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PALMER

## Town Council announces town manager's departure

Police chief appointed to position for two weeks

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PALMER – Town Council announced the departure of former Town Manager Ryan McNutt during the Tuesday, Oct. 30, council meeting.

The council appointed Police Chief Christopher Burns as acting town manager for a two-week period.

According to Town Council President Barbara Barry, Burns' term will not include all of the town manager responsibilities. Instead, Burns will serve as "someone who is going to make sure items are addressed that need to be addressed."

Barry said "he has agreed to do that for a two-week period and then for us to reevaluate where we stand."

She said a separation agreement was reached between the council and McNutt on Thursday, Oct. 26, with the acceptance of McNutt's resignation.

"We want to thank Ryan for his service to the Palmer community and wish him the best," said Barry.

Under a separation agreement between the town and McNutt, the former town manager will be paid the equivalent of four and a half months pay for a total of \$55,050.38.

Additionally, McNutt will receive \$15,174.70 for his accrued vacation time, as would any other departing town employee.

"We understand that residents may have questions, but the Town Council will not be addressing

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## Palmer High School shows its colors



Raising school spirit before the big game

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PALMER – The entire Palmer High School student body gathered together to raise school spirit and rally up the PHS football team before competing against rival Ware High School.

Students grades seven to 12 met in the gymnasium on Friday, decked out in blue and white apparel to show their school spirit.

While the event served as an opportunity to unite the school under one cause, it also allowed students to engage in friendly, competitive banter amongst different classes.

Students competed in a series of games, including a

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The Palmer High School band plays music throughout the event to add a dramatic effect and raise spirits.

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MONSON

## Schools welcome self-defense course

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MONSON – The Monson School Committee unanimously voted to implement a self-defense program at Granite Valley School and Monson High School at its most recent meeting.

Police Sgt. Dustin Hull shared he has been working collaboratively with Resistance Aggressive Defense trained instructors, school staff members and Superintendent Cheryl Clarke to push the curriculum forward into the district.

"We've been working on this for a little more than a year," said Hull. "Finally, we had an opportunity to sit down and come in with a good game plan."

He said the goal would be to offer the program to students twice throughout middle school and offer an adult women's version of the program to female students in high school.

The RAD kids' program would be open to all students while the RAD women's would cater to female students "to help prepare them for college and life," said Hull.

"It has incredible success across the country," he said. "One of the biggest statistics that stick out to me is, once these programs get implemented in the schools and the kids actually receive it, bullying actually drops by a little over 80%."

He added that coupling the RAD kids program with the young women's program is beneficial because "the RAD kids is a great foundation (as) it teaches kids it's not your fault and nobody has the right to hurt you."

The RAD women's program builds off of that knowledge, said Hull.

Local RAD women's instructor, Audra Staples, shared her ex-

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## Monson makes Halloween its own

By Jim Russell  
Correspondent

MONSON – The town celebrated Halloween Tuesday afternoon along Main Street with local businesses, municipal employees and homeowners providing heaps of candy to trick- or-treaters, followed by a 6 p.m. parade to Memorial Hall for a sweet party.

United Methodist Church set up a long table and handed out free hot dogs outside.

Parishioner Debi Mahar said that, "because trick or treat starts at 4 p.m., before they've had supper, we offer children something to eat before they

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Monson Town Hall employees get into the spirit of Halloween every year. This year they were busy bees.



Correspondent photos by Jim Russell

SCHOOL



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Students Shea Simpkins, Hannah Hoang, Sophia Braskie, Cassandra Perry, Taran Prak and Donovan Rayleonard are all smiles at the 2023 homecoming dance. More photos on page 9.

## Homecoming dance a big hit

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PALMER – Palmer High School students shared one another's company during a night filled with glitter, high heels, music and dance in celebration of the annual homecoming.

Saturday's dance featured students from grades nine to 12 dressed

in their best, classic party songs and complimentary refreshments.

For some students, the Oct. 28 event marked their first ever homecoming dance, while others celebrated their last.

The annual tradition follows the PHS's football team's face off with its long-standing rival, Ware High School.

Although Palmer High School lost their game earlier that afternoon, students were still up for an evening of fun and celebration of school spirit.

