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PALMER

Finance Committee allots \$1 million to Water and Sewer

By Marcelo Gusmão Staff Writer mgusmao@turley.com

MONSON - At last week's meeting, the Finance Committee was made aware of a million-dollar bill that will be required to repair the roof of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

"Doing all the calculations and everything...our end, conservatively, could be roughly \$872,000," said Craig Jalbert, superintendent of the Water and Sewer Department. "We wanted to be ultra-conservative, and we figured we'd put in an even \$1 million just to be safe, because, remember, this is an authorization to borrow for the request. Obviously if the project comes in under bid and everything is great, it's going to be so much cheaper."

The plant is located in Palmer, but services a number of surrounding communities, including Monson, which is now on the line to pay approximately 20% of the bill, in accordance with the agreement made when it was built.

"We roughly figure 20%, just as a conservative thing," Jalbert said. "Our share can be, roughly in the last five to seven years, anywhere from 17.5% up to 22%."

Of the four pump stations that Jalbert reported are in need of repair, the town is charged with contributing to projects at two of them. Jalbert said that on average Monson uses about 50% of the flow of each of these pumps.





Turley Photos by Dallas Gagnon Ava Swist, Elizabeth Miller and Shawn Troche are all representing the **Barbecue Bosses.**

Spirit week celebrations

PHS prepares for Palmer-Ware football

> **By Dallas Gagnon** Staff Writer dgagnon@turley.com

PALMER — As part of honoring a school tradition, students at Palmer High School band together every year to celebrate school spirit.

Spirit week is always celebrated the week leading up to PHS's annual football game against long standing rival, Ware High School.

To raise school pride,

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MONSON

Select Board deny MDC migrant housing accusations

By Dallas Gagnon Staff Writer dgagnon@turley.com

MONSON - The Select Board formally recognized ongoing concerns raised by residents and citizens via Facebook, questioning the use of the Monson Developmental Center for migrant emergency housing.

In a public announcement posted on the town's official Facebook page, the page administrator addressed the spread of false information claiming the MDC would be used to house migrants.

The statement reads "the town has received no such information or notice and has reached out to our contact at the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance for official information."

Following the Oct. 19 statement, Town Administrator Jennifer Wolowicz said on Oct. 20 that she spoke with Healey administration Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff Juan Galleo.

She said Gallego told her "the site was ruled out early on in this process during the spring when the governor's office was conducting an inventory of all state-owned land."

She encouraged residents to contact her at 413-267-4101, or via email at jwolowicz@monson-ma. gov, when they have questions regarding town matters.

During the Oct. 24 Select Board meeting, members individu-

"We've gotten some documents

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Palmer High School staff members Dana Zarenko, Assistant Principal Amy Herring, Principal Sue North and Lisa Walch sport tropical flowers and vibrant summer colors.

ally addressed the ongoing concerns about the claims.

Vice-Chair John Morrell gave a public statement recognizing the disturbance Monson residents have

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SCHOOL Palmer High School to explore virtual schooling

By Dallas Gagnon Staff Writer dgagnon@turley.com

PALMER – The Palmer School Committee voted unanimously to allow Superintendent Matthew Francis to conduct a feasibility study for offering single-district virtual schooling.

"I think it's important that we explore as many options to us as afforded by the Mass. Department of Elementary and Secondary Education," said Francis.

RECREATION

School Committee Chair Bonnie Rathbone read Francis' proposal to the committee.

The proposal stated approximately 350 Palmer school-aged children attended a different education institution, according to the 2022-2023 Student Information Management System report.

Additionally, the Palmer School District has approved approximately 50 home-schooled students.

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PHS paints mural to honor late teacher



Tracy Murphy, Ava Swist, Vanessa Baer, Jordan Bigda and Grace Burke share a photo while adding their handprints to the mural.

By Dallas Gagnon Staff Writer dgagnon@turley.com

Accessible fly fishing

platform opens in Palmer

PALMER - A new fly-fishing platform located along the Swift River is now open for public use, allowing fishmen of all abilities access to an ideal fishing pier.

The project was made possible by a \$15,000 private donation and \$85,000 of allocated funds by the Department of Fish and Game.



According to DFG Commissioner Tom O'Shea, the project cost a total of \$100,000 to complete

"This project was primarily spearheaded by Terry Smith from MassWildlife, Office of Fishing and Boating Access," said Palmer Town Planner and Conservation Agent Heidi Marrarino.

"A donor reached out to him expressing an interest in creating an accessible area for people of all abilities to enjoy the beauty and thrill of fishing on the Swift River."

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By Dallas Gagnon Staff Writer

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REMEMBRANCE

PALMER — After the sudden death of a beloved teacher over the summer, students, staff and community members were deeply affected and have come together to remember him at Palmer High School.

The unexpected passing of the late David Peritz is a loss felt by the entire PHS community.

In his honor, students and staff have worked together to create an in memoriam mural outside of his former classroom

While the project has been ongoing, it neared its completion with the addition of the entire PHS community making their mark and leaving a hand print on the mural

On Oct. 28, the PHS community flooded the hallways to honor Peritz.

Those who knew him best describe him as an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed the simpler things in life.

The mural shows rolling green hills

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Turley Photos by Dallas Gagnon Paraprofessional Cassidy Lefferts joins in to leave her mark.



PAISLEY

Paisley is an 8 y/o Weimaraner, a cancer survivor, and emotional support animal. She enjoys long car rides to the drive thru, napping the day away, and an occasional twizzler. Don't be fooled by this 90lb girl, she is afraid of her own shadow. 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.

Palmer Taxes Due Nov. 1

PALMER— The Town of Palmer Tax Collector would like to remind all taxpayers of the following:

Fiscal Year 2024 2nd quarter real estate and personal property tax bills are due and payable by Wednesday, Nov. 1.

The Tax Collector's office is accepting credit and debit card payments for property taxes either on the town website at www.townofpalmer.com or at the tax office. There is a sliding scale fee for each bill paid which is passed on to the taxpayer. The fee structure can be viewed on the town website.

If making on-line payments through the bank (EFT's), please set it up to

have the check mailed directly to our office, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA 01069. Do not use the lockbox address for this type of payment.

Please call the Collector's office at (413) 283-2601 with any questions pertaining to tax payments. Office hours: Monday 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday - Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday - closed.



Holding up the flag awarded to the best in class, (from left) state Sen. Jake Oliveira, D-Ludlow, Dan Hamel, Liz O'Connor, Stephen Salmond, Ben Grant, and state Sen. Ryan Fattman. R-Sutton.

By Marcelo Gusmão Staff Writer mgusmao@turley.com

MONSON - Last week, Wieland Diversified officials announced they have completed the Voluntary Protection Program certification from OSHA. Those who drive past Wieland's location on Main Street may notice that the company has a second flag displayed beneath their American flag. This was awarded to the company to celebrate their participation as part of the Voluntary Protection Program, certifying that Wieland meets and exceeds safety regulations from OSHA.

"We're happy to welcome Wieland into our Voluntary Protection Program," said Mary Hoye, who works as the area director for the OSHA office in Springfield, "(Wieland is) an excellent company, we're really excited to have them."

Wieland Diversified is a metalworking company based out of Olm, Germany, said Managing Director Ben Grant, who added that they are one of the world's largest copper producers and distributors. There are approximately 8,500 people employed by the company worldwide, and 3,000 of them work out of 27 locations in the United States, since the company started investment in North



Liz O'Connor and Stephen Salmond raise a flag to mark Wieland Diversified as an OSHA certified place of employment.

America about five years ago.

"I couldn't be more proud of everyone's ownership and engagement in the process," Grant said. "It's wonderful to know we can all go home safe every night, given the tools that OSHA has given us."

Brian Sullivan, OSHA's Voluntary Protection Plan manager in Region One, spoke at the flag-raising about the company's work to make this possible.



Holding up the flag awarded to the best in class, (from left) Brad Brittenbender, state Sen. Jake Oliveira, D-Ludlow, Dan Hamel, Liz O'Connor, Stephen Salmond, Ben Grant, state Sen. Ryan Fattman, R-Sutton, and Brian Sullivan.



The staff of Wieland Diversified participated in the flag-raising last week.

"One of the main foundations is the organization's commitment to support all the health and safety programs and make everything work, but the other piece of that is empowering employees to be involved, to help make decisions, to help identify hazards and be on committees, help writing programs, and having that line of communication," Sullivan said.

Brad Brittenbender, a senior safety specialist from Jacobs Solutions, who was employed by OSHA to help Wieland meet its safety classifications. He described auditing the company's management systems, and helping to bring them up to be the best in class.

"Our employer, who is a VPP company, also, supports our time and pays us to work with OSHA in doing this," Brittenbender said. "To maintain this program, it takes a lot

"We don't reach out to employers," Sullivan said. "Employers reach out to OSHA to work collaboratively and cooperatively, because they want to make a difference and enhance health and safety in their organizations.

'It's opened my eyes to, not just here, but at home," Salmond said. "Climbing the ladder at home, making sure I have goggles on when I brush hog, or something like that; it doesn't just happen here, it transfers to the home.'

Liz O'Connor said that Wieland created her position as safety coordinator as part of the program, and described what she did to help get the company up to OSHA standards.

'You have to take a look at the whole entire place, do risk assessments, figure out what was needed, figure out what was missing, and then how to make it better," O'Connor said. "When you're walking in and stirring things up, which is essentially what a safety coordinator does, and you're dealing with kind people, friendly people, professional people, that's not an issue. They were all just receptive and pleasant about it all.

very proud of our entire team.

"The Voluntary Protection Program, it requires everybody," Hamel said. "We have 29 dedicated individuals that work toward national defense here, and we're very proud of the team.

Once you qualify and you become a VPP site, you can join, as a company, the Voluntary Protection Participants Association," Brittenbender said. "They have annual conferences, they also do workshops. We have been involved with legislation to make VPP part of the OSHA act, and we continue to do work on that."

"It was a wonderful team effort. The most important thing is that these people that work inside this building are a team, they help each other through the good, through the bad, (they are) always professional, always friendly, and that kind of attitude made my job easy,' O'Connor said. "Employees shouldn't be worried about being hurt at work or going home at the end of the day the same way they came in at the beginning of the day," Sullivan said. "This is something that the organization works hard on.' Any workplace that would like to become VPP certified, can find information at osha.gov/vpp to see if it qualifies.

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of people, and a lot of time. My experience around it is, it had a dramatic positive culture change within our company. There's no question about it."

"It's been a long journey for us, in the 30 years that I've been here," said Stephen Salmond, Wieland's warehouse manager. "Safety wasn't a priority, it was getting metal out the door. Now, we've totally flipped the script."

Dan Hamel, the operations manager, said that he is "just





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DEADLINE

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

We appreciate the cooperation of our readers.

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PHS shares district accountability data

By Dallas Gagnon Staff Writer dgagnon@turley.com

PALMER - District Superintendent Matthew Francis shared the district's accountability data from fiscal 2022 before the Palmer School Committee.

According to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's official website, accountability data gathered from standardized testing such as the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System, allows the department to target resources and assistance where they are needed most.

The data presented during the Oct. School Committee meeting was 18 shared approximately three weeks after the state released it.

"I entitle it 'the road to recovery'," said Francis."After the COVID-19 pandemic, the state was very open in sharing information that it was going to take about three to five years to recover academically, behaviorally and socially." **Demographics**

The data, which was collected Oct. 1, revealed the district is composed of 583 male students, 523 female students and zero students identifying as non-binary students.

Of the 1,106 students, approximate-

ly 53% are male and 47% are female.

The data also revealed 2% of the student body is African American, 2% are Asian, 17% are Hispanic, 73% are white and 5% are multi-race, non-Hispanic.

Additionally, 6.3% of students do not speak English as their first language, 4.1% are English language learners, 60% are low income and 20.3% of students have disabilities.

Francis shared that the district did fall within the 60th percentile for the Oct. 1, Student Information Management System data.

"We will be in a decile 10, which will change some of our grant funding and our foundation numbers as well," said Francis. "This is our highest low-income number we've had to date. We should see some returns on finances fiscal 2025."

MCAS scores

Francis presented data revealing how the district performed on MCAS testing in comparison with DESE's expectations and among comparable districts.

The data is broken down by meeting and exceeding expectations in regards to specific tests.

For the English Language Arts grades three to eight, 33% of students met or exceeded the state's expectations,

ranking within the top tier among comparable districts.

For high school ELA, 44% of test takers met or exceeded expectations, ranking within the top half of comparable schools.

In the math portion of MCAS, 29% of Palmer students met or exceeded state standards, placing Palmer within the top three of a list of 10 comparable school districts.

In high school math, Palmer ranked first place among comparable school districts at 50%.

Middle school science fifth and eighth grades, 35% of students met the state's standard, falling second only to Quaboag at 43%.

"The state eventually gives a target percentage where you are falling (and) what percentage of your targets you are hitting," said Francis. "They give us our targets, typically around January. We came in at 68% of our targets being hit." Celebrations

Palmer ranks first place in overall percentage amongstcomparable districts for targets being hit, with Pathfinder trailing at 54% and Ware at 48%.

"We're the highest of our DART (Directed Activities Related to Text) at a 68 and that is deemed a 'substantial progress towards target," said Francis.

Old Mill Pond Elementary School's overall percentile increased from 12 to 24.

Palmer High's overall percentile also increased, growing from 30 to 35.

"Chronic absenteeism in grades three through eight improved markedly," said Francis.

He added the Palmer High School Advance Coursework also increased from 54% to 64%.

"Our grade 10 math was equal to the state's, very proud of that," said Francis.

He added the high school science scores went against state trends as Palmer saw more students meeting or exceeding expectations although the state overall saw decreases.

Areas for improvement

According to Francis, ELA scores are still "well-below" pre-pandemic levels.

From 2022-2023, the district saw an increase in chronic absenteeism and the graduation rate saw a decrease.

An area for concern is elementary and middle school math in fifth to eighth grades.

Francis said there are "still substantial learning gaps in foundational skills which if we don't fix now, will just continue to have a negative effect, especially when they get into high school."

Public's help sought on anniversary of Holly Piirainen death

SPRINGFIELD— Oct. 23, 1993 the remains of Holly Piirainen were found by hunters in a wooded area off Five Bridge Road in Brimfield. Piirainen disappeared on Aug. 5, 1993, she was ten years old at the time and would have turned 40 years old earlier this year.

Piirainen's family is asking members of the public who may have any information regarding her disappearance or subsequent murder to please Rhode Island, with no results. come forward with any details you may have.

Holly had been vacationing with her father and other family members at a cottage in Sturbridge. She had last been ly, I, members of my office, and seen by her father at 11:45 a.m., the Massachusetts State Police heading toward a residence in the area of Allen and South have never stopped investigat-

On Shore Roads in Sturbridge to play with puppies.

> Piirainen was reported missing by her father, Richard Piirainen, when she did not return

Her father began searching immediately for her, finding her sneaker on South Shore Road. Police were notified and a massive search was conducted by local and state police as well as sheriff's departments and units from Connecticut and

Hampden District Attorney Anthony D. Gulluni said "The Piirainen family has been coping with this tragedy for 30 years. Along with Holly's fami-Detectives assigned to the case



Submitted Photos Holly Pirranian disappeared on Aug.5, 1993, her remains were found Oct. 23, 1993.

ing to bring justice to Holly and her family. We continue to ask members of the public who may have any information please contact us."

Earlier in 2023 the Hampden District Attorney Anthony Gulluni released information on the ongoing investigative efforts. This included further forensic testing on cases items documented in 1993.

This resulted in the D.A. asking the public for assistance in regards to one particular item; a white tank top-style shirt, with a blue, purple, and pink colored "Boston" motif noted on the exterior front. The shirt has no tags or size information.

Investigators continue to ask the public for assistance and for any information about this shirt. They are interested in determining who owned the shirt, its origin or places where

it was known to be sold, anything about its manufacture, and any information regarding its association with the area of where Piirainen was found in the Five Bridge Road area of Brimfield.

Anyone with information about this case is asked to contact the Massachusetts State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Hampden District Attorney's Office (413) 505-5993. You can also utilize text-a-tip by texting the word CRIMES (2-7-4-6-3-7) and type the word SOLVE into the body of the message followed by your tip.

> Police ask for any information the public may have about this shirt.



