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PALMER

Finance Committee allots \$1 million to Water and Sewer

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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.

“We’ve gotten some documents

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Some students came dressed in leis, sunglasses and hats while others dressed a little more “out of the box.” Madison Rathbone is shown dressed as a cruise ship labeled “Royal Caribbean.”



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

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



MONSON

Select Board deny MDC migrant housing accusations

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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 Gallego.

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 individually 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

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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.

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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RECREATION

Accessible fly fishing platform opens in Palmer

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PALMER – A new fly-fishing platform located along the Swift River is now open for public use, allowing fishermen 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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REMEMBRANCE

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.

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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 memo-

riam 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.



Pet of the Week



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.

Wieland Diversified becomes OSHA certified



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.



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.

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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.



Turley photos by Marcelo Gusmao

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 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."

"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."

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

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.

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.

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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 mharrison@turley.com or call the office at 413-283-8393 by noon on Mondays. We appreciate the cooperation of our readers.

Corrections

The Journal Register will gladly correct factual errors that appear in this paper. Corrections or clarifications will always appear on Page 2 or 3. To request a correction, send information to Editor at mharrison@turley.com, or call 283-8393, extension 236. Corrections may also be requested in writing at: Journal Register, Attn: Editor 24 Water St., Palmer, MA, 01069.

PHS shares district accountability data

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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. 18 School Committee meeting was 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 Quabog 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 amongst comparable 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— On 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 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 seen by her father at 11:45 a.m., heading toward a residence in the area of Allen and South

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 Rhode Island, with no results.

Hampden District Attorney Anthony D. Gulluni said "The Piirainen family has been coping with this tragedy for 30 years. Along with Holly's family, I, members of my office, and the Massachusetts State Police Detectives assigned to the case have never stopped investigat-



Submitted Photos
Holly Piirainen 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 of the Wilbraham Garden Club will take place on Monday Oct. 30, at noon, at St. Cecelia's Parish Center on Main St. A luncheon of sandwiches and dessert will be served. Please note the change of

meeting date is on a Monday.

The speaker for this meeting will be Robin Desrochers who will give a talk on bird watching in Wilbraham. Desrochers will discuss the different birds in our neighborhoods and we will view some

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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 Dzedzinski, 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 spirit 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 Simpkins, 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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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 Gelinis, Kylie Woodworth, Mya Snyder, Dylan Holbrook, Jaydem Haley, Griffen Naworski, Jax McNally, Maddie Roy, Katie Mendrala, Kendyll Roberts, Addy Petraszewicz and Jaelyn Heydare in their tropical wear.



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.



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



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



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

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Palmer Senior Center

PALMER— The Palmer Senior center has plenty of events for 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.

Friday, Nov. 3- Chicken Fajitas, fajitas blend vegetables, flour tortilla, 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.

Nov. 6 - Bake & Take - No Bake Brownie Bites

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.

EVENTS

Nov. 2 - Craft - Turkey Wreath cost is \$3.00 (space is limited)

Nov. 3 - Movie - "Dirty Dancing"

Baystate Wing Hospital Corp. seeks mini-grant proposals

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 further health, education, and preventative health programs in the Baystate Wing Hospital Service area of Hampshire, Hampden, and Worcester counties.

"This grant opportunity represents Baystate Wing Hospital's commitment to work with local community partners who focus on

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 mini-grants 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 Brittny Rosario via email at Brittny.Rosario@baystatehealth.org.

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passed to me.

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 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 joked 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—that 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 FaceTime call, I knew the pos-

sibility of him saying yes was slim—very 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?"

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



Monson Senior Center

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.

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Thurs., Nov. 16, 2023 noon Help us give thanks. We will be enjoying a traditional Thanksgiving Meal.

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LUNCH and LEARN

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

Are you prepared for a health emergency?

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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 members.

This year's presentation brings together more than thirty-five artists showing over ninety-five original works of art. The two-day show will be open to all at the House of

Art at 200 Main St. in Monson on Sat., Nov. 4 and Sun., Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

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 Performing Arts of Sturbridge will

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— 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.

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Business

Eclectic vintage shop, artists studio opens

By Dallas Gagnon
Staff Writer
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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.

Shoppers will not only have access to a Fusion Mineral Paint carrier locally, but they will also experience the charm of the old Victorian.

The shop features an array of colors, furnishings 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-

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.



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.



The Victorian carries Fusion Mineral Paint for furniture re-purposing and re-finishing.



The building is a Queen Anne Victorian, decorated to accentuate the charm and authenticity of the building’s architecture.



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



BCH’s first facility dog, Isabela, at her meet and greet.

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 families at Baystate.”

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 Golden retrievers over the years, these lovely 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.

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!

The speaker for the

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.

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Special Education teacher Paul Holloway and Art teacher Sean Burns were quick to show their 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.



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



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.



Social Studies teacher Erik Brennan is shown leaving his handprint on the wall.



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



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

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

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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Old Mill Pond PTO trunks offer treats



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



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.

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.



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



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.



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



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.



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



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.



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

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FOOTBALL

Panthers nipped by Green Wave

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 Marciniac. "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," Marciniac 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

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SOCCER



Ethan DeBettencourt stutters for the Pioneers.