ENTERTAINMENT

## Monson Arts Council presents "The Mousetrap"

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MONSON – This past weekend, the Monson Arts Council held several showings of its rendition of "The Mousetrap" at Memorial Hall.

A blood-curdling scream from behind the audience opened the matinee on Saturday of the

production of the Agatha Christie play. The two-act production was performed multiple times throughout the weekend of Oct. 27-29, with time slots in the afternoon and evening.

"The Monson Arts Council Theater Committee has been working on building up the program after it was defunct for

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Photos by Marcelo Gusmão

Tensions rise between Jake Wyse's Giles Ralston and Melissa Weise's Christopher Wren over their relationship with Leslie Marsh's Mollie Ralston.

COMMUNITY



Photos by Marcelo Gusmão

Virginia Pizzichemi, Sarah Pedder, and Mat Wawrzyk read from their scripts as Eudocia and William Norcross Flynt and Jacob Thompson.

## Cemetery Commission performs Historical Reenactment at Hillside

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MONSON – The Cemetery Commission provided a fun and informative stroll through local history in its second annual Cemetery Walk last Saturday at Hillside Cemetery.

At 6:30 p.m. on Saturday night,

Cemetery Foreman Mat Wawrzyk addressed the crowd, in-character, as the ghost of Jacob Thompson, in a guided tour around the cemetery, during which residents and visitors were told the history of some of the town's founding residents.

"This is what you would call a historical reenactment," Wawrzyk said. "Where we role-play as

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# Pet of the Week



ACE & HANK

The Boxer is Ace, and the Labrador is Hank. Ace lives in Three rivers with Elizabeth Passy. Hank is his cousin, and lives in Brimfield with Elizabeth's sister. 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.

## Holiday Bazaar Nov. 18

**WILBRAHAM** —Kick off the holidays by joining The Friends of Wilbraham Seniors for a fun filled day. Come to their 14th annual Holiday Bazaar to be held on Saturday Nov. 18, at St. Cecilia Church, 42 Main St, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This bazaar is a full day of shopping with over 25 exhibitors, offering handmade soaps, greeting cards, Christmas ornaments, doggie goodies, and more. Their famous huge Raffle offers many chances to bring home a lovely gift basket or other gifts. Stay for lunch as the folks at Loomis Lakeside at Reeds Landing-Springfield cook up Meatball Grinders, or pick a sweet treat from our Bake Sale of muffins, cookies and hot coffee will be available too. But, best of all Santa Claus will be riding into town at 11 a.m. and will stay until 2 p.m. for visits with children of all ages who can get their picture taken, and all children receive a free gift. This year's event proceeds to support Recognition Programs of Friends Volunteers. For more information, call AnnMarie at 413-599-4803

# Light Up Palmer hosts community celebration on Nov. 25

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**PALMER** – Light Up Palmer will host the committee's fifth annual Community Celebration and Holiday Lighting at Depot Park Saturday, Nov. 25, from 3-6 p.m.

Lights and decorations will be strung throughout various parts of town, including Main Street, offering the Palmer communities some holiday cheer to kick-off the season.

"It is an event for the community to come together," said Light Up Palmer Chair Chris Smith. "It is a fun event and a celebration of our Main Street having life and businesses coming back."

The celebration will not only "light up" Palmer but also get into the spirit of the holiday with live music by Noah Lis, a train ride from the Roaming Railroad and visits from Holly the Elf and Boomer from the Thunderbirds.

Free coffee and cocoa sponsored by Dunkin' will also be available as well as a free selfie photo booth to capture festive memories forever.

Smith recently thanked the generosity of North Brookfield Savings Bank for sponsoring the live music, and Bertera Chevrolet for sponsoring train rides.

Light Up Palmer is made possible by the efforts of local volunteers who share the goal of adding holiday spirit to the town.

According to Smith, the event started up in 2019 after a group of residents recognized there was not "a single light on Main Street." There are now 3,500 lights strung throughout town for the holiday season.

Smith said the group hosts workshops throughout the year to help prepare for the celebratory event.

"We start doing decorations in September to get them up in time for the holidays. We already put up the garland on the building and put out the trees," she said.

Decorations will span from North Main Street, to Depot Park as well as parts of Thorndike Street and Central Street.

She said since the organization was established five years ago, almost every storefront on Main Street has been

filled with new businesses.

"We used to decorate the inside of storefronts so they didn't look so bleak," said Smith.