Wilbraham Garden Club hosts meeting

WILBRAHAM— The Nov. 6 meeting date is on a Monday. meeting of the Wilbraham Garden

Club will take place on Monday will be Robin Desrochers who will survive, as many bird populations give a talk on bird watching in Wil- are becoming endangered. This is ish Center on Main St. A luncheon braham. Desrochers will discuss a presentation that will be enjoyed of sandwiches and dessert will be the different birds in our neigh- by all! served. Please note the change of borhoods and we will view some

beautiful photos. Desrochers will The speaker for this meeting inform us how we can help them

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Viewpoints



Can my wife claim her benefit now and switch to a spouse benefit from me later?

Dear Rusty

Can my wife claim her benefits now (at 63, and we know about the reduction for claiming early) and then, when I retire at 66 years and 10 months of age almost 3 years from now, can she switch over to spousal benefits based on my benefit amount? She worked at a higher paying job for much of her career, but is now at a much lower income and would be under the amount that would reduce her benefits further. I currently earn about nine times her annual salary so the spousal benefit for her would be an increase when I retire.

Signed: Seeking Information

Dear Seeking

Yes, your wife can claim her own (reduced) Social Security retirement benefit now and she will be automatically awarded a spousal boost when you later claim your SS retirement benefit. However, your wife's benefit when you claim will not be 50% of your Full Retirement Age amount because she claimed her own SS benefit early and also because her spousal boost will be awarded prior to her FRA.

Any benefit taken before FRA is reduced, including the spousal benefit.

Here's what will happen if your wife claims her own Social Security at age 63. Your wife's personal SS retirement benefit, when she claims, will be reduced by about 25%. When you claim at your full retirement age, your wife will get a "spousal boost" to her own reduced benefit.

The amount of your wife's spousal boost will be the difference between her FRA entitlement and 50% of your FRA entitlement, reduced because the spousal boost will be awarded automatically before she has reached her own full retirement age. FRA amounts are used to compute the spousal boost, regardless of the age at which benefits are claimed.

When you claim, your wife will not yet be her FRA, so the amount of her spousal boost, the difference between her FRA entitlement and half of your FRA entitlement, will be reduced. The reduced spousal boost will be added to your wife's reduced SS retirement benefit, resulting in her total benefit payment being less than half of yours.

The only way your wife can get the full 50% of your FRA entitlement is to wait until her own FRA at 6/ to claim Social Security. but by doing so she also forfeits the money she would otherwise receive if she claimed her own benefit now. As long as she won't significantly exceed the earnings limit while working before her FRA, claiming now is an acceptable strategy because it will take many years to recover the money forfeited by waiting until her FRA to claim. It's also reasonable because women statistically outlive men and your wife's benefit as your surviving spouse will be 100% of the amount you are receiving at your death, instead of the smaller spousal amount she was receiving while you were both living. When to claim is always a personal choice and life expectancy should always be thoughtfully considered, but the answer to your specific question is - yes, if your wife claims her own benefit at 63, she will automatically receive her spousal boost when you claim, but her payment as your spouse will be less than 50% of your FRA benefit amount. The Association Mature Citizens Foundation and its staff are not affiliated with or endorsed by the Social Security Administration or any other governmental entity. This article is intended for information purposes and does not represent legal or financial guidance. It presents the opinions and interpretations of the Association Mature Citizens Foundation's staff, trained and accredited by the National Social Security Association To submit a question, visit amacfoundation.org/programs/ social-security-advisory or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org. Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

Letters to the Editor

Letter to the editor

In response to a letter to the editor in the Oct. 12, Journal Register, I would like to commend the Monson Food Truck and Music Festival for raising and donating \$14,600. However, I would put a different spin on the "obstacles" that the fundraiser faced.

1. You were not permitted to use the back of a flatbed truck as a stage because that is not in compliance with state safety and structural requirements.

2. You were required to increase the number of Sani cans in accordance with the coordinated determination of the Building Commissioner and the Town's Health Department.

3. I don't know why you deem it an obstacle for the officers filling the police detail to have come from Hampden.

4. The \$45 hourly fee for fire department personnel was to ensure that the personnel would be available to make the required inspections as the vendors set up. If the town did not arrange for off-duty personnel to do the inspections, on-duty personnel would have been doing them. And if those on-duty personnel received a call, they would have had to leave immediately to respond, leaving no one to complete the inspections of the vendors, and thereby leaving those uninspected vendors unable to participate in the festival. And these set-up inspections are just that, the fire department inspects the hook-

ups on site, which is different from, and

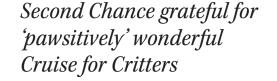
entirely separate from, the pre-inspections. Furthermore, the permit fee paid for the pre-inspection is paid by the vendor and not the festival.

5. I can only respond for myself with regard to why I did not attend the festival, and that is because I had a prior engagement. Regardless, I don't see why that's an obstacle.

6. You "heard" from some town employees that they were told not to attend the event. No, during the conversation you and I had to address your concerns, you stated that you were told that some town employees said they were told not to attend the event. You did not hear that directly from any town employee. You took no action to inquire about the veracity of that statement. Instead, you chose to put a statement out which impugns the character of one or more town employees, without any regard for your action. I personally do not believe that any town employee would have made such a statement, and if you had any proof that one did, I think you would have shared that information during our phone conversation.

Finally, the festival received \$4000 from the Gifts to the Town account. While that is not taxpayer money per se, it could have been used for any number of other purposes to benefit the Town and our residents, and directly adds \$4000 to your bottom line.

> **Patricia Oney** Monson



I am writing to extend our heartfelt thanks to the entire community for their overwhelming support for the 11th Annual Cruise for Critters held at Westview Farms Creamery in Monson on the Sept. 30 rain date.

Despite the weather forecast, our community rallied together, and what transpired was nothing short of spectacular. The day turned out to be a success for our furry friends, filled with joy, laughter, and a strong sense of community.

While the car show had to be canceled due to field conditions, the spirit of the event remained unbroken.

The vendor fair, kids Barktacular games, and the delightful music from John and Christina Cantalini were highlights that kept the atmosphere buzzing with positive energy. It was heartwarming to witness so many individuals, families, and pet enthusiasts come together to make the day memorable.

A special note of gratitude goes out to the event organizer, Al Widlan of Service Connection, and his dedicated Critter Crew. Their tireless efforts and passion for the cause shone through.

Our sincere appreciation also extends to Don and Kathy Foster of Westview Farms Creamery for generously opening up their beautiful venue to host this fantastic gathering.

The success of the event would not have been possible without the support of our generous sponsors, including Herlihy Insurance Group and Joe Campisi, a longtime friend of Second Chance. Their commitment to our cause has made a significant impact, allowing us to raise over \$7,000 for our beloved pets.

supporter, volunteer, and participant who contributed to the success of the 11th Annual Cruise for Critters. Your compassion and dedication to our four-legged friends have not gone unnoticed, and together, we've made a positive difference in the lives of many

With gratitude, Lindsay Doray Second Chance Animal Services











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The questions keep coming

Once again, thank you to each and every vendor,

NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

For more information on news or community features for The Journal Register, please email mharrison@turley. com.

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continue to receive a number of questions each week.

It's encouraging that there is so much interest in gardening even as this season is coming to an end. Here are the quandaries we have for this week:

Myrtle still has an abundance of green tomatoes left on the plants in her small gardening plot. "Are my tomatoes still OK to be outside? When I've picked them green in

the past I remember putting them in a paper bag to ripen. Is that better than just leaving them on the counter? Mine are chermostly ries and I have quite a few! I looked online

and it says to put them in a bag with an apple, but I don't recall using an apple the last time I did this. I sometimes find that advice from the internet gets confusing - too many options! Also, I was wondering what you thought of trying to root the tomato branches that have flowers. Maybe I could grow them inside for the winter."

Lucky you to still have tomato branches with flowers, let alone those with tomatoes on them! I am impressed.

With frost imminent, I typically allow green tomatoes to ripen single layer in trays or cardboard boxes - something that can "breathe," unlike plastic bags or containers. A paper bag sounds like a fine option too.

The reason for the apple is so that it will emit ethylene gas and hasten the ripening process. Bananas can be used in place of the apple.

There is some controversy about what temperature tomatoes should be kept at to ripen, but it would make sense that ripening would occur at warmer temperatures versus cooler - tomatoes are tropical plants. Typical household temps around 70 degrees are just right.

As far as rooting flowering branches, it would be a fun experiment and tomato stems do root readily. Usually when we take cuttings, we prefer them not to be in flower, though, as it hinders rooting to some degree.

Try it; I'd love to hear how it works

out. If they root, keep in mind that winter light is not as bright as summer light. It might be hard to keep the plants growing

well inside. Sylvia, who gardens in Ware, wrote in with this question:

"My beautiful lush morning glory vine doesn't have any buds, let alone blossoms! I fear we will have frost soon.

> Do you have any idea why this failed? I started four little plants in June, lots of rain, no fertilizer, soil so-so with some compost added during growth and that's it for

care." My first thought is that

your soil is too rich. You said no fertilizer, but maybe the compost was enough to increase fertility, and nitrogen especially, in such a way that you ended up with all that lush foliage but no flowers.

Morning glories are related to bind weed - that pesky weed that tangles around my garden fence and just about anything else it can get its tendrils on. Try to pull it up and the thick white roots break and new plants pop up.

How does this relate? Well, it sort of proves that morning glories prefer soil that isn't so rich.

Another thought is that you have a late flowering variety! Honest!

Some varieties take a long time to flower. One variety that I know grows well and flowers on the early side is an heirloom by the name of Grandpa Ott's.

Give it a try and you'll be pleasantly surprised by the dark purple flowers with reddish centers.

One thing you didn't mention in your note was exposure; morning glories do need to be planted in full sun in order to flower. I do hope this helps!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening *Question*" *in the subject line.*

Mayra and Rosie, two black cats who found their fur-ever homes

Black cats? A purr-fect addition to the family

eports indicate that black cats are less likely to be adopted than other fur colors, and if you've ever purr-sonally known a black cat, you may be just as bewildered as I was when I learned this fact.

As I'm writing this, my two black cats are curled up on a nearby blanket, basking in a sunlit autumn glow. Yet, the stats of the matter remain—according to several studies, including one regarding a cat's fur color and how this impacts their adoptability, the results were certain.

"Black cats in [shelters] should receive extra consideration for rehoming," the study revealed.

Further, entirely black cats did not enjoy "improved outcomes" during the month prior to Halloween, the one time of year when their outcomes might be expected to improve, the study reported.

So, when considering a new pet for the family, why not consider a black cat or two?

Here's my adoption story for Mayra and Rosie, my "foster kittens turned fur-ever cats."

I met them at a book signing event during which I'd teamed up with a local animal rescue to raise donations. The event started out great, but very soon after I arrived, a dog that I lovingly refer to as "the stinky dog" arrived, too. The event was in a pet store that offered a doggie bathing area, and the stinky dog chanced in after an ill-fated experience-getting sprayed by a skunk.

The dog's owner was noticeably stressed out, and I tried my hardest to ignore the scent, but tears were quite literally forming in my eyes. Approaching the volunteer leading the event—Kathy—I intended to tell her that I, as a very sensitive soul who can't handle the atrocity of foul odors, would be packing up my books and heading out.

When Kathy turned around, I saw that she was wrangling and wrestling with an incredibly tiny black kitten-and this cat was upset. Meowing, crying, and wiggling, the kitten was passed around to several volunteers, and as a person who'd recently drifted into the center of this chaotic scene, the cat was eventually

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Please send opinions to: The Journal Register Letter to the Editor 24 Water St., Palmer MA 01069, or by e-mail to: journalregister@turley.com

The submission deadline for consideration is Monday at noon.

Election letters to the editor welcome

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

For more information, call 413 283-8393.

Campaign news

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

Candidates who wish to further publicize their candidacy, beliefs and events may contact advertising, 413-283-8393 about paid advertising ir The Journal Register



Getting in the spirit



Students Brianna Kiablick and Carly Gadreault are joined by math teacher Sheila Browne in celebrating school spirit week.



Paraprofessional Tracy Murphy and Librarian Jennifer Sandoval are representing the Suburban Soccer Warriors.



Seventh-grade math students Brianna Kiablick, Addy Griswold. Lilly Dziedzinski, Carly Gadreault, Maxwell Morway, Stephanie Azuilie and teacher Sheila Browne are all on par with the day's theme: **BBQ Bosses vs. Suburban Soccer** Warriors.

Turley Photos by Dallas Gagnon



Daniella Pelletier and Kaylee Nareau are a balanced duo with Pelletier sporting a pink car seat and a baby doll on her hip, and Nareau rocking a mustache and spatula.



Submitted photo BBQ Boss Dad Brian Rathbone is up early grilling burgers and dogs for daughter, Madison Rathbone, to bring to school on her BBQ cart.



Madison Rathbone is sporting a BBQ Boss uniform and sandwich cart full of gourmet grilled grub, courtesy of Brian Rathbone.

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school advisors also encourage and support students in rallying school spirit.

In this year's daily theme, PHS students showed their spirit on Monday by wearing tropical apparel.

Though some wore Hawaiian shirts, others assembled cardboard cruise ships, signaling School sprint and dedication.

On Tuesday, students competed against one another for the title of best dressed as either a "Barbeque Boss," or a "Suburban Soccer Warrior."

Many Barbecue Bosses were sporting faux mustaches, aprons and came equipped with tongs.

Suburban Soccer Warriors could be seen walking the halls of PHS carrying baby dolls, wearing scrunchies and oversized crew neck sweaters.

After a week of various get-ups, the high-schoolers will assemble in the gymnasium on Friday for a pep rally to raise everyone's spirits for the homecoming game on Saturday, Oct. 28.

The game will be held at Ware High School, starting at 1 p.m.





Averom McIntyre, ESL teacher Kelly Simpkiss, Jaelynn Veary and reading teacher Barbara Choiniere are all smiles as they show off their summer vibes.



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Getting in the spirit



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Turley Photos by Dallas Gagnon PHS librarian and STUCO advisor Jennifer Sandoval is joined by students Lily White and Kaylei Nareau.

Student Bianca Barbosa, class advisor Erik Brennan and student Rylee Santiago flaunt their tropical wear.

Paraprofessional Cassidy Lefferts and math teacher Brittany North wear matching tropical wear to show school spirit.



Amhia McElreavy, Kaedyn Gelinas, Kylie Woodworth, Mya Snyder, Dylan Holbrook, Jaydem Haley, Griffen Naworski, Jax McNally, Maddie Roy, Katie Mendrala, Kendyll Roberts, Addy Petrashewicz and Jaelyn Heydare in their tropical wear.



And your Data we to an estimate a south stands and a set of a





Billy Partelo is ready for a tropical adventure.



Spanish teacher Kaylee Hotchkiss and student Beverly Cutty share a photo in light of school spirit week.



Andrew Robare is sporting a sunhat, glasses and a lei in light of Tropical Day.



Andrew Haley is rocking the best of both worlds with a steak in one hand and a baby in the other.

High-schoolers Jayda Pardo, Grace Burke, Madison Rathbone, Loretta Petrashewicz, Vanessa Baer, Maya Cushing, Grace Hershowitz, Elizabeth Miller, Billy Partelo and Luis Rivera are all decked out in tropical attire.

Madison Rathbone's ship is equipped with a flotation device labeled S.S Rathbone.

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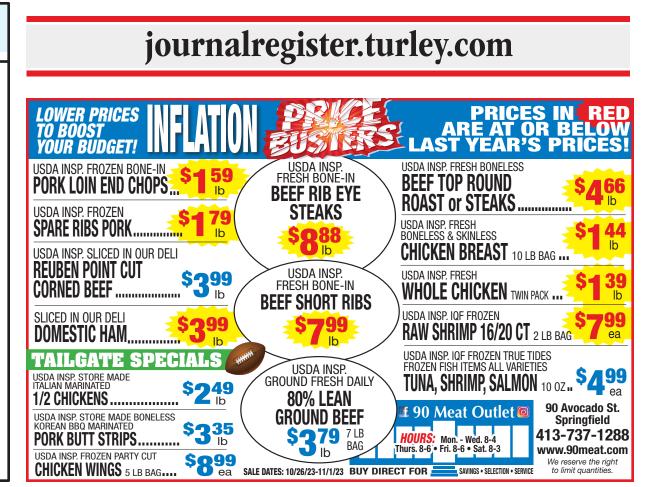
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PALMER- The Palmer Senior center has plenty of events for tas, fajitas blend vegetables, flour Bake Brownie Bites everyone. Breakfast and lunch are available, breakfast is \$3 and lunch is \$2. The Senior center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To register for events please call 413-283-2670 or visit the Senior center's website at www.townofpalmer.com/coa for a full activity listing.

Vans are available to and from the Senior center, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., please call the center to schedule an appointment.

MENU

Wednesday, Nov. 1 – BBQ pulled pork

Thursday, Nov. 2 – Blueberry French toast, fruit, juice, and milk.

PALMER – The Baystate Wing

Hospital Corporation has released a

request for proposal for community

benefits mini grants from area not-

for-profit organizations supporting

initiatives that are designed to fur-

ther health, education, and preven-

tative health programs in the Bay-

state Wing Hospital Service area of

Hampshire, Hampden, and Worces-

resents Baystate Wing Hospital's

commitment to work with local

community partners who focus on

"This grant opportunity rep-

mini-grant proposals

Friday, Nov. 3- Chicken Fajitortilla, sour cream, and fresh fruit.

Monday- Nov. 6- American Chop Suey, roman blend veggies. Tuesday, Nov. 7- Ham, cheese

and egg croissant, fruit, juice and milk.

Wednesday, Nov. 8- Turkey Tetrazzini, steamed broccoli, penne noodles, dinner roll and pear crisp.

Thursday, Nov. 9- Ham, cheese and egg croissant, fruit, juice, and milk.

Friday, Nov. 10- Closed, Veteran's Day.

EVENTS

Nov. 2 - Craft - Turkey Wreath cost is \$3.00 (space is limited) Nov. 3 - Movie - "Dirty Dancing

Baystate Wing Hospital Corp. seeks

Nov. 6 - Bake & Take - No

Nov. 8 - Thunderbirds Hockey Game - Cost is \$12 non-refundable, which includes admission, hot dog, soda and chips and transportation. Call to reserve your seat. Space is limited.

Nov. 9 - Veterans Breakfast We will be honoring Palmer Veterans with breakfast. Please sign up by November 3rd by calling the center.

Nov. 10 - Center Closed in observance of Veterans Day 11/15 - Thanksgiving Celebration - We will gather to celebrate the upcoming holiday with good friends. Our entertainment will be Tim Von Egmond, folk singer and story teller. Made possible from a grant from the Palmer Cultural Council. Please call the center to sign up on or before Nov. 10.



VETERAN'S DAY LUNCH

In recognition of all our Veterans, please join us, regardless of your age or whether you served in a war or not, to be our GUEST for lunch on Thurs. Nov. 9

Guest Speaker: Jered Sasen, Veterans Service Agent.Please call for reservations by 2:30 p.m. on Wed. Nov. 8.

A donation of \$2.50 is requested for all non-veterans.

Cozy Lunch & BINGO With our friends from the Fire & Police Depts. Nov. 20 at noon Call for reservations by Nov.

17 at 2:30.

JOIN US FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER Thurs., Nov. 16, 2023 noon

Help us give thanks. We will be enjoying a traditional Thanksgiving Meal. A donation of \$2.50 is re-

quested. Please call for reserva-

tions by 3:00 p.m., Tues., Nov. 14.

LUNCH and LEARN

Preparing is Caring Wed., Nov. 29 at 12:30 p.m.

Are you prepared for a health emergency?

Do you have a list of your

medications? Who in your friend for family group knows your health history? Do you have a health proxy? If you had to go in an ambulance would the emergency personnel know your wants and need for care? We will be discussing how you and your family can prepare for a heath emergency and how to navigate difficult health decisions. We are here to answer your questions.

Monson Senior Center

Those attending will receive a Hampden County Life File and compact First Aid Kit

MENU

Nov. 1 – Garlic Chicken, Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Rye Bread, Pineapple

Nov. 2 - American Chop Suey, Green & Wax Beans, WWB Oranges

Nov. 3 - Fish Loin, Au Gratin Potatoes, Peas, WWB, Tropical Fruit

Nov. 6 - Mac & Cheese*, Stewed Tomatoes, Green Beans, WWB, Tapioca w/Pineapple

Nov. 7 - Cranberry Pork, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, WWB, Brownie

Nov. 8 - Peachy Chicken, Sweet Potatoes, Spinach, Rye

Bread, Pineapple

Nov. 9 - Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes, California Vegetables, Roll, Applesauce

Nov. 10- CLOSED Veterans' Day

ACTIVITIES

Nov. 1 - Strength Training 10:00; Speaker 12:30; Card Making 6:00; Crafts & Laughs 6:00

Nov. 2 - Chair Massage 11:00 Yoga 4:30

Nov. 3 - Library Event 10:30; Wii Bowling 12:30; BP Clinic 1:00; Pitch 6:00

Nov. 6 - Strength Training 10:00; Art Class 1:00; Monson Garden Club 7:00

Nov. 7 - Door Décor Craft with Rose 9:00; Canasta 12:30; Line Dancing 4:00

Nov. 8 - Strength Training 10:00; Rep. Ashe's Aide 10-11; BINGO 1:00; Crafts & Laughs 6:00

Nov. 9 - Lunch Bunch 11:30; Veteran's Day Luncheon 12:00; Yoga 4:30

Annual Artist Member Exhibition Nov. 4 & 5

The Monson Arts Council is pleased to present its annual Artist Member Exhibition. This show features a variety of art works in multiple genres by MAC artist

This year's presentation brings together more than thirty-five art-

Art at 200 Main St. in Monson on Sat., Nov. 4 and Sun., Nov. 5 from

A reception featuring food and beverages will be available to all friends, family, patrons, artists and art lovers on both days! The Monson Tri Dance Group will be presenting performances on Saturday, and on Sunday, the Fitzgerald

bring its talents to entertain everyone.

There will be prizes of \$100 each for Committee Choice and Artists' Choice.

Look us up at www.monsonartscouncil.org

Come out to Monson on November 4th and 5th and enjoy all of the beauty this wonderful town has to offer!

Library bake sale Oct. 31

Monson Free Library will have a Bake Sale on Tuesday, Oct. 31, from 10 a.m. will be used to support activities at the to 3 p.m., at Adams, 115 Main St. Sale Monson Free Library.

MONSON— The Friends of the items will include festive treats, cookies, breads, pies and more. Proceeds

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passed to me.

ter counties.

The kitten, Rosie, was around eight-weeks-old. She was so small, but she was zesty. I hadn't expected to be holding a distressed cat, but I understood the assignment; I also related to the kitten's concerns, and holding her close against my chest, I rocked her like an infant and walked down an aisle into a quiet corner.

In my arms, little Rosie calmed down instantly. The volunteers exchanged glances and sighs of relief; at the time, I didn't know why this kitten chose me as the one human who could calm her. But looking back, I know now what I hadn't public health-related programs and initiatives to achieve the greatest possible impact on disparities people face in the communities we serve," said Ron Bryant, president of Baystate Health Regional Hospitals, which includes Baystate Wing Hospital.

According to a press release, the Baystate Wing Corporation will award \$30,000 to be given as minigrants for the purpose of addressing priority health needs identified in the hospital's Community Health Needs Assessment.

The deadline for grant proposals is Nov. 15 by 11:59 p.m. Selected grantees will be notified no later than Wednesday, Nov. 29.

To learn more and to apply online visit the Baystate Health online portal at www.baystatehealth.org/ applyforfunding and complete the Baystate Wing Hospital Corporation Grant Application.

Details on how to access the application can be provided by Brittney Rosario via email at Brittney. Rosario@baystatehealth.org.

sibility of him saying yes was slimvery slim—but it wasn't zero.

"That's a cute cat," he said when he answered; the camera was focused on the little kitten I was holding. "Now put it back and come home.'

I truly did try to put her back; she woke, squirming and letting out a shrill meow as she was placed into a small cat carrier. From inside the carrier, I heard another muffled meow-apparently, Rosie had a twin sister named Mayra who'd been inside the carrier the entire event because she was shy.

As I packed up my books, watching as all the adoptable pets were brought out of the store, I turned to Kathy. "Am I going to regret not bringing that kitten home with me?" I asked, hoping Kathy could somehow supply an answer that would make it feel better. "Is it a mistake to let her

go?"

now?'

My lip started quivering. Quivering. Tears welled in my eyes, and I stood there in the middle of this pet store like a lost child. In that moment, I realized, having Rosie in my arms had been a peace and connection I'd only known twice before, with my other two cats, so, my husband was surely not surprised at all when I rolled up to our house that afternoon with two new foster kittens who we adopted the following day.

These two black cats have now wrapped their paws around my heart—and purr-haps a black cat awaits the love of your family, too! Or any adoptable pet, for that matter, as all pets are worthy of love.

"I don't know," she replied, having witnessed the bond Rosie and I had shared. "How do you feel right

members.

ists showing over ninety-five original works of art. The two-day show will be open to all at the House of

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

Performing Arts of Sturbridge will

of Belchertown

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known then—it was fate!

For the remainder of the event, no more books were signed. After the kitten had fallen asleep in my arms, I spent the next two hours cradling her, swaying her, and walking

around the store. Over the years, in my career as a writer and as a volunteer with several animal groups, I've held countless adoptable pets. But this little kitten? There was something inexplicable about the way she made me feel. As the event neared its end, I knew it would soon be time to hand over the kitten, who would be transported back to her current foster home and, eventually, adopted. And thinking about that, I felt an overwhelming sense of sadness.

"What are the chances of me taking this cat home?" I jested to Kathy, who responded by telling me that I could.

"You said what now?" I retorted, still swaying the cat. "I can take her home with me?"

"Well, you could foster her if you wanted to. It would actually be really helpful," she said. "We've got lots of kittens right now and are looking for foster homes."

I knew that fostering kittens didn't require a lot of space; any extra room, or even a small bathroom, could be used to house the kitten until she found her fur-ever home. My mind ignited into a blaze of calculations, and I came to the conclusion-this could actually work.

"Let me ask my husband," I said, not wanting to make a unilateral decision for the family without him. "He will be the deciding factor."

When my husband, Dom, answered the Face-Time call, I knew the pos-



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Business

Eclectic vintage shop, artists studio opens

By Dallas Gagnon Staff Writer dgagnon@turley.com

PALMER - An eclectic, vintage shop and artists gallery will open the doors at 1500 N. Main St., on Wednesday, Nov. 1.

"The Victorian" will provide locals a convenient shop close to home, offering quality painter's products, painted furniture, unique gifts, candles and more.

The shop features a wide variety of Fusion Mineral Paint products, including materials to re-purpose, refurbish and re-imagine furniture.

"Fusion Mineral Paint is primarily a furniture paint," said owner Julia Dias. She said the paint works well on a variety of materials, such as wood and metal.

In addition to paint, The Victorian will also offer stains, glazes, paint removing agents and both natural and synthetic paint brushes.

The shop caters to artists seeking to add a splash of color to their homes and get creative with refinishing their furniture.

"I always wanted to open my own shop," said Dias.

She holds a bachelor's degree in fine arts with a focus on interior design from UMASS Amherst.

Dias' experience allows her to provide guests with expertise and a wealth of knowledge in design as well as the Fusion Mineral Paint product line.

"I live for making what is old new again,' said Dias. "It's exciting."

She added the Victorian age has always been her favorite period in time, prompting her to scout out the perfect location for her shop.

"It has always been a dream of mine to have a Victorian. The building is a Queen Anne with all the traditional moldings," said Dias

The Victorian was built in 1868 and is 155 years old.

sion Mineral Paint carrier locally, but they will also experience the charm of the old Victorian.

The shop features an array of colors, furnishings

icately wrapped in wax paper and sealed with a postage stamp.

The Superior Dry Good Vintage Stick matches are a perfect compliment to those interested in gifting a locally sourced, 100% soy, 1803 candle.

Dias said the shop is Victorian themed to add an element of creativity and charm to the guests' experience.

"After the first of the year, we will offer a Fusion Mineral Paint workshop," said Dias.

She added services and products available at the shop will expand within the upcoming year, including the introduction of a tea room.

While the room is not yet ready for renting, guests will eventually have the option of renting a Victorian-themed space equipped with art, a table for tea, a decorative fireplace and a large, antique vinyl player.

Guests interested in adding a Victorian touch to their home also have the option of purchasing from a collection of vintage glassware.

Dias thanked and credited her husband, Joao Dias, for all he has done to make her dream come true.



Submitted Photos The Victorian is located at 1500 N. Main St., in Palmer, in the former Moulton Insurance building.



For sale are 100% soy candles made in the USA.





Submitted Photo

BCH's first facility dog, Isabela, at her meet and great.

Baystate Children's Hospital welcomes facility dog

SPRINGFIELD- Baystate Children's Hospital's first-ever facility dog, Isabela, Isa for short, who joined the team thanks to a \$150,000 grant from the Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation. Baystate's newest employee goes to work every day to provide special animal assisted therapy to pediatric patients, their families, and staff members.

The Foundation's Dogs for Joy program seeks to increase the number of in-resident dogs in children's hospitals across the country. Facility dogs like Isa are professionally trained to work in a healthcare setting. Unlike volunteer dogs that visit a hospital or medical center for a short time, facility dogs are at the hospital every day with their handlers. In most cases they are used exclusively for clinical work. These dogs are trained to help with tasks like teaching kids how to take medication, keeping a child calm during medical intervention and providing incentives for kids to get out of bed for a walk, these dogs serve as a source of happiness and provide a sense of normalcy for patients.

"Dogs like Isabela are often described as better than any medicine. They just know when someone needs comfort, support, and love, and they give it unconditionally without judgement and expect nothing in return," said Dr. Charlotte Boney, chair, Department of Pediatrics at Baystate.

"We are thrilled to bring joy to patients and their families at Baystate Children's Hospital through our Dogs for Joy program," said April McGonnigal, Director of the Joy in Childhood Foundation. "We have seen the incredible impact that these special pups bring to children's hospitals throughout the country and look forward to seeing the meaningful impact that Isa has on the patients, staff and fam-

Isabela, a Golden Retriever, was born and raised at Canine Assistants in Milton, Georgia, a non-profit organization which teaches and provides service dogs for children and adults with physical disabilities or other special needs.

Already a star before arriving at Baystate Children's Hospital, Isabela, now almost 19 months old, began her education at just seven weeks. She has completed over 1500 hours of individual instruction and 2,250 hours of group instruction and was the first of her litter to graduate at only 17 months old.

Isa and her handlers provide goal-oriented interventions Isa will be working with pediatric patients across many areas of the children's hospital including inpatient units, the emergency department, radiology, and some outpatient areas. Isa also has some designated time to support hospital staff across the medical center. She has a calm and intuitive demeanor and has been an added support for staff during debriefs following difficult situations, or when rounding on units to help uplift spirits.

"Isabela is a wonderful new addition to the Baystate Children's Hospital staff. As a dog lover and huge Golden Retriever enthusiast who has been blessed with many Goldens over the years, these lovable dogs are known for their gentle nature, goofy sweet smiles, and deep loyalty to and affection for humans. They make great service dogs and we are lucky to have Isa as part of our team," Dr. Boney said. Visit Isabela on Instagram @ Isabela_inspires.

For more information on Baystate Children's Hospital, visit baystatehealth. org/bch..

To learn more about the Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation's Dogs for Joy program please visit www.bringjoy.org.



Shoppers will not The building is a Queen Anne Victorian, decorated to only have access to a Fu- accentuate the charm and authenticity of the building's architecture.



and art; some Victorian style, others more abstract.

Vintage style "sassy talkin' towels," are on display, adding style and humor to the main shopping area

For those interested in purchasing, duplicates are for sale.

Additionally, vintage-style match boxes are available for purchase, del-

Shown is the shopping area in the building, with Items in display cases, which are for sale.



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Women's Club to meet Nov. 9

WILBRAHAM — The November meeting of the Wilbraham Women's Club will take place on Thursday, Nov. 9 at noon at the Saint Cecelia's Parish Center on Main Street in Wilbraham. The cost will be \$12 for a soup, sandwich and dessert luncheon, catered by the Village Store Café. Please make your reservation by calling Linda Raffa at 596-8245. The deadline is Nov. 2!

day will be Bobbie Albano, local artist, who will demonstrate how to transition holiday wreaths into the winter months. Her wreaths will be raffled at the end of the presentation. Also at this meeting we will be collecting miscellaneous items and cash donations for our Veterans. These donations will be given to the Veterans Hospital in Holyoke.





Special Education teacher Paul Holloway and Art teacher Sean Burns were quick to show there support of this great project.

#dolifelikedoo



Sophia Mallette, Amelia Baldwin and Shiloh Kibbe are some of the many students at Palmer High honoring the late Dave Peritz.



Students Jonti Anderson and Grace Mega volunteer to paint peers' hands for the mural.



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Principal Sue North places here hand print in the middle of the #dolifelikedoo mural.



Sophia Mallette and Amelia Baldwin leave their mark on the PHS walls.





Ayden Richotte and Brecken Gilman leave their prints in green.



Paraprofessional Krystin Puckett climbs to the top of a ladder to reach the tallest point of the painting.

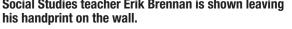
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and snowy mountains, topped with a large, yellow peace sign in the forefront with a hashtag "Dolifelikereading Doo."

The #DolifelikeDoo is a motto adopted by those who knew Peritz as being someone who lived life to the fullest and are inspired to push themselves to honor that legacy in their own lives.

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Social Studies teacher Erik Brennan is shown leaving





Nevaeh Solis paints Kristian Grimshaw's hand green to add to the in memoriam mural.

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Old Mill Pond PTO trunks offer treats



Trick or Trunkers decked out the backs of their vehicles with various decorations, including balloons and backdrops.

PALMER – The Palmer Parent Teacher Organization hosted the 2023 Trunk or Treat at Converse Middle School last week.

Trunk or Treaters could be seen sporting wigs, costumes, face paint and even prosthetic teeth.

While some participants who hosted a trunk were Palmer School District faculty, other volunteers who helped make the event possible included Light Up Palmer, Nick's Sport Shop, American Legion Post 130 and Palmer Youth Basketball Association.

Of the many volunteers in attendance, three were chosen as prize winners, including a Barbie-themed display, a pet rescue and a chop shop.

OMP PTO thanked the volunteers and community members who helped make the event possible.





Jennifer Maloney, Jessica Kimball, Rachael Pardo and Lauren Cole are in the Halloween spirit with coordinated crayon costumes.



Submitted Photos Despite the rain, trunk or treaters could be seen dressed in full-costume making their rounds.



Old Mill Pond Elementary School had its own display set up with a '50s diner theme.



Adults handed out candy and celebrated Halloween festivities with specific themed decor. For these preschool teachers, the theme was rubber duckies and bathtime bubbles.







Jennifer Vincelette and Karen Champagne are some of the many people who helped make the event possible by hosting trunks with treats.



Ali Dugri and Nikki Caci are in all pink as they hold the Barbie sign.



OMP Assistant Principal Penny Ann Manteria is joined by Principal Holly-Beth Riopel during the annual event.



Students Zoe and Natalie are all smiles as they pose with the Barbie frame.

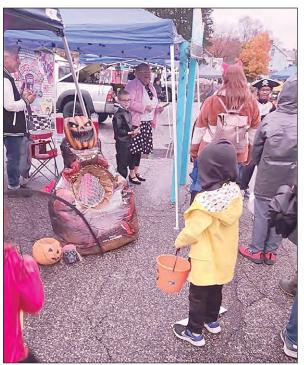
Some put a display outside of their vehicles. Shown is a pet cemetery concept.



Light Up Palmer organization members were in attendance to support the PTO initiatives, and offer Trunk or Treaters some fun. Gloria Brynes is joined by other members in handing out candy.



While some participants had welcoming and friendly get-ups, others went with a more traditional Halloween approach.



Kids enjoyed the fun and candy at the Annual Trunk or Treat event.



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FOOTBALL

Panthers nipped by Green Wave

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By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

PALMER-Even though the final score of the annual senior night football game didn't end up in their favor, the Palmer players never quit.

The Panthers, who trailed Intercounty North rival Greenfield by two touchdowns with less than five minutes remaining in the fourth quarter, sliced the deficit in half fol-

lowing a 60 yard touchdown pass. The home team couldn't get any closer than that, as the Green Wave escaped with a 14-7 victory at historic Legion Field, last Thursday night.

"This was the first time all season that we fought hard from start to finish," said Palmer head coach Matt Marciniec. "We had a lot of different players step up in tonight's game."

The seniors listed on the Panthers football roster are Osvaldo Nieves Jr., Karter Benoit, Andrew Menard, Peiwhiet Tim, Andrew Haley Jr., and Tanner Kirk.

"All of our seniors are very special," Marciniec said. "It's going to be sad to see them go, but we still have a few more games remaining in our season."

Haley and Kirk, who recently suffered a season ending left knee



Dylan Doherty tries to work through the crowd on a rush

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Matthew Santos attempts a pass.

injury, have been members of the football team since they were freshmen.

"We just played with a lot of heart in tonight's game," said Haley following the game. "We left it all on the field, and we've improved a lot this season."

Tim is a third year member of the football team, while Menard is a second year player.

Benoit is another second-year player, and Nieves joined the team this season.

Benoit and Nieves attend Monson High School and can play football for the Panthers as part of a co-op.

The Panthers entered Ware week with a 1-6 overall record and a 1-3 league record. They defeated Mahar 6-0 in overtime in another home game on September 30.

The victory ended the Green Wave (2-5, 1-3) five game losing streak. They squeaked out an 18-15 non-league home victory against Chicopee High School in the season opener.

Greenfield almost allowed a



Ethan DeBettencourt stuttersteps for the Pioneers.

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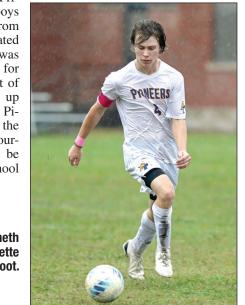
Justin Davis swings toward the goal.

Pioneers ready for playoffs

CHICOPEE - Last Friday afternoon, Pathfinder boys soccer got a hat trick from Basem Yaseen and defeated Hampden Charter 7-0. It was the 11th win of the season for Pathfinder, which has a lot of tournament play coming up this week and next. The Pioneers will qualify for the Western Mass. and state tournaments. They also could be a part of the vocational school tournament as well.

> Kenneth Brouillette looks to shoot





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SOCCER Mustangs prevail again over rival **Panthers**

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

PALMER—While every game is important, rivalry games are always extra special.

The first ten minutes of the Central Division girls' soccer match-up between archrivals Monson and Palmer was a very intense battle.

After the Lady Panthers tied the score at 1-1 on a penalty kick goal, the Lady Mustangs scored the final four goals of the first half. They also added three more goals during the second half en route to an 8-2 victory at historic Legion Field, last Monday night (Oct. 16).

"Anytime that Monson and Palmer get together in any sport, it's always a hard fought battle," said Monson head coach Eric Degnan. "We haven't played a game on this field in a few years, but the atmosphere is always great here. We battled very hard in tonight's game."

The last time that the two neighboring high schools faced each other at Legion Field was in 2017. Monson won that match by the final score of 2-0. A year ago, they met in the Western Mass. Class D semifinals with the Lady Mustangs posting a 7-1 home win in that contest.

The two squads won't be facing each other again in this year's West-

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field.

Pioneers head for nonplayoff action



Aubrey Ortiz tries to break up her opponent's momentum

regular season finale for a 1-12 re-PALMER – Pathfinder girls soccer had a tough end to their regcord. Pathfinder will likely find itular season with consecutive losses



Victoria Stephens makes a pass.

self in nonplayoff games this week and next to conclude its season.



Brianna Valley breaks up a play.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



Isaac Somers plays the ball off his knee.

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Seth Mitchell sends a pass into the box.

Christian Ribeiro gets around a shot.

Tantasqua falls to Belchertown

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

FISKDALE — During the past couple of years, the Tantasqua field hockey team had made a couple of long bus rides to play non-league games.

Prior to the start of the 2023 regular season, seventh year Tantasqua varsity field hockey coach Shelby Green asked Athletic Director Marcus Backlin if he could schedule a non-league opponent that was a little bit closer to Fiskdale.

The first ever meeting between the Lady Warriors and the Belchertown Lady Orioles field hockey teams took place on October 16. It was an exciting contest from start to finish.

After the Lady Warriors took a 1-0 lead in the first quarter, the Lady Orioles scored the tying goal in the middle of the second quarter and the go-ahead goal in the third stanza leading to 2-1 victory on Tantasqua's turf field.

"We had never played Belchertown before and they are very good competition for us,"

Green said. "During the past couple of years, we've played a couple of teams who were over an hour away. I asked Mr. Backlin if he could try to schedule an opponent who was a little bit closer." Green, who's maiden name

is Farland, graduated from Tantasqua in 2009. She's one of the best field hockey players in the history of the program.

Backlin and Belchertown A.D. Jennifer Gouvin should try to schedule more games against each other in the future. The two athletic programs are very simi-

The girls' soccer teams were scheduled to face each other at Belchertown High School on Monday night. The two high schools are located about 30 miles apart.

The road victory improved the Lady Orioles overall record to 9-3-1, while the Lady Warriors dropped to 3-8-1.

Belchertown first-year head coach Dina Brunetti was very impressed with Tantasqua junior goalie Alyssa Drajpuch, who made a total of 10 saves.

"I didn't know very much at 1-1 with 4:54 left in the second about Tantasqua, but they're a phenomenal defensive team. Their goalie is very good," Brunetti said. "I wasn't very worried when they scored a goal in the first quarter because I have a lot of confidence in my players."

The Warriors defense is led by senior Abby Radebaugh, senior Star Cottone, junior Libby Dodson, and sophomore Paige Rosen.

With 8:25 remaining in the first quarter, senior Sofia Fazzuoli passed the ball to junior Zoe Little, who fired a shot into the back of the cage giving the home team a 1-0 advantage.

'Zoe is one of our goal scorers," Green said. "It was a great feeling to take an early lead. We're a very young team this year, but our future does look bright."

Belchertown senior goalie Brooke Stelmokas (0 saves) didn't see very much action for the rest of the game.

The Lady Orioles, who finished in first place in the County League standings, tied the score quarter following a goal by senior Isabella Cebula. Sophomore Rachel Baltazar was credited with the assist.

Belchertown had a couple of penalty corners late in the first half, but the score was still tied at halftime.

Drajpuch made four saves during the first eight minutes of the third quarter keeping the contest deadlocked a little bit longer.

With 6:45 left in the third quarter, a tip in goal by freshman Lila Roy gave the visiting team the lead for the first time. Senior Laura Cote assisted on the goahead goal.

Belchertown had four more penalty corners, but they were unable to extend the lead.

"We did have a lot of corners, but we couldn't put any of them in," Brunetti said. "We're not used to playing on a turf field. Almost all our shots were going left or right, but it's going to be a nice ride home."

Candlepin Bowling League News

By Ryan Drago Staff Writer rdrago@turley.com

Tuesday Night Commercial Elks League

PALMER – The top three teams of Tuesday night are only within a few points from each other to secure the first round of the season.

As of Oct. 10, Compression is in first place with a 17-7 record. Acres are in second place with a 16-8 record, and The Champs R Here stand in third place at 14-10.

The first round of the league ends in early November and the team to secure first place will win the round.

The close match of the night was between the #2 seed Acres and the #3 seed Champs R Here. In game one, The Champs were victorious in game one by a score of 403-384.

John Colkos of the Champs lead the team with an opening game of 112.

In game two, Acres won by a score of 422-377. Matt Bertelli lead Acres by scoring 113 in game two

In game three, The Champs defeated Acres by a score of 390-372. Steve Manolakis and Dino Tessicini of the Champs both broke the century mark in game three by score 104 and 103.

Dave Cobleigh of Acres finished strong in the third game by scoring a 114.

For total pinfall, Acres edged out the Champs by a final score of 1178-1170. Therefore. each team received two points.

In another match, Team BK played against Last in Line. In game one, BK was victorious over Last in Line by a score of 356-324.

In game two, BK won by a score of 353-340. In game three, Last in Line won by a score of 351-316. BK won total pinfall by a fi-

nal score of 1025-1015.

The #1 seed Compression

game one, Life is Good was victo- 396-386. rious by a score of 351-313.

won by a score of 366-333. In game three, Compression finished up the night by winning the final game by a score of 337-323.

For total pinfall, Compression was victorious by a final score of 1016-1007.

Thursday Night Mixed League

PALMER – The Thursday Night Mixed League rolls on through the month of October. In one match, Team Five went up against team six. In game one, Team Six one in a close game by a score of 390-383. In game two, Team Five won by a score of

416-382. In game three, Team Five won by a score of 400-374.

Team Five won total pinfall by a score of 1199-1146.

The #1 seeded Team One went up against Team Two for the night. In game one, Team Two won by a score of 414-390.

In game two, Team One bounced back by winning 421-406. In game three, Team Two played against Life is Good. In won the final game by a score of

Danny Fennyery of Team In game two, Compression Two broke the century mark by scoring a 105 game.

Team Two won total pinfall by a final score of 1216-1197.

Team Three faced off against Team Four for the night. In game one, Team Four won over Team Three by a score of 427-415.

In game two, Team Three won over Team Four by a score of 384-380. In game three, Team Three won the final game by a score of 421-397.

Tyler Moore of Team Three finished strong with a 108 game; 21 pins over his league average. Total pinfall went to Team Three by a final score of 1220-1204.

As of Oct. 12, Team One is the #1 seed with a record 16.5 wins and 7.5 losses. In second place, Team Three has a record of 14.5 wins and 9.5 losses.

Tied for third place is Team Two and Team Six with a record of 12-12. Team Five is in fifth place at 11-13, and Team Four is in sixth place at 6-18.

The first round of the Thursday Night Mixed League will conclude sometime in December.



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T-Birds drop decision to Penguins

WILKES-BARRE, PA – The Springfield Thunderbirds (1-3-0-0) put forth a strong effort, but could not come away victorious, falling to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins (2-2-0-0) by a score of 3-1 at Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza.

Vadim Zherenko got the start between the pipes for Springfield and had a terrific game, stopping 33 shots on 35 Penguin attempts. On the other end, Joel Blomqvist got the start for the Penguins and picked up his first AHL win with 31 stops.

It was a special night even before the onset of the game for the Bitten

on a breakaway with a chance to restore the Penguin lead, but Zherenko was up to the challenge and made the stop with the left leg. Later on in the period, T-Birds had a great chance to go up a goal with Zachary Bolduc stripping a Penguins defenseman before making it a 2-on-1 with Will Bitten. Unfortunately for the rookie winger, Blomqvist made the stop, knocking away the shot with his blocker, and keeping the score at 1-1. The second period would not bring any scoring for both teams, as the score remained the same at 1-1 going into the third and final period.

The two teams traded chances to

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Dylan Doherty Palmer

Doherty had Palmer's lone touchdown last week against Greenfield with a 60-yard touchdown reception.

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.

Family





Gavin Smola and Hunter White combine for a tackle



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14-point lead to slip away from them in last Thursday's contest.

The Panthers offense, which is led by sophomore quarterback Matt Santos, began a drive at their own 17 yard line with 4:22 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Sophomore running back Dylan Doherty gained nine yards on the first play of the series.

Then Santos completed an eight yard pass to freshman tight-end Dylan Holbrook and a six yard pass to Nieves, which moved the ball to the 40 yard line. Following an incompletion, Santos hooked up with Doherty for a 60-yard TD pass. After making the catch, Doherty ran about 40 yards into the endzone.

"Matt just made a great pass and he hit Dylan in stride," Marciniec said. "It was an outstanding play by them."

Holbrook made the extra point attempt cutting the Panthers deficit to 14-7 with 3:17 left in regulation.

The ensuing onside kick was recovered by a Greenfield player at midfield.

ermo Rodriguez made tackles the Panthers 46.

on the first two plays. Then Haley and sophomore Gavin Smola combined for a sack on third down forcing the Green Wave to

"We made an adjustment in the fourth quarter, which really helped us," Haley said. "We used five down linemen instead of four on that drive. We were able to put a lot more pressure on them up the middle.

With 1:55 remaining, Palmer took over at their own 35.

Santos completed two more passes and he also ran the ball a couple of times.

Palmer got as close as the 15 yard line before Greenfield junior Jonathan Breor intercepted a pass ending the Panthers comeback dreams.