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.



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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SOCCER

Pioneers head for nonplayoff action



Aubrey Ortiz tries to break up her opponent's momentum

PALMER – Pathfinder girls soccer had a tough end to their regular season with consecutive losses to Greenfield, and twice to Pioneer. The Pioneers did beat Sizer in their



Taylor Allen sends a pass up the field.



Victoria Stephens makes a pass.

regular season finale for a 1-12 record. Pathfinder will likely find it-



Brianna Valley breaks up a play.

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

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.

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 NHSTRA 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 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.

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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 tournament, 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.

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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 Mannarino, 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 'What's up MONSON?'."

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.

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.

For more information visit www.wickedgoodtreats-byelaine.com. To place an order, visit the Baystate Wing Hospital Gift Shop Monday through Thursday, from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and on Friday from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., or call 413-370-8169.

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The proposal further states, "in short, this is a potential loss 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,

as we get into budget season, we should have a decision sooner than later. I did send out an informal survey to our current students across six to 12 to see if at least if there is an appetite for such a thing," said Francis.

He said he received "some decent numbers from our current students."

Francis added he has not sent anything out to home-schooled students yet though it is the next

step. "I'm targeting those students 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

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 Francis.

He said there are approximately 12 school districts across the state that offer students a 100% virtual learning option, including Westfield.

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

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

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.

FINANCE | from page 1

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

15 years or 4.15% over 10 years. Farnum and Jalbert told the committee that they were hopeful the town will be able to move these costs to a bond, which might be more favorable.

"We have a choice," Jalbert said. "If we break it out for 20 years, we're going to end up paying back \$1.4 million at the end of 20 years. That's quite a bit of interest we're going to pay."

It was suggested that Water and Sewer fund part of this cost using its retained earnings, but Jalbert asserted that the depart-

ment already has projects on the line that will be using that money.

"We just rehabbed our pump station in 2016," Jalbert said. "Pump station one and pump station two are going to need that same rehab. They were all built at the same time."

Ironically, Jalbert said that 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

Fund to repair the station, but was 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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Gary Lyons
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Alice M. Kaczuwka
Died Oct. 15, 2023
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Florence M. (Bollman) Ridz,
Died Oct. 12, 2023
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O B I T U A R I E S

Gary K. Lyons, 1941-2023

WARREN — Gary K. Lyons, 82, of Warren, October 16, 2023. Gary was born in Englewood, NJ, May 3, 1941 to the late Robert and Dorothy (Klew-in) 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.

wintered in Florida 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.

Gary enjoyed being outdoors. He was often photographing the beauty of nature while he was visiting a National Park or the coast of Maine. He

during this difficult time. Lombard Funeral 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 Association 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl 17, Chicago IL 60601 or http://www.alz.org. For online condolences please visit http://www.lombardfuneralhome.com.

O B I T U A R I E S

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. Flaherty, Mara F. Flaherty who were Called Home along with his dear brother-in-law, Robert Webb. He leaves his two loving sisters, Cara M. Flaherty-Webb of Florida, Tara K. Bellefleur of South Windsor, CT, his sister-in-law Marietta O. Flaherty of Springfield; his former brother-in-law Allen P. Bellefleur of Windsor, CT, his cherished nephew, James S. Flaherty and his wife, Raechel Zipagan-Flaherty, of Rockville Centre, NY; his cherished niece, Noelle K. (Bellefleur) Bozzuto and her husband, Kevin Bozzuto of Glastonbury, CT; and his great nephew Thomas of Rockville Centre, NY. His funeral will be held on Friday morning, Oc-

tober 27, 2023 beginning at the Beers and Story Funeral home, 1475 North Main Street, Palmer, MA. His family will receive friends during the calling hours from 9:30 -11:30 a.m. at the funeral home. A Mass of Catholic Burial will be held at 12 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 1076 Thorndike Street, Palmer, MA. His burial will follow the Mass at Saint Thomas Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, his family has requested that memorial donations be made in his memory to PALS, Special Olympics, 50 Williams Street, Hartford, CT 06120- attention of Sargent Nicole Mordasiewicz on the envelope. Please visit www.beersandstory.com

Alice M. Kaczuwka

THREE RIVERS — Alice 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

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.

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-

dery pieces, quilting, tatting, hooked rugs, and knitted sweaters. Florence's culinary skills included making homemade relishes and canning many fruits and vegetables from their garden. Hand picked wild blueberries and grapes 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.

Florence was a lifelong 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



cottage in Holland and trips to Maine and Vermont.

Florence is survived by daughter Dolores Elkas of Palmer; daughter Brenda Kleinman and husband Ron of Barkhamsted, CT; grandson Brian Kleinman and wife Sara; granddaughter 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.