The group has two storage locations; one at Converse Middle School and another at Depot Park.

"When it's a nice day before Christmas, we will go down and work at Depot Park," said Smith.

She added Light Up Palmer is a subcommittee of the overarching parent organization, Palmer Business Partnership.

Smith said the mission of the Palmer Business Partnership has always been "to eliminate blight in the downtown area."

She said she believes Light Up Palmer, "in a small way," has helped contribute to "the revitalization of Main Street," adding "it has been a grassroots effort."

"We were just a group of people who got together and called ourselves Light Up Palmer," said Smith. "We have evolved and developed two subcommittees."

Its sister organization, Palmer Purple Heart Committee, decorates Main Street with veterans memorabilia and places purple flowers in support of veterans around Depot Park during warmer weather.

"We are totally funded through nonprofit donations from both residents and business," said Smith. "We don't get a dime from the town."

She added Light Up Palmer also supports the efforts of other local organizations in spreading holiday cheer in Palmer, including contributing lights and decorations to Old Mill Pond Elementary School and the Bondsville Fire Department.

"We try to do something for each of the villages, but the focus is downtown Palmer," said Smith.

For those interested in donating to keep the tradition going or to support Light Up Palmer, donations can be mailed to "Palmer Community Partnership," at P.O. Box 22, Palmer, MA, 01069.

To inquire about volunteering to continue making Palmer "a great place to live," visit [lightuppalmer.com](http://lightuppalmer.com) or contact the organization via Facebook.



Photos by Marcelo Gusmao

Sarah Pedder, Mat Wawrzyk, Kristine Duval, and Virginia Pizzichemi share lights so they can read their scripts in the dark cemetery.



Beverley Sangermano told the story of her grandfather and her family history.



Virginia Pizzichemi, Sarah Pedder, and Mat Wawrzyk read to the crowd assembled in front of the Flynt grave.

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prominent figures in town and sort of describe some of their stories, what they did for the town, some of the buildings that they helped contribute to, and concludes with a guided tour of the Jacob Thompson House."

The Cemetery Walk was done in partnership with the Monson Historical Society, with funding coming through the Massachusetts Cultural Council. This was previously done in 1998, but was restarted by the Cemetery Commission last year.

In addition to Wawrzyk's por-

trayal of Jacob Thompson, Cemetery Commission Chair Sarah Pedder donned a fake beard to portray William Norcross Flynt, Virginia Pizzichemi played Eudocia Flynt and Kristine Duval played Ezio DeSantis.

"We get to use the cemetery for a positive aspect," Wawrzyk said. "The cemetery is always perceived as a negative thing, just because of what it's here for and what we have to do. Any other type of community involvement that we can get that isn't a burial service is great, because it gives people an opportunity

to look at stuff and learn about who made Memorial Hall, or who donated money for the library, so the next time they drive by, they can say, 'hey, we heard about that family.'"

As an extra treat, near the end of the walk, Beverley Sangermano, as herself, spoke about her grandfather Gaetano D'Agustino, and told the story of him leaving Italy to work in Monson.

The tour ended at the Jacob Thompson House, where cider and snacks were served to the people who attended the tour.

The Hillside Cemetery is located on the corner of Mill and Main streets, and includes the resting place of such influential local figures as the Flynt family, Ezio DeSantis, Cyrus Holmes and Gaetano D'Agustino.

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**Baystate Health Eastern Region transitions**

PALMER— Beginning next month, Baystate Health will begin the final transition of services from Baystate Mary Lane Hospital to Baystate Wing Hospital. All Baystate Mary Lane Services will move to Baystate Wing Hospital by the end of the year.

Effective Friday, Nov. 3, all Radiology services at Baystate Mary Lane will close at end of the day. On Wednesday, Nov. 15, all Women's Imaging (Mammography and Bone Density) will be operational at Baystate Wing Hospital in the newly renovated space located on the first floor, formerly the Baystate Wing ED. Fluoroscopy services will be temporarily suspended beginning Thursday, Nov. 2, for renovations needed at Baystate Wing, these services will resume at Baystate Wing in January 2024. Throughout this relocation process, all other radiology services will remain operational at Baystate Wing Hospital.

Additionally, tentative dates have been set for the medical practices to also move to Baystate Wing Hