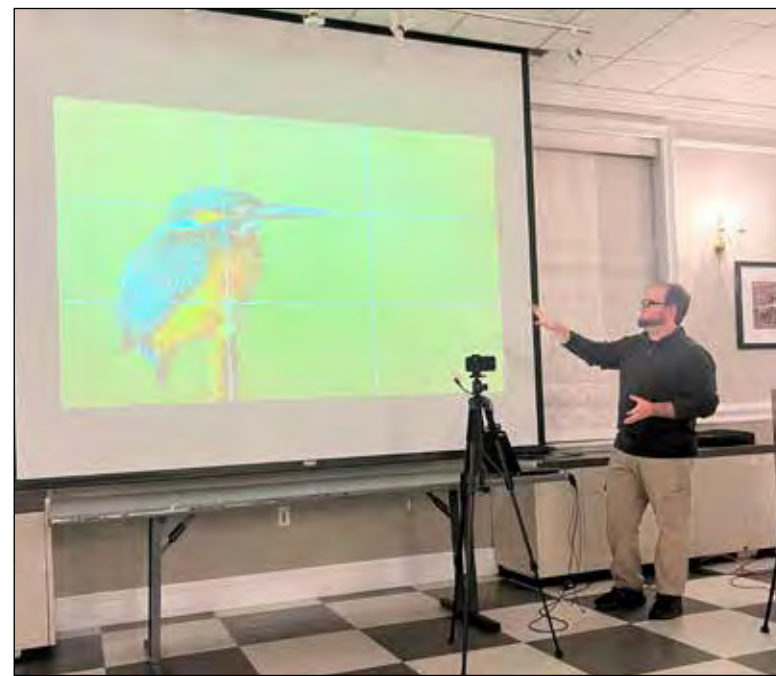
All of these questions will help you determine the aspect ratio (or size of the photo) that you'll need. Whether you hold your phone vertically or horizontally, you can get the best photo possible.

"Do whatever you want [with your photos]," Shepard encouraged. "Ultimately, this is your art, and you can do whatever you want."

When taking a photo, imagine a three-by-three grid of nine squares, with the center four squares having dots at their corners. This grid is called "the rule of thirds".

"Think about moving around in order to get the focus better on the subject," Shepard said.

The "subject" is the thing in



Turley Photos by Emily-Rose Pappas
Ryan Shepard demonstrates how a graph can be used to implement the rule of thirds in order to line up the focus of a photo.

the picture you want your viewer to see first. By lining it up within the rule of thirds grid, it draws the eye to the focal points.

Shepard's cat, Cherry, served as a wonderful example in several photos she found herself in. The photos of her in the sink, for example, can be looked at to see what elements should (and shouldn't) be in the photo.

Dirty dishes, random people in the backgrounds, and improper lighting can all be fixed and avoided with the proper techniques, camera angles and editing skills.

Shepard has owned a business, RyGuy Digital, for five years. It provides services such as video, photo, and audio production.

You can find his work on two broadcast channels (Channel 12 and 15, locally) and has filmed hundreds of episodes of guitar lessons by

Tony Valley, and even more. "I like the process of (photography)," Shepard said. "Looking at what to take photos, and editing photos and videos, is the best."

Shepard shows his skills in many ways and has been teaching workshops like this one for five years. He wants everyone to be able to have a love and appreciation for the art of photography.

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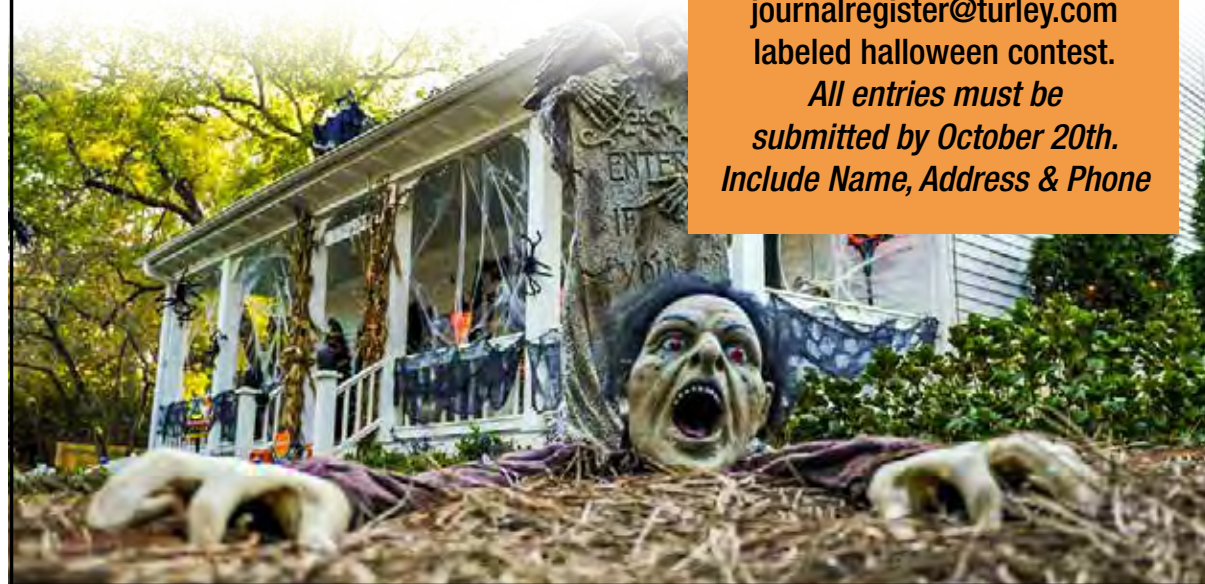
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