"We were able to move the ball on the final drive," Marciniec said. "Hopefully, it'll give us a little bit of momentum heading into next week's game at Ware."

The Panthers defense forced a couple of turnovers during the first half.

On the game's opening se-Doherty and junior Guill- ries, Smola recovered a fumble at



Palmer recovers a fumble on defense.

Palmer moved the ball inside the ten yard line before senior Will Van Vleet recovered a fumble for the visiting team.

Santos intercepted a pass on the first play of the second quarter.

Greenfield took a 7-0 lead with four minutes left in the first half when junior QB Caleb Murray completed a 29-yard touchdown pass to junior Krish Patel.

Senior Petru Cojocaru made the extra point attempt.

It was the only points by either team in the first half.

After receiving the second half kickoff, the Panthers marched down the field. Doherty carried the ball five times and gained 50 yards during that series. That drive came to an end

when the Greenfield defense made a stop just short of the goalline on fourth down.

The Green Wave offense took over at their own two and marched down the field on the ground. Sophomore running back Angel Politis carried the ball 12 times during the series before scoring on a 13-yard run two minutes into the fourth quarter.

Cojocaru added the extra point giving the Green Wave a 14-0 lead.

The Panthers did make it very exciting down the stretch, but they came up a little bit short.

Palmer will be making the short trip to Ware High School on Saturday afternoon. Kickoff for the 97th meeting between the archrivals is slated for 1 p.m.

family, as Sam Bitten took the ice for his AHL debut alongside his older brother Will, marking the first time in T-Birds history that a pair of brothers skated as Springfield teammates.

Unlike the other games the Thunderbirds have had this season, the first period did not bring any goals and the two teams remained scoreless heading to their dressing rooms. Zherenko was the much busier goaltender during the first period, as he denied all 14 Penguins shots sent his way.

At the 1:35 mark of the second frame, Wilkes-Barre got on the board first. Forward Vinnie Hinostroza broke behind the T-Birds defense, took a stretch feed from Rem Pitlick, and scored on a backhand deke that snuck past Zherenko.

The score did not remain 1-0 for long, as Adam Gaudette continued his red-hot start to the season with a stroke of luck. An innocent clearing attempt around the boards instead saw the puck skitter to the edge of the crease. After linemate Nathan Walker spotted the loose puck, he was stopped by Blomqvist on the initial chance, but the hulking Gaudette slammed the rebound home to tie the game up at 1-1 at the 3:18 mark of the period.

As the game hit its midpoint, Wilkes-Barre forward Jansen Harkins broke away from the pack and went in

start the third period, but neither team could convert. It was not until the 9:03 mark that one of the teams would take the lead. The Penguins power play finally cracked its dry spell, as Pitlick jabbed a power play goal home after a scramble in front of Zherenko's crease, giving his team the 2-1 lead.

With 3:01 to go in the game, the T-Birds were given a power play thanks to a Wilkes-Barre bench minor for too many men on the ice. Walker nearly deadlocked the score, but his deflection on a point shot deflected off the crossbar and stayed out. Shortly after the power play ended, Harkins put the game out of reach with an empty-netter, his first goal as a Wilkes-Barre/ Scranton Penguin.

Springfield's three-game weekend continues as the team travels to play Lehigh Valley on Sunday afternoon for a 3:05 p.m. matchup against the Phantoms. The T-Birds will look to avenge their home loss on Friday night against the Phantoms and pick up their second win of the season.

The T-Birds return home to the MassMutual Center next Saturday, Oct. 28 for our Ok-T-Bird-Fest game to face off against the Providence Bruins for the second time this season. The puck will drop at 7:05 p.m. at the Thunderdome.

Cambridge half-marathon registration open

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

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

Race registration includes quarter

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

Cambridge Half Marathon and 5K at CambridgeSide race proceeds benefit Cambridge Camping (Cambridge-Camping.org), City of Cambridge Scholarship Fund (Cambridgema.gov/ Services/CityScholarship) as well as other local charities. Cambridge Half Marathon and 5K is sponsored by Canam Group Inc. and training sponsor MYSTRYDE.

Monadnock releases 2024 schedule

WINCHESTER, N.H. - Monadnock Speedway and JDV Productions announced this evening the full 2024 event schedule for the Winchester, New Hampshire oval.

The schedule begins with the JDV Open on Saturday, April 20, 2024 and ends with the return of the Winchester Fair event on Saturday, Sept. 21. The schedule includes 20 events spanning from April through September, including house divisions, touring series dates, special events and more.

The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour will return to Monadnock Speedway for three dates in 2024: the third annual Granite State Derby on May 4, the third annual Duel at the Dog on July 20 and the second annual Winchester Fair on Sept. 21.

The first competition laps on the brand new track pavement will be on April 20 with Monadnock's house divisions in action. The Mad Dog Modifieds, Super Streets, Mini Stocks, Pure Stocks, Six Shooters and Mad Pups will be racing. The Mad Dog Modifieds were previously named NHSTRA Modifieds, while the Super Streets were previously NHS-TRA Late Models and the Young Guns have been renamed to the Mad Pups.

The house divisions will each have special events throughout the year - headlined by a Triple Crown Series, a Monadnock Salutes Pure Stock special (May 18), 15th annual Firecracker 100 (June 29), the inaugural Six Shooters Showdown (July 13), Mini Stock Meet (August 3), Mad Dog Masters Challenge (August 10) and Super Street Summer Shootout (August 17).

A full 2024 Monadnock event schedule can be found by visiting Monadnock-Speedway.com and JDVProductions.com.

"We're excited to work with the great teams that make up the Monadnock Speedway house divisions, multiple touring series divisions and others to be sure the 2024 season at Monadnock is one to remember," Josh Vanada, owner of JDV Productions, said. "Our team will look forward to releasing more and more information as the season draws closer. The new pavement at Monadnock Speedway is going to make the racing better than it has ever been and we look forward to showcasing it to dedicated, loyal race fans in 2024."

Additional special events during the season will include the 53rd annual weekly racing opener on May 11, the second annual Winchester Open Modified 100 for the JDV Open Modifieds on June 8, the inaugural 350 Super Thunder in the

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ern Mass. tournament.

The Lady Panthers (7-7-1, 6-6-1), who joined the Central Division this fall, are the top team in the Class D rankings. They were scheduled to wrap-up the regular season by hosting rival Ware in a non-league match on Monday night.

The Lady Mustangs (14-0-1, 11-0), who defeated Palmer, 7-1 in the first meeting of this season, are the top team in Class C rankings. They captured the league title for the third consecutive year and were scheduled to play at Northampton in the regular season finale on Monday night.

Monson is also the top ranked team in the MIAA Division 5 power rankings, while Palmer is ranked 10th. They could possibly meet again in the state tourna-

ment, which begins next week. Monson, who didn't trail in last week's game, took

a 1-0 lead during the seventh minute of the opening half following a breakaway goal by senior Aniah Myrie. Her shot attempt sailed into the right corner past Palmer junior goalie Aubrey Boucher (10 saves). The first goal was assisted by senior Ciara Monaghan.

Myrie, who was a starting defender a year ago, wound up recording her first career hat-trick in a varsity game.

'We can put Aniah anywhere on the field," Degnan said. "She has been a very strong player for us this year. It was nice to see her get a hat-trick.'

A minute later, Palmer sophomore Charlotte Theriault hustled for a loose ball before weaving around a defender in the box. Theriault's shot attempt sailed wide. The Palmer fans thought the referee should've issued a penalty kick because Theriault was tripped up inside the box.

Theriault did take a PK after being fouled by a Monson player a couple of minutes later.

She stepped up to the line and lined a shot into the left corner, which tied the score at 1-1.

The Lady Mustangs defense, which is led by senior Sierra Martinson, senior Emma Murphy, junior Ella Corthell, and freshman Avery Beaudoin, managed to keep Theriault, who leads her team with 41 goals, from scoring another goal until the start of the second half.

"Palmer normally scores a lot of goals and it's never easy keeping them in check," Degnan said. "I thought our backs did a very good job against Charlotte tonight. She's a very dangerous player.'

Monson retook the lead during the 13th minute following another breakaway goal by sophomore Hannah Murphy, who has scored a team-leading 38 goals this season.

A little more than ten minutes later, Monson junior goalie Emily Provost booted the ball down the field to freshman Mackayla St. George, who netted her first varsity goal on yet another breakaway shot.

"It's very rare to have an assist by a goalie," Degnan said. "Mackayla is a first-year varsity player, and she had an opportunity to score her first varsity goal, which is awesome."

St. George was congratulated by her teammates following the goal.

Monson's final two goals of the first half were scored by Myrie and Hannah Murphy.

Trailing 5-1 at halftime, the Lady Panthers inched a little bit closer following Theriault's second goal, which was unassisted.

The home fans didn't have very much to cheer about, as Monson pulled away with three more goals by junior Addison Peterson, senior Lynzie Bailey, and Myrie.

Holding a comfortable 8-2 advantage on the scoreboard, the Lady Mustangs worked on their passing skills during the final ten minutes.

Baystate Wing gift shop sponsors special vendor sale

PALMER - Whether you're looking for something special for a patient or a friend, or a unique item for the home, the Baystate Wing Hospital Gift Shop offers many one-of-a-kind, hand-selected items.

"In addition to the many wonderful items in the gift shop, several special event vendor sales are planned for the coming months, and we welcome and invite the public to come in and find that perfect treat or gift at one of our vendor sales," said Evelyn Glabicky, president of the Baystate Wing Auxiliary in a press release.

On Monday, Nov. 20, the Auxiliary will sponsor Wicked Good Treats by Elaine, a special vendor sale at Baystate Wing, that will include hand-crafted chocolates, pretzel rods, peanut butter buckeyes and so much more. The deadline to place an order in the gift shop is Monday, Nov. 13 and items will be ready for pick up on Monday, Nov. 20.

Through their fundraising efforts at the gift shop and special event sales, the hospital's auxiliary members and volunteers have actively supported local healthcare in the region for over 65 years. The Baystate Wing Auxiliary is made up of many dedicated volunteers, each committed to serving as a valuable resource to the hospital and as our ambassadors in the community.

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O'Shea said Fishing and Boat access staff had knowledge of Palmer installing a limited mobility access through property along the Swift River.

"(The donor) was looking to establish a fly fishing pier and knew about the site. He thought it was a great point," said O'Shea.

According to Marnnarino, the project began in March and was completed in September.

"Terry designed the project, handled much of the permitting and was part of the construction work himself," said Mannarino.

"It is truly incredible to have people who love this area working to make sure everyone can enjoy the natural beauty and peace that the rivers bring."

O'Shea recognized the partnerships between local agencies, businesses, the donor and the DFG who helped make the project possible.

"The CEO of a company nearby (Adaptas Solutions) provided a right of way access to allow us to get into the location so we didn't have to risk damaging the walkway," said O'Shea.

"It's unique for us to get that individual, private philanthropy to benefit public access... It's really a special partnership.'

The platform can be accessed off the ADA trail built by the Palmer Conservation Commission in 2017.

According to Mannarino, it is positioned by a deep pool "that is ideal for fishermen.'

"People come from all over New England to fish in the rivers that run through Palmer," said Mannarino.

O'Shea said the Swift River is "really one of the most iconic trout fishing locations; specifically for fly fishing."

He added the donor "wanted to create that experience," for others as "he is an avid fisherman and it would be hard to get that kind of access without that."

"It's important to note again, it's a really great partnership to get together to bring the local community together." The pier is located nearby the ADA trails by the Palmer Industrial Park.

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faced as a result of "misinformation and lies that were put on the Facebook site known as

He claimed the site is "being used to try to destroy the three members of the Select Board and the town administrator," adding "the incorrect statements made on this site are attempts to defame their reputation and may affect their electibility in the future."

Morrell said any claims being made on social media regarding the use of the MDC are "totally untrue."

"The board has been assured by state officials, including the governor's office, that there are no current plans for migrants being housed at Monson Developmental Center," said Morrell.

He added he believes the claims being made on Facebook are most likely by a select group of residents with ulterior motives.

"We have five Open Meeting Law violation complaints in our correspondence for this particular meeting tonight," said Morrell.

He said every time an Open Meeting Law violation complaint is filed, Monson must pay town counsel to investigate them.

He added several complaints have been made in the past and none have been proven true.

"This costs the town money," said Morrell. "I have no problem with legitimate complaints, but the ones we have been receiving have no merit after being investigated."

Chair Patricia Oney said in the two years she has been on the board she has heard "much misinformation, misrepresentation (and) incorrect assumptions."

She said she has been shown approximately 200 social media posts that have either stated migrants who are legally in Massachusetts would be housed at Monson Developmental Center or comments on a post relating to it.

According to Oney, the governor's office confirmed the MDC was ruled out for migrant housing six months ago.

"Please question what you hear on social media, and please even more strongly, do not share what you hear until you are shown that it is the truth. Get your news from the town official media page not reader-driven posts.'

SCHOOL I from page 1

The proposal further states, as we get into budget season, we step. "in short, this is a potential loss should have a decision sooner

thing," said Francis.

students?

than later. I did send out an infor-

mal survey to our current students

across six to 12 to see if at least

if there is an appetite for such a

decent numbers from our current

anything out to home-schooled

students yet though it is the next

He said he received "some

Francis added he has not sent

"I'm targeting those students

students. "Palmer has set a cap of how many students go to a virtual charter school, it's in place until you vote to remove it," said Fran-He said there are approximately 12 school districts across the state that offer students a 100% virtual learning option, including Westfield.

it hasn't been done before," said Francis.

'What's up MONSON?".

Mountains on June 15 and the 53rd annual championship Saturday on September 14, where all house division champions will be crowned.

The only two-day show of the season will be the finale weekend on September 20 and 21. On Friday night, Sept. 20, a new winners night for house divisions will require drivers who enter the races to have never won a Monadnock event before in that division. The season officially concludes on Sept. 21, with the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour's Winchester Fair and more.

For touring series classes, on top of the Whelen Modified Tour in town three times, the NEMA Midgets will visit once, the NEMA Lites three times, the Evolve Pro Truck Challenge twice and the Pro 4 Modifieds five times. Additional touring series divisions include the R&R Street Stock Open, Little Webb's Super Series and the Senior Tour Auto Racers.

Open Late Models, Open Mini Stock, Big Wheel events and more are also on the calendar. JDV Productions and Monadnock Speedway will release additional information throughout the winter months about the 2024 racing season.

of \$7 million of funding."

Alternative education institutions include private schools, districts offering school choice, regional vocational schools and charter schools.

Francis went before the committee to ask for permission to explore the potential of offering virtual schooling.

"I think this is something,

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from Palmer, because Palmer is the lead to go out and get the bids, and Monson is responsible for a portion of it, as outlined in our agreement," said Jamie Farnum, the town's finance director.

"We wait until the project is completed," Farnum said. "Before (Palmer goes)

into their long-term borrowing, Monson can pay our portion so that way we're not then paying a portion of each principal and interest payment on Palmer's end. Monson can get their own financing, secure that, and at the end of the project we'll know exactly how much to go out and borrow and authorize on our end."

The Finance Committee was concerned with how this would affect the water and sewer bills of residents. Jalbert confirmed that, as a result of this project, rates would go up.

"Right now that debt service fee is \$8.30 a quarter or \$33.20 a year," Jalbert said.

Farnum said that the most current interest rate she found assumed a 4.5-5% interest rate over 20 years, versus 4.3% over

on the fence for Pathfinder or those that attend charter schools," said Francis. "I would be targeting all 400 of those students; predominantly looking at the high school grade span first." He added each student is worth about \$17,000

Only 1% of Palmer students are enrolled in virtual schooling, amounting to approximately 12

15 years or 4.15% over 10 years.

Farnum and Jalbert told the com-

mittee that they were hopeful the

town will be able to move these

costs to a bond, which might be

said. "If we break it out for 20

years, we're going to end up pay-

ing back \$1.4 million at the end

of 20 years. That's quite a bit of

and Sewer fund part of this cost

using its retained earnings, but

Jalbert asserted that the depart-

It was suggested that Water

interest we're going to pay."

"We have a choice," Jalbert

more favorable

"I think it's a reasonable option to explore, especially if

We just rehabbed our pump

station in 2016," Jalbert said.