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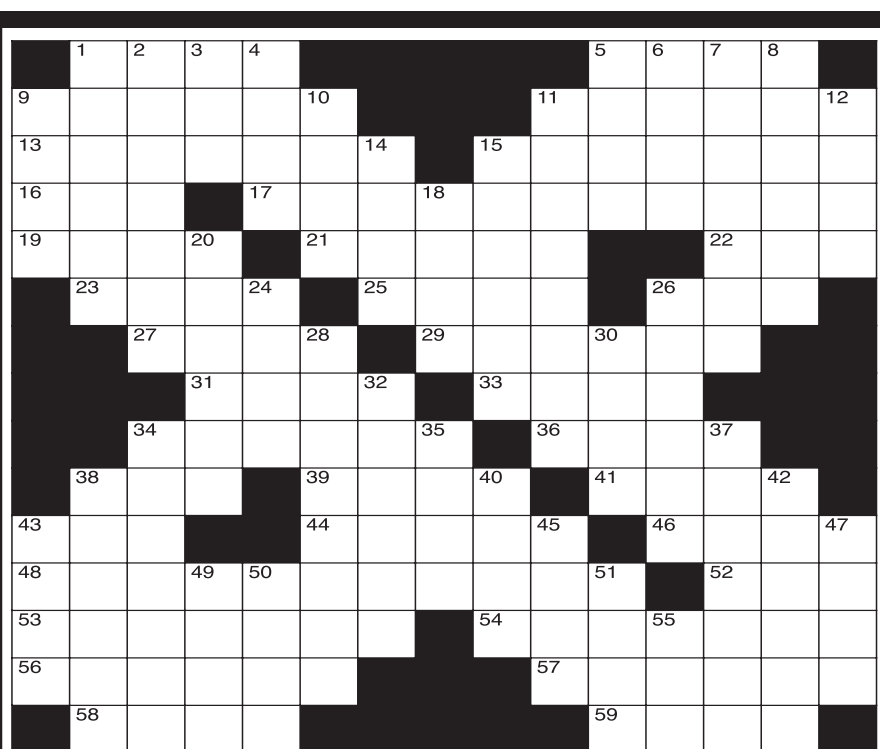
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17. Slowed
19. Letter of the Semitic abjads
21. Weights of cars without fuel
22. Former CIA
23. Asian country
25. Instead
26. Ancient Egyptian King
27. Privies
29. Shopping trips
31. Paradoxical anecdote

CLUES DOWN

- 33. It's on the table
34. Ancient Persia ruler
36. Small American rail
38. File extension
39. Days (Spanish)
41. Everyone has one
43. South American plant
44. About ilium
46. Vanished American hoopster
48. A type of breakfast
52. Uncooked
53. Examined
54. Christian recluse
56. Strong posts
57. Some are for pasta
58. Skinny
59. School-based organizations

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Ringlet
2. Type of complex
3. Midway between north and northwest
4. It becomes something bigger
5. German courtesy title
6. Genus of birds
7. Marked by public disorder
8. Least aggressive
9. Russian city
10. Insect repellent
11. Interruptions
12. Scoundrels
14. 1,000 calories
15. What one does overnight
18. Dwarf planet
20. Pipe
24. Black powdery

substance

- 26. Set of four
28. Canned fishes
30. North Carolina college
32. Secured
34. A disgraceful event
35. Physical suffering
37. The home of the free
38. Some are boys
40. Satisfy
42. Makes very happy
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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.

Atwell, 31, of 1026 Chestnut St., 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

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

Oct. 15

At 6:41 p.m. police arrested Shantillon 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.

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 Department 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 Department responded to an EMS call on Skyline Terrace in Three Rivers.

On Thursday, Oct. 19, the Department was dispatched and canceled in route for a call on Main Street in Three Rivers. The Department was also dispatched and responded to remove victim(s) from a stalled elevator on Springfield Street in Three Rivers.

On Friday, Oct. 20, the Department assisted an EMS crew with a medical incident on Springfield Street in Three Rivers.

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DFS launches tool to track lithium-ion battery fires

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:

Be sure to have working smoke 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.

State officials announce nursing scholarship program



Submitted Photo

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 administration visited HCC's Center for Health Education & Simulation to announce the funding initiative.

"The new scholarship program was designed to attract, incentivize

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 themselves in STEM," Tutwiler said. "But this year, we're taking it a step further. This year, the theme is 'Your STEM Future.' For me, 'Your STEM Future' encapsulates so well

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 state-of-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 degree," he said.

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 zoning barriers across the Commonwealth.

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

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

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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

high school, and transfer students. 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

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Justice of this Court. Date: October 11, 2023 Rosemary A Saccomani Register of Probate 10/26/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court... Docket No. HD23P2145EA

The Petitioner requests that: Brianna Stanley of Enfield, CT be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court... Docket No. HD23C0105CA

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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.



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



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



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



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.



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



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



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



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



Springfield Mayor Domenic Sarno thanked supporters of Rays of Hope.

By Paula Ouimette
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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 perspective on life.

"It has brought me an incredible 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

people in attendance for their continued support for Rays of Hope, and 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

affected by cancer," Rome said.

The Springfield Thunderbirds 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 jerseys.

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 an 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.

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



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.

In addition to presenting sponsor Gary Rome Hyundai, other major sponsors include Baystate Breast

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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.



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.



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



Button expert and dealer Betty Korostynski shared many examples of crowns and buttons.

By Paula Ouimette
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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.

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

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

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

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