"Pump station one and pump sta-

tion two are going to need that

same rehab. They were all built at

part of the problem is that the

pump station is in too good a

shape to qualify for many state or

federal grants that could alleviate

the cost to residents. Jalbert said

that the town of Palmer applied

for use of the State Revolving

Ironically, Jalbert said that

the same time."

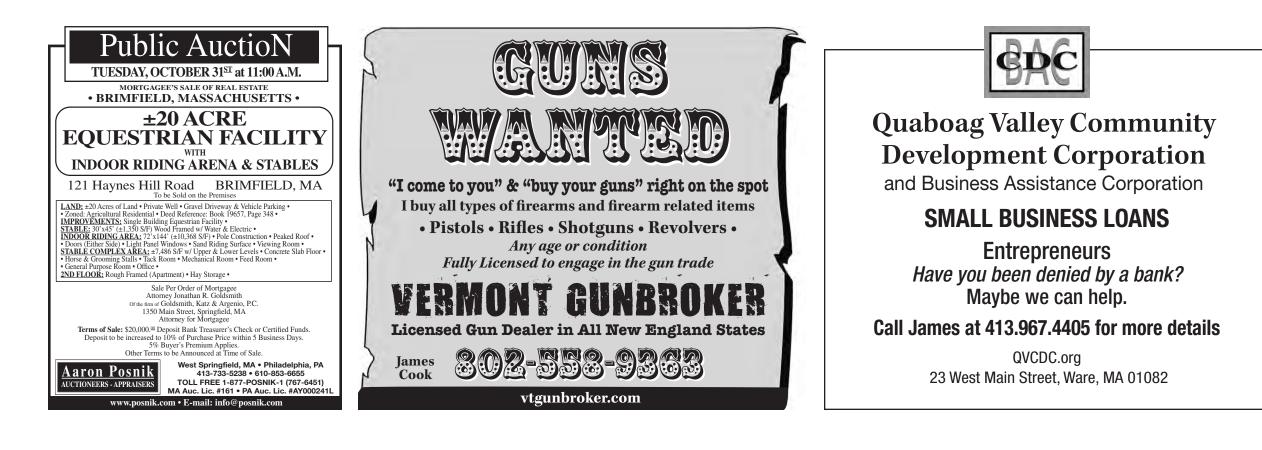
Sandra Noonan, vice-chair, deemed it "exciting and innovative."

Francis said he would not target the elementary school-aged children for enrollment in virtual schooling, and focus on the high school for retention and feasibility purposes.

Fund to repair the station, but was ment already has projects on the line that will be using that money. denied.

> "Palmer is guilty of one thing," Jalbert said. "They're not in violation of their permit. It's unfortunate, but if their plant wasn't running and they were in trouble, and they were in violation of their permit, they would get all the money in the world. They'd line up giving money to them.'

The Finance Committee voted to add the roof of the two pump stations to the appropriation.



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DEATH NOTICES

Brendan J. Flaherty Died Oct. 14, 2023 Services Oct. 27, 2023 Beers & Story Funeral Home

Alice M. Kaczuwka Died Oct. 15, 2023 Services are private Beers & Story Funeral Home

Gary Lyons

Died on October 16, 2023 Services are private Lombard Funeral Home

Florence M. (Bollman) Ridz,

Died Oct. 12, 2023 Beers and Story Funeral Home

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S R E U A В

Brendan J. Flaherty

Brendan J. Flaherty, 64, of New Hampshire, was Called Safely Home on October 14, 2023. He passed into Eternal Life in Manchester, New Hampshire. He was born in Palmer, Massachusetts on February 7, 1959, a beloved son of the late Dr. James R. and Kathryn M. (Gully) Flaherty. He was raised in Palmer, graduated from Project G.R.O.W. at Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School, where he proudly served as Class President. Above all, he was a loving son, brother and uncle who enjoyed spending time with his family, friends, Special Olympics and traveling. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his loving siblings,

Thomas J. Flaherty, Kevin J. Flatober 27, 2023 beginning at the herty, Mara F. Flaherty who were Beers and Story Funeral home, 1475 North Main Street, Palm-Called Home along with his dear brother-in-law, Robert Webb. er, MA. His family will receive He leaves his two loving sisters, friends during the calling hours from 9:30 -11:30 a.m. at the fu-Cara M. Flaherty-Webb of Florida, Tara K. Bellefleur of South neral home. A Mass of Catholic Windsor, CT, his sister-in-law Burial will be held at 12 p.m. at Marietta O. Flaherty of Spring-St. Thomas the Apostle Church, field; his former brother-in-law 1076 Thorndike Street, Palmer, Allen P. Bellefleur of Windsor, MA. His burial will follow the Mass at Saint Thomas Ceme-CT, his cherished nephew, James S. Flaherty and his wife, Raechel tery.. In lieu of flowers, his fam-Zipagan-Flaherty, of Rockville ily has requested that memorial Centre, NY; his cherished niece, donations be made in his mem-Noelle K. (Bellefleur) Bozzuto ory to PALS, Special Olympics, 50 Williams Street, Hartford, and her husband, Kevin Bozzuto of Glastonbury, CT; and his great CT 06120- attention of Sargent Nicole Mordasiewicz on the ennephew Thomas of Rockville Centre, NY. His funeral will velope. Please visit www.beerbe held on Friday morning, Ocsandstory.com

Alice M. Kaczuwka

M. Kaczuwka, 93, passed away at her home on October 15, 2023. She was born in Palmer on July 21, 1930, daughter of Albert and Helen (Lazarz) Kaczuwka. Alice has lived all of her life in Palmer and was employed at Westover Airforce Base for over 40 years as secretary to

THREE RIVERS — Alice the general in strategic air command. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her brother, Milton Kaczuwka as well as two nephews, Bobby Kaczuwka and Donald Milligan. Alice leaves behind her sisters, Amelia Dominik and Sophie Kaczuwka with whom she lived as well as a nephew, Richard Dominik

and his wife Joanne of Palmer and wife of the late Bobby, Tina Kaczuwka of Ware. Services will be privately held and burial will take place at Sts. Peter & Paul Cemetery. Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.

R S B A E ()

Gary K. Lyons, 1941-2023

WARREN — Gary K. Ly- wintered in Florida ons, 82, of Warren, October 16, 2023. Gary was born in Englewood, NJ, May 3, 1941 to the late Robert and Dorothy (Klewin) Lyons. He was a graduate of Monson High School and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Gary spent his career as an underwriter at the Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company in Springfield. He retired in 1999 after 30 years of service.

Gary enjoyed being outdoors. He was often photographing the beaty of nature while he was visiting a National Park or the coast of Maine. He and followed the Boston Red Sox during Spring Training and throughout the baseball season.

Gary leaves his sons, Andrew Lyons and his wife Rosemary of East Longmeadow and Scott Lyons of

Enfield, CT; a longtime friend, Sue Latvis of Monson. Gary was predeceased by his brother Roger Lyons in August of 2023.

The family would like to thank the Warren Police Department for their compassion

during this difficult Lombard Futime. neral Home of Monson has been entrusted with the arrangements. All services are private. In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial donation in Gary's name to the Alzheimer's Associ-

ation 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl 17, Chicago IL 60601 or http:// www.alz.org. For online condolences please visit http://www. lombardfuneralhome.com.

Florence M. (Bollman) Ridz

Florence M. (Bollman) Ridz, age 99, passed peacefully on October 12, 2023, after a brief hospitalization. She was predeceased by her husband Stanley and son William.

She was born in Defiance, Pennsylvania, as the middle child of five to the late Luther T. and Nellie W. (Wilson) Bollman.

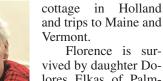
Florence graduated as a Certified Nursery Aide at Children's County Home in Washington, D.C. After marriage to Stanley and a move to Palmer, she became involved in local activities such as the Quabaug Grammar School PTA, yearly canvassing for the March of Dimes, and, as a communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, the Rosary Sodality. She also led a Girl Scout Brownie troop for several years and participated as an assistant leader for the Boy Scouts.

Her sewing talents created clothing for herself and daughters, doll clothes, crewel embroi-



became delicious jams, and nuts from their property trees in autumn appeared in the variety of baked goods she produced. A stunning colorful rock garden she planted with peonies, cosmos, and zinnias often drew compliments from passers-by.

Democrat who remembered listening to President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "Fireside Chats" on the radio. She was especially interested in local town politics, as was Stanley who served on committees. In retirement, she and Stanley enjoyed their lakeside



vived by daughter Dolores Elkas of Palmer; daughter Brenda Kleinman and husband Ron of Barkhamsted, CT; grandson Brian Kleinman and wife Sara; granddaugh-

ter Brooke Kleinman and Jason Frascino; and five great-grandchildren: Grant, Luke, Caleb, Edson, and Tova, all of CT. She is also survived by her sister Dolores Hepschmidt of Liverpool, PA.

Beers and Story has charge of arrangements. Service and burial will be private.

Memorial donations may be made to The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts,

25 Carew Street, Chicopee, MA, 01020 or www.foodbankwma.org

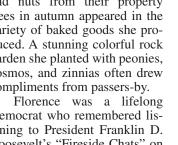


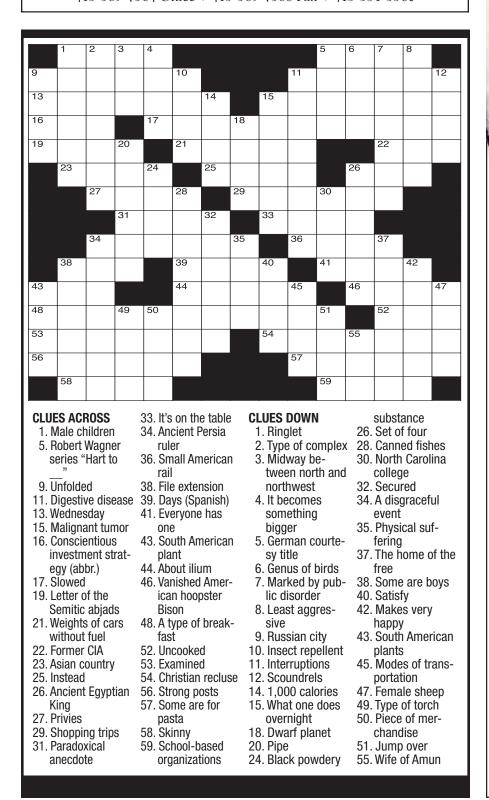
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Police/Fire

Police Logs

Palmer Police Department

The Palmer Police Department reported 401 incidents on its logs for Oct.10- Oct. 16.

Oct. 10

At 8:09 a.m. police responded to a hit and run accident with property damage. Charles A. Barnes Jr., 35, of 11 Allen St., Palmer, received a summons for leaving the scene of property damage.

At 2:55 p.m. police responded to a hit and run accident on Cedar Street.

Oct. 11

At 5:21 p.m. police pulled over and arrested Daniel A. Bonsant, 55, of 14 Edan St., Ludlow, on charges of OUI liquor second offense, negligent operation of a motor vehicle and marked lanes violation.

At 5:40 p.m. police pulled over and gave summons to Kaleb Delira, 22, of 1 Crystal Lake Road, Groton CT, on charges of failure to stop for police, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, failure to stop or yield, marked lanes violation and speeding at a rate that was greater than was reasonable or proper.

Oct. 14

At 10:44 a.m. police received sex offender registration.

At 11:06 a.m. police responded to an accident with property damage on the corner of N. Main Street

and Orchard Street.

At 6:31 p.m. police pulled over and gave a summons to Ashley Nikki Cami, 27, of 3 Sasur St., Three Rivers, for operating a motor vehicle with revoked registration and uninsured motor vehicle.

At 10:39 p.m. police pulled over and gave a summons to Angelina A. Medina, 36, of 23 Hanover St., West Springfield, for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and no inspection sticker.

Oct. 15

At 1:21 a.m. police pulled over and arrested Brian Duff Denning, 31, of 2009 Central St., Three Rivers, on charges of OUI liquor, motor vehicle lights violation and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

At 7:11 p.m. police responded to an accident with property damage at the corner of Main Street and Commercial Street. Oct. 16

At 4:04 p.m. police arrested 5 people on Chestnut Street. Vicotria N. Putnam, 28, of 1026 Chestnut St., Palmer, was arrested on charges

of possession of a class A,B, and C drug and conspiracy to violate drug law. Eric P. Atwell, 34, of 34 Rockview St., Palmer, on a charge of possession of a class B drug.

Jason N. Corbin. 43 of 1067 Pleasant St., Palmer on a charge of possession of a class B drug. Justin P. Franklin, 28, of 69 East Brimfield Road, Holland, on a charge of possession of a class B drug. Adam E.

Palmer, was arrested on charges of possession with intent to distribute a class B drug, conspiracy to violate drug law, firearm in the possession of a felon, carrying a firearm without a license, manufacturing a class B drug, possession with intent to distribute a class A drug, possession of a class E drug and Trafficking in 100 grams or more, less than 200

grams Cocaine.

Monson Police Departments

Atwell, 31, of 1026 Chestnut St.,

The Monson Police Department reported 254 incidents on its *logs for Oct.* 15 – *Oct.* 21.

Oct. 15

At 6:41 p.m. police arrested Shattilion Tyhara Hunt, 24, of 40 Norfolk St., Springfield, on a warrant.

Oct. 18

At 6:39 p.m. police arrested Robert Bruce Carlson, 41, of 201 Regan St., Vernon CT, for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. Oct. 19

At 11:24 p.m. police arrested Louis Dennis Vacon, 68, of 33 Bethany Road, Monson, for failure to drive in the right lane and OUI liquor.

partment was dispatched and can-

celed in route for a call on Main

Street in Three Rivers. The Depart-

ment was also dispatched and re-

sponded to remove victim(s) from

ment assisted an EMS crew with

Street in Three Rivers.

stalled elevator on Springfield

On Friday, Oct. 20, the Depart-

Be sure to have working smoke

Fire Logs

Bondsville

For the period Oct. 10 to Oct. 16, Bondsville fire responded to 1 call.

On Friday, Oct. 13 at 5:41 p.m., the department responded mutual aid to Olney Road in Thorndike for an electrical fire. The department returned to service at 6:08 p.m.

Three Rivers

The Three Rivers Fire Depart-

ment responded to six calls for the week of Oct. 15-21.

On Sunday, Oct. 15, the Department was dispatched to a carbon monoxide incident on Anderson Street in Three Rivers. The Department was also dispatched and canceled en route to a call on Cross Street in Three Rivers.

On Wednesday, Oct. 18, the a medical incident on Springfield Department responded to an EMS Street in Three Rivers. call on Skyline Terrace in Three Rivers

On Thursday, Oct. 19, the De-

DFS launches tool to track lithium-ion battery fires

State officials announce nursing scholarship program



Holyoke Community College nursing student Katelynn Richard of Ludlow, center, practices under the supervision of her instructor as Secretary of Education Patrick Tutwiler, left, state Sen. Jo Comerford, and HCC President George Timmons look on.

Allocation will pay 100% of costs for community college students

HOLYOKE - Like so many of her Holyoke Community College classmates, Ludlow resident Katelynn Richards struggled for many years as she tried to balance the demands of parenthood and a college education.

As a stay-at-home mom of three special needs children, she had long deferred her dream of becoming a nurse. Affordability was a principal factor.

Now a second-year student in HCC's associate of science in nursing program, Richard is one of the beneficiaries of an \$18 million state-funded scholarship initiative that will pay 100% of the costs of her nursing education - and the education costs for all community college nursing students in Massachusetts.

"The effects of receiving the scholarship funding impact my entire life," said Richard in a press release. "It will allow me to have a healthier work and school family balance. It will cover all my expenses so I can focus on my education and pursue my dream degree in nursing.'

Richard was present on Oct. 17, as local legislators and representatives from the Healey-Driscoll ad-

and encourage a pipeline of skilled nurses," said Secretary of Education Patrick Tutwiler, "and I'm truly so thrilled to be able to announce this...that every single one of our currently enrolled community college nursing students will be able to attend this year for free."

Statewide, there are about 3,000 students enrolled in community college nursing programs in Massachusetts, Tutwiler said.

State Sen. Jo Comerford called the \$18 million funding allocation a "historic investment," noting a report from the Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association that shows western Massachusetts has the second highest number of people currently housed in hospitals awaiting nursing home beds.

"That's second only to the Metro Boston area," she said. "And that's all connected to a workforce shortage. As the labor market blueprint for the Connecticut River Valley shows, a supply gap of well over 1,000 nurses are needed to meet demand."

Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development Lauren Jones, Commissioner of Public Health Robbie Goldstein, state Sen. Adam Gomez, state Rep. Pat Duffy, and Holyoke Mayor Joshua Garcia were also present at Tuesday's event, which was scheduled as part of statewide STEM Week activities.

"STEM Week has always been about encouraging students to see ministration visited HCC's Center themselves in STEM," Tutwiler for Health Education & Simulation said "But this year we're taking it a

the notion that our current students are the next generation of scientists, engineers, and inventors whose future innovations and insights and discoveries will serve to tackle the challenges we face in this society and to illuminate the possibilities we don't yet know exist. I know that rings true for our future health care leaders as well, and at a time when we clearly need more of them."

STEM - science, technology, engineering and math - was on full display at the center as HCC staff members led a tour of HCC's stateof-the-art health education facility, which is home to the college's nursing and radiologic technology programs.

Opened in 2015, the 11,000 square-foot facility includes flexible classrooms, student study areas, a radiology suite, a large radiology image library, and an image critique room, four private patient simulation rooms, two semi-private patient simulation rooms, three control rooms, two debriefing rooms, prop storage, prep spaces and two larger multi-bed lab spaces can be transformed into acute care or community environments.

"Here, our nursing students learn the skills that prepare them to become capable, compassionate healthcare leaders," said HCC President George Timmons. Combined with MassReconnect, another new state program that provides free community college to students 25 and older, "there has never been a better time to earn your college de-

STOW-State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine announced that the Department of Fire Services will begin tracking fires involving lithium-ion batteries, which are increasing in frequency nationwide and have killed more than a dozen people in New York City this year.

Massachusetts fire departments report their fire data to DFS using the Massachusetts Fire Incident Reporting System, which mirrors the National Fire Incident Reporting System. The NFIRS tool gathers data on battery fires but does not distinguish between various types. Fires may also be coded by the type of device rather than the type of battery, missing the factor that makes lithium-ion battery fires particularly dangerous.

To address this, the Massachusetts State Police Fire and Explosion Investigation Unit assigned to the State Fire Marshal's office will now gather certain additional information whenever they respond to fires that may involve lithium-ion batteries. This will include the make and model of the device, where it was purchased, whether it was charging at the time of the fire, and information on the battery itself.

Because the great majority of fire investigations in Massachusetts are undertaken by municipal fire departments without state assistance,

State Fire Marshal Jon Davine has requested that local fire investigators gather the same information.

DFS has created a checklist known as the Form FP-031 to assist them in gathering this detailed information. This checklist, which has been sent to the chiefs of all of Massachusetts' fire departments and posted to the DFS website, was first announced Friday at a lithium-ion battery fire symposium hosted at DFS headquarters in Stow.

"We believe these batteries are under reported as a factor in significant fires," said Davine. "More comprehensive data will help the fire service gauge the true scope of the issue and help guide future regulations and legislation."

Lithium-ion batteries power everything from small devices like e-cigarettes and smartphones to scooters, e-bikes, and electric vehicles. If they are overcharged or abused, they can fail rapidly and without warning. A lithium-ion battery that goes into thermal runaway will erupt in an explosion of toxic gases and flames that will ignite nearby furnishings. Water and traditional fire extinguishers are significantly less effective against burning batteries.

State Fire Marshal Davine offered the following safety tips for preventing lithium-ion battery fires:

alarms installed on every level of the home; Use only the original equipment manufacturer's batteries and charging equipment. Aftermarket or generic batteries and chargers may be cheaper but are more likely to pose a burn, fire, or explosion hazard; Store scooters and e-bikes outdoors if possible. If you must store them indoors, keep them and their batteries clear of doors, windows, and stairways; Charge the battery directly from a wall outlet, not an extension cord or power strip. Place it on a hard and stable surface, not a bed, couch, or pillow; Charge only one battery or device at a time and unplug it when it's fully charged. Don't allow a charged battery to continue charging; If changes are noticed to the battery or the device, including damage, an unusual odor, a change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, smoking, or not keeping a charge, stop using it right away.; If and when it's time to dispose of the battery, don't put it in the trash. Lithium-ion batteries should be recycled, and find a location to take them at https://www. call2recycle.org/locator/.

Residents can learn more about lithium-ion battery safety at the Department of Fire Services' website.

"The new scholarship program was designed to attract, incentivize

to announce the funding initiative. step further. This year, the theme is

gree," he said.

'Your STEM Future.' For me, 'Your STEM Future' encapsulates so well

Western Mass Housing Coalition supports Healey's housing bill

SPRINGFIELD - On Oct.18, Governor Maura Healey released the Affordable Housing Act, the comprehensive housing bond bill that proposes significant investments and policy changes to address our unprecedented housing crisis.

The Western Massachusetts Housing Coalition, a collaboration of over 50 municipalities and nonprofits in the four western counties of Massachusetts, applauds the Administration for proposing over \$4 billion in investments to increase housing production and preserve current housing.

According to a press release, the Coalition appreciates that the bill includes a wide range of policy proposals and meaningful investments that support diversity in housing types for all incomes, especially the following:

Doubling the Affordable Housing Trust Fund from \$400 million to \$800 million. This flexible funding source is an especially useful tool for nonprofits, governments, or developers that create or preserve affordable housing.

Allocating \$1.6 billion to repair, rehabilitate and modernize public housing, preserving the availability of this critical stock of affordable housing.



Recognizing the need for complementary investment in infrastructure to support housing construction, via an additional \$175 million for the HousingWorks Infrastructure program.

Including targeted policy proposals to increase housing production like allowing accessory dwelling units to be built by right in single family zoning districts statewide,

removing the patchwork of barzoning riers across the Commonwealth.

many more elements to the Housing Bond Bill, including the proposed implementation of policy changes and investment across all housing types and for all house-

hold incomes. The Coalition looks forward to closely examining how it meets the needs of western Massachusetts and to advocating for our region as the bill moves through the legislature.

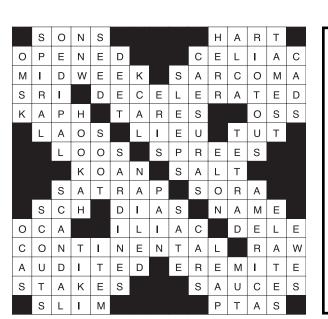
Visit www.wayfinders.org/ introducing-western-massachusetts-housing-coalition to learn more about the Western Massachusetts Housing Coalition.



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

UPCOMING

BAKESALE The Friends of the Monson Free Library will have a Bake Sale on Tuesday, Oct. 31, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Adams, 115 Main St. Sale items will include festive treats, cookies, breads, pies and more. Proceeds will be used to support activities at the Monson Free Library.

INTERESTS

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

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

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

ONGOING

BINGO IS BACK at Amvets Post 74, 2150 Main St., Three Rivers, on Mondays. The kitchen opens at 4:30 p.m. Early Bird

starts at 6:25 p.m. Call the Post at 413-283-4518 for further information.

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

LINE DANCING CLASS: 3-5 p.m. and/or 6:30-8:30 p.m., every Thursday at the Monson Polish Club, 7 Bliss St, Monson. Rose's line dancing classes include absolute beginners and beginners, and participants get to dance to all types of music. \$10 per class. Please wear comfortable footwear, no sandals.

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

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

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



WNE to host open house

SPRINGFIELD — Western New England University will host high school students, transfer students, and their parents at an open house on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. starting in the University commons. The event is free. Registration in advance is requested. Visit wne.edu/openhouse to register or call 413-782-1321.

This undergraduate open house is intended for all prospective students, regardless of their year in

It is an opportunity to come to campus to get a sense of the University's warm and engaging community, while learning about the wide variety of academic programs and emphasis on inter-disciplinary collaboration.

Students and parents will have the chance to tour the campus and a first-year residence hall, meet current students, get a general overview of the admissions and financial aid

high school, and transfer students. process, and have academic questions answered. The day concludes with an exhibit where students can gather more information on student clubs and activities, honors programs, athletic opportunities at both the NCAA and recreational levels, as well as hear from the Career Development Center regarding the varied internship and career opportunities students are receiving.

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Complimentary meal for Veterans at Americal Legion Post 241, Monson from 12:00-4:00 pm

The Library Loft

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We are celebrating our

20th year at the Schoolhouse Commons. Thanks to our wonderful "friends," volunteers and patrons.

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PALMER **CONSERVATION** COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the Wetland Protection Act of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Palmer Wetlands Ordinance, Chapter 143, the Palmer Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at 7:00 PM on the application of Donald & Tammi Frydryk c/o Sherman & Frydryk Land Surveying and Engineering, of 3 Converse Street, Suite 203, Palmer, MA 01069.

The applicant has submitted a Notice of Intent for activities associated with the proposed construction of a garage addition with a driveway, replacement of an existing porch, and construction of a level area behind the existing single-family home. Work is proposed to occur within the 100-foot buffer zone and 50-foot No-Disturb Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

The project site is located at 99 Thompson Street, Depot Village, Palmer MA 01069. Assessor's Map 14 Parcel 81-1

Any interested persons wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the time and place designated. A copy of the application and plan may be inspected at the Palmer Town Hall in the Conservation Commission Office, 4417 Main Street. Palmer, MA 01069 or contact the office at 413-283-2687.

Donald Blais, Jr., Chair Palmer Conservation Commission

10/26/2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE Premises: 90 Wales Road, Monson, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by James W Brandt to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a subsidiary of Indymac Bank,

F.S.B. and now held by Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust, said mortgage dated July 25, 2007, and recorded in the

Page 1, said parcel being more particularly bounded and described as follows: SOUTHWESTERLY by Wales Road as shown on said plan, One Hundred Fortynine and 49/100 (149.49) feet; NORTHWESTERLY by land now or formerly supposed to be of Donald T. and Marcia t. Degnan as shown on said plan, One Hundred Fifty and 00/100 (150.00) feet; NORTHEASTERLY by land now or formerly supposed to be of Howard L. & Pauline J. Hatch as shown on said plan. One Hundred Fifty and 18/100 (150.18) feet; SOUTHEASTERLY by land now or formerly supposed to be of Ralph K. & Margaret T. Shuemaker, One Hundred

Fifty and 00/100 (150.00) feet: all of the corner of said parcel being marked by iron pins. The description of the

property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgagor's Title

see Massachusetts Probate and Family Court Hampden Division Docket No. HD03P2511EP1.

mortgage above described.

treasurer's or cashier's check check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within fordate of sale. Other terms to

Warwick, RI 02886 N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage

Mortgage Telephone: (401) 234-9200 MLG File No.: 22-01785

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Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Hearing

CD Department will present information about the town's newest FY22/23 CDBG program, which is intended to improve the infrastructure of Maple Street and Maple Terrace in the Three Rivers section of Palmer. Any person or organi-

zation having questions or comments concerning Palmer's CDBG program and ongoing activities will have an opportunity to be heard. Persons who require special accommodations should contact the Town prior to either meeting date at (413) 283-2614. Written and verbal comments will be accepted one week preceding the hearing, at the hearing, and through one week following the hearing.

These activities and programs are funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities. Department of Housing and Community Development, Massachusetts CDBG pro-

MORTGAGEE'S

NOTICE OF SALE OF

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gram. 10/26/2023

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

TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid by a certified ty-five (45) days after the

be announced at the sale. Marinosci Law Group, P.C. 275 West Natick Road, Suite 500

Attorney for Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, Assets Management Series I Trust

Present Holder of the

LEGAL NOTICE **Town of Palmer**

Hampden Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 268, Plan 45. Said premises containing 3.7906 square feet of land according to said plan. Said

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 pub-

lication. 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

PO Box 540540 Waltham, MA 02454 Phone: (781) 790-7800 22-00073 10/12, 10/19, 10/26/2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE Premises: 87 Lyman Barnes Road, Brimfield, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of By virtue and in exe-Sale contained in a certain cution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Monique mortgage given by Paul De Villier to Sovereign Bank, dated September 27, L Dirosario, Sr. to Bank 2000 and recorded with the of America, N.A. and now held by Bank of America, Hampden County Registry N.A., said mortgage dated of Deeds at Book 11350, Page 313 for breach of the February 21, 2013, and conditions of said Mortgage recorded in the Hampden and for the purpose of fore-County Registry of Deeds in Book 19798, Page 499, of closing same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM which mortgage the underon November 2, 2023 at 78 signed is the present holder, Monson Road, Wales, MA, for breach of the conditions all and singular the premises in said mortgage and for the described in said Mortgage, purpose of foreclosing the to wit: The land with the same will be sold at Public Auction on November 17, buildings thereon now known 2023 at 10:00 AM Local and numbered as 78 Monson Road, Wales, Hampden Time upon the premises, all County, Commonwealth of and singular the premises Massachusetts. Said premises described in said mortgage, are shown as Lot No. 10 on a to wit:

SITUATED IN THE plan entitled "Form A" Plan TOWN OF BRIMFIELD, of Lots Nos. 10 and 11 located on Monson Road, Wales, COUNTY OF HAMPDEN, MA. Richard A. Nathan AND STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS: et als, Owners Suprenant Corproation Engineers", BOUNDED A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND ON which plan is recorded with THE WESTERLY SIDE OF LYMAN BARNES ROAD, BRIMFIELD, HAMPDEN COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS KNOWN AND

DESIGNATED AS

MINUTES 49 SECONDS E. ALONG LAST NAMED LAND AND LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF BRIMFIELD REALTY CORP. 160.39 FEET TO AN IRON PIN AT LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF CHARLES J. LUSZCZ AND STATIA J. LUSZCZ; THENCE

N. 74 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 55 SECONDS E. ALONG LAST NAMED LAND 654.03 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LYMAN BARNES ROAD; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY IN A CURVE TO THE RIGHT ALONG SAID ROAD 109.02 FEET TO A POINT: THENCE S. 25 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 30 SECONDS E. ALONG SAID ROAD 41.08 FEET TO THE IRON PIN AT THE POINT OF BEGINNING ALL AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAN. CONTAINING 2.357 ACRES ACCORDING TO SAID PLAN. PARCEL 2 ALSO INCLUDING THE LAND IN SAID BRIMFIELD ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY SIDE OF LYMAN BARNES ROAD AND SHOWN AS LOT 1C ON PLAN OF LAND IN BRIMFIELD SURVEYED FOR RODERICK J. AND SHARON M. CROCHIERE BY LEWIS & COOK SURVEYORS, INC. DATED JULY 26. 1995, RECORDED IN HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS, BOOKS OF PLANS 295 PAGE 62, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIPE IN THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF LYMAN BARNES ROAD AT A POINT 860 FEET, MORE OR LESS, SOUTHERLY OF THE TOWN LINE BETWEEN BRIMFIELD AND WARREN, AND AT THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF REMAINING LAND OF SAID CHARLES J. LUSZCZ AND STATIA J. LUSZCZ; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE LINE OF SAID ROAD ON AN ARC

Hampden County Registry of Deeds

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

TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within forty-five (45) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale. Marinosci Law Group, P.C.

275 West Natick Road, Suite 500 Warwick, RI 02886 Attorney for Bank of America, N.A. Present Holder of the Mortgage Telephone: (401) 234-9200 MLG File No.: 22-07271 10/26, 11/02, 11/09/2023

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of MA Gen. Laws, Chap. 255, Sec. 39A, the following vehicles will be sold at public auction for towing and storage charges due: FORD VIN: 1FTRF1226N A77866 Henry Baj 939 River Dr Hadley, MA; NISSAN VIN: 1N6AAOEC4BN3 Veronica 11647 Underwood 398 Fern Bank Rd Springfield,

MA; TOYOTA VIN: 4T1H31AK4MU023503 Marcia MonteBello 37 Mayhill Rd Monson, MA; SUZUKI VIN: J S 2 Y B 4 1 3 9 7 5 1 04468 Sarah Baj 1 Maple Terr Three Rivers, MA; SUBARU VIN: 1F1GE61629H5 20775 Felicia Baker 213 East St N. Attleborough, MA; FORD VIN: 1 F T F W 1 E T 6 C F B 49676 Jody Sicard 122 Windsor St Enfield, CT; FORD VIN: 1 F T F X 1 E T 3 D K G 3 7148 Brian Dumas 601 Coyhill Rd Warren, MA. This auction is to take place on November 3, 2023, 10:00 A.M. at LaBontes & Son LLC, 241 Wilbraham St., Palmer, MA 01069.

Credit Opportunities Trust Ten Thousand Dollars V-E by Assignment dated (\$10,000.00) will be required December 19, 2019, recordto bid and be paid in cash or ed in Book 23910, Page by certified check at the time and place of sale as earnest 267; and further assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund money. The balance is to be Society, FSB, as Owner paid in cash or by certified Trustee of the Residential check within thirty (30) days Credit Opportunities Trust of the date of the sale at the V-D by Assignment dated offices of Murphy & Lupan, September 8, 2022, recorded P.A., 5 Commonwealth in Book 24720, Page 66, of Road, Natick, Massachusetts 01760. The description of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, the premises contained in for breach of the conditions said mortgage shall control in of said mortgage and for the the event of any typographipurpose of foreclosing the cal error in this publication. same will be sold at Public Other terms, if any, to Auction at 11:00 a.m. on be announced at the time the 27th day of November, and place of sale. 2023, at the mortgaged prem-WILMINGTON SAVINGS ises described below, being known as 15 Colonial Street, OF THE RESIDENTIAL Palmer, MA, all and singu-CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES lar the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: A certain parcel of land located northeast-

erly 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 unac-

ceptable to Mortgagee, to

date by public proclamation.

Defendant **ORDER OF NOTICE**

appointees

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 than 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 postpone the sale to a later 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.Vincino 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

Public Notices

Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 16841, Page 279, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated September 29, 2009, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 18007, Page 45, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated December 27, 2021, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 24341, Page 579, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated April 13, 2023, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 24981, Page 315, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on November 28, 2023 at 10:00 AM Local **Time** upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in Monson, Hampden County, Massachusetts, containing 22,480 square feet of land as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Monson, Mass., surveyed for John S. Kilrain, et ux.", dated June 19, 1979 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of

The town of Palmer will conduct a public hearing regarding their ongoing Community Development Block Grant Programs. Future projects under consideration as well as the town's current FY2020, FY2021, and FY2022/23 programs will be discussed. The hearing will be held on November 13, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. at the Community **Development Office of the** Palmer Town Hall, located at 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA.

The FY20 CDBG provided funding for housing rehabilitation, park design, housing planning, domestic violence prevention and transportation assistance. The FY21 program continued funding for domestic violence prevention and transportation assistance. In addition, Hyrniewicz Park and Depot Park advanced to actual physical improvements, and these projects are now substantially complete. However, known increased costs have also occurred relative to Hyrniewicz Park and the CD Department is considering budget changes that would address potential

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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, Deeds in Book of Plans 185, budget shortfalls. Lastly, the to reject any and all bids,

newspaper title.

LOT 1A ON A PLAN ENTITLED "PLAN OF LAND IN BRIMFIELD, MASS., SURVEYED FOR DAVID G. & BOGUSIA B. KINDBERG, NOVEMBER 8, 1987, LEWIS 6 COOK SURVEYORS, INC. WHICH PLAN IS RECORDED IN HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS BOOK OF PLANS 254, PAGE 117, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN FOUND IN THE WESTERLY LINE OF LYMAN BARNES ROAD IN THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF SAID PARCEL AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAN BEING THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF PREMISES CONVEYED TO THE CHAMBERLAND CORPORATION BY DEED RECORDED IN BOOK 6409, PAGE 199; THENCE, S. 74 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 55 SECONDS W. ALONG LAST NAMED LAND 765.27 FEET TO AN IRON PIN: THENCE N. 11 DEGREES 06 CONTINUING ALONG THE LINE OF SAID ROAD ON AN ARC OF 32.46 FEET ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 400 FEET TO AN IRON PIN AT THE NORTHERNMOST CORNER OF LAND OF SAID RODERICK J. CROCHIERE AND SHARON M. CROCHIERE; THENCE SOUTH 74 **DEGREES 54 MINUTES** 56 SECONDS WEST 654.03 FEET ALONG LAND OF SAID CROCHIERE TO AN IRON PIN AT LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF BRIMFIELD REALTY CORP.; THENCE NORTH 11 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST 167.17 FEET TO AN IRON PIN AT REMAINING LAND OF SAID LUSZCZ; THENCE NORTH 74 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST 523.45 FEET, CONTAINING 2.0074 ACRES.

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ANGLE POINT; THENCE

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

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated February 12, 2013, and recorded in Book 19798, Page 495 with the

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF

tion of the Power of Sale

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WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 11, 2023 **Rosemary A Saccomani** Register of Probate 10/26/2023

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Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 18, 2023

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November 13, 2023, at the 10/26, 11/02/2023 Palmer Town Building, 4417 Main Street (Thorndike),

Palmer, MA at 6:30 p.m. to see if the Town of Palmer will accept the provisions of Chapter 44, § 53F1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws establishing the municipal separate storm sewer system as an enterprise fund effective fiscal year 2024. Anyone interested in being heard should appear at the time and place so designated. Palmer Town Council 10/26, 11/02/2023

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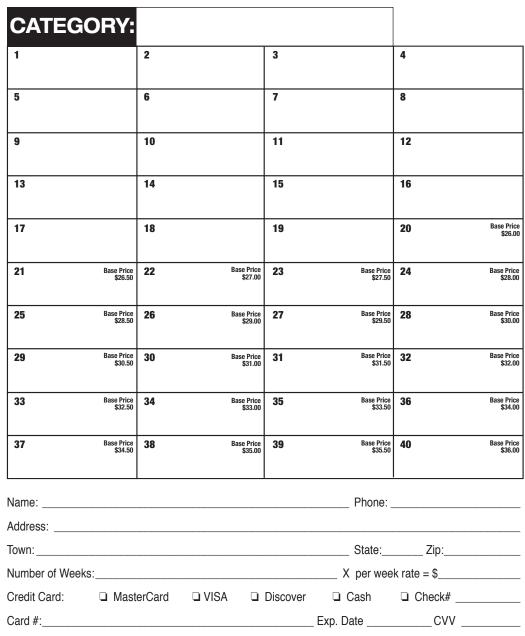
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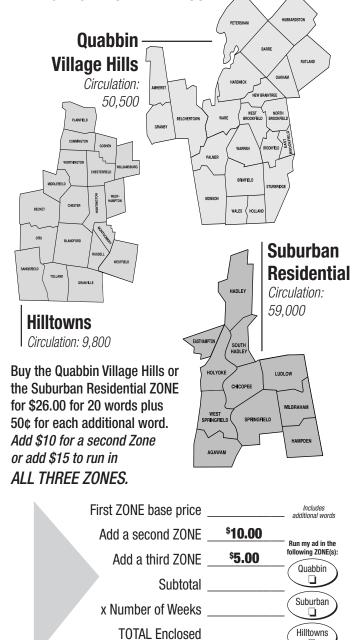
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Rays of Hope takes strides to cure breast cancer



Rays of Hope walk and run founders Gayle Kirkwood, left, and Lucy Giuggio Carvalho thank participants for supporting the cause for 30 years.



Rays of Hope Chair Lindsey Bubar talks about her journey with breast cancer.



Presenting sponsor Gary Rome of Gary Rome Hyundai said he was "humbled and honored" to be part of the event.



Shown from left are Springfield Mayor Domenic Sarno, Baystate Health President and CEO Mark Keroack, Baystate Hematology Oncology's Dr. Grace Makari-Judson and state Sen. Jake Oliveira.



Walkers wave to their supporters as they start their 2and 5-mile routes.



Melha Shrine Clowns joined Rays of Hope walk participants for a photo.

people in attendance for their contin- affected by cancer," Rome said. support for Rays of Hope, and



Lucy Giuggio Carvalho is joined on stage by her grandson, TJ.



Lindsey's Tribe, formed by Lindsey Bubar's parents Sue and John Boudreau.



Springfield Mayor Domenic Sarno thanked supporters of Rays of Hope.



The Springfield Thunderbirds presented a check for \$30,000.

By Paula Ouimette

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The Springfie also provided a sizable donation to Rays of Hope in the amount of \$30,000, thanks to their Pink the Rink fundraiser and the sale of pink ierseys



SPRINGFIELD – For the past 30 years, Rays of Hope has held its annual walk and run to raise money for breast cancer patients and their families.

This past Sunday, walkers chose from either a 2- or 5-mile walk and runners a 5-mile route, going through Forest Park. The run was coordinated and timed by 4Run3.

Local businesses, services, and breast cancer-related programs offered a variety of information and giveaways under the event's large exhibitor tent, and many lined the route to support walkers and runners.

All monies raised remain local and administered by the Baystate Health Foundation to assist patients and their families affected by breast cancer. Nearly \$17 million has been raised to date.

Funds support the Rays of Hope Center for Breast Cancer Research, as well as treatment, breast health programs, outreach and education, and the purchase of state-of-the art equipment through the Baystate Health Breast Network and provides grants to various community programs throughout western Massachusetts.

Rays of Hope Chair Lindsey Bubar said since being diagnosed with cancer, and being a little over six years outside of her journey toward healing, she has a new perspec-

sense of gratitude," Bubar said at the 30th annual Rays of Hope Walk & Run Toward the Cure of Breast Cancer, starting and finishing at Temple Beth El on Oct. 22.

"We all take so much for granted," she said, thanking her "tribe" formed by her parents Sue and John Boudreau, along with numerous family and friends.

Her parents started "Lindsey's Tribe" for the Rays of Hope walk, and Bubar said she couldn't have asked for better role models as parents as she and her husband, Brett, raise their two children.

Her children were the first thought to come to her mind when she received her cancer diagnosis, and they continue to be almost a decade later.

"My husband literally carried me certain days during this journey,' Bubar said emotionally.

Joining Bubar on stage to kick off the walk was Rays of Hope walk and run founders Lucy Giuggio Carvalho and Gayle Kirkwood.

Kirkwood announced that an endowment has been created for Rays of Hope, thanks to the generosity of 10 inaugural donors.

Giuggio Carvalho said she can't believe it's been 30 years since the walk started, and that she's been a breast cancer survivor for three decades

She thanked the hundreds of

those affected by breast cancer.

"It's amazing," she said. "Thank you for 30 years standing up for the fight against breast cancer.'

This year's presenting sponsor was Gary Rome Hyundai, who was joined on stage by his son and their two dogs.

Giuggio Carvalho said her grandson TJ saw her appear in one of Gary Rome's television commercials, promoting Rays of Hope, and said "good for Nonni, she finally has a big time commercial!"

Baystate Health President and CEO Mark Keroack recognized several current and former Baystate employees who participated in the walk, including John Maybury, whose wife is a cancer survivor.

Maybury brought a team of 50 people to participate in the walk.

Springfield Mayor Domenic Sarno said this would be Keroack's last walk in his role as president and CEO, as he plans to retire at the end of the year.

Sarno credited Rome with "putting his money where his mouth is," and being a great philanthropist. Through pink license plate frame sales at his dealership, Rome has raised over \$30,000 for Rays of Hope.

Rome said he's "humbled and honored" to be part of such an important event.

"We all know someone who is

Also retiring from Baystate is Dr. Grace Makari-Judson of Baystate Hematology Oncology at the D'Amour Center for Cancer Care.

Makari-Judson will continue to support Rays of Hope and play an active role, which she has done since 1994 when she set up in information booth at the first ever fundraiser. She has kept a T-shirt from each year's walk.

Makari-Judson said she could have never imagined the impact Rays of Hope would have when it first began 30 years ago. "We have exceeded most of our expectations," she said.

Rays of Hope has also helped to provide cancer patients with "first class care," she said.

Makari-Judson said it's been a privilege and honor to work with survivors and that she will never leave Rays of Hope, which has become a family tradition for her, her children, and now her grandchildren. Ma-

Walk participants ria Bergeron and Paul Strong, both of Springfield, walked in honor of Strong's friend April, who is celebrating 10 years in remission.

urley Photos by Paula Ouimette

Walkers and runners of all ages and abilities participated in the 30th annual Rays of Hope event.

This was Bergeron's first year participating in the walk, but Strong has been a supporter for several years along with his PeoplesBank coworkers.

Strong said he has two aunts with breast cancer, along with other family and friends.

"It's a good cause to support," Strong and Bergeron said.

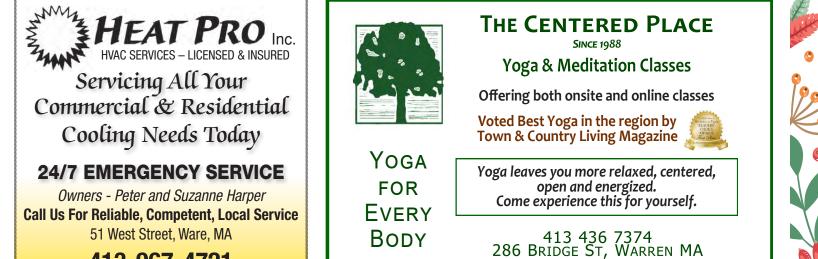
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Crowns and tiaras reign supreme at button show



Massachusetts State Button Society Vice-President Donna Major of West Brookfield, browses Betty Korostynski's collection.

By Paula Ouimette pouimette@turley.com

PALMER - The Massachusetts State Button Society held their annual meeting and final show for the year this past Saturday at the AMVETS Post 74 in Three Rivers.

Celebrating over 80 years, the Massachusetts State Button Society hosts three shows a year, with two in Three Rivers and one in Shirley.



Tim Kennedy of Pelham, New Hampshire sells his late wife's buttons at the Massachusetts State Button Society's show on Oct. 21 in Three Rivers.

The Crescent Button Club hosted a presentation about the show's theme of crowns, given by button expert and dealer Betty Korostynski of West Springfield, a member of the Massachusetts State Button Society and the Crescent Button Club in Holyoke.

Korostynski displayed several boards adorned with buttons bearing crowns from countries all over the world. "We see different images when we hear the world

'crown," she said. "We [in the U.S.] don't have a high



Crown-shaped cookies with glittery sugar were given to Massachusetts State Button Society members, along with a crown button.

opinion of the crown," she added with a laugh.

Korostynski gave several examples of crown imagery in the U.S. on product logos, ranging from soda to liquor.

For many, the crown is a symbol of power, but it can also be a symbol of mockery, such as crown of thorns in the Bible.

Crowns are a familiar image on buttons, especially on military buttons. The crowns found on military uniform buttons usually represent the reigning monarch at



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette Button expert and dealer Betty Korostynski shared many examples of crowns and buttons.

the time.

Korostynski gave examples of specific crowns on buttons, including the St. Edward and Imperial State. The St. Edward is the crown Queen Elizabeth wore for her coronation and the Imperial State crown is worn by King Charles.

Button makers need to get permission from the king or queen to use their crowns in their designs, something they need to apply for each year.

Some designer buttons, such as those from Lauren Conrad, feature a crown and shield.

Korostynski questioned whether or not King Charles would have a crown remade now that he ruled the throne.

She left audience members with a quote from Beyonce, reminding them that "you can't wear a crown with your head down," and to "hold your heads high and look royal."

Throughout the day, button dealers had thousands of their buttons available to purchase, ranging in price, rarity, and interest.

Tim Kennedy of Pelham, New Hampshire has been selling buttons for about a year and a half, following his wife's death.

Kennedy said button collecting was his wife's favorite hobby, and she also loved paper quilling. She taught quilling classes at their local library, and the group continues to meet today with its membership growing.

Kennedy's buttons are carefully cataloged by different types of animals, animation and much more, spanning the entire alphabet. Even the youngest shopper found a button (or a dozen) to match their interests.

About the Massachusetts State Button Society

Founded in 1942, the Massachusetts State Button Society consists of four local clubs that gather together several times a year as a state organization to promote the knowledge and enjoyment of button collecting.

These clubs include the Crescent Button Club, Monson Button Club, Shirley Button Club and Metropolitan Button Club.

Next year's shows will be held April 13 and Oct. 19 in Three Rivers and July 20 in Shirley.

Dues are \$10 per year and can be mailed to Massachusetts State Button Society Treasurer Darlene Gildert, 50 Prouty Road, New Braintree, MA 01531. Junior dues are \$3 per year.

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These colorful buttons were arranged in the shape of St. Edward's crown.



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Some dealers had numerous books available about buttons and collecting.



Crowns and tiaras were the theme for last Saturday's button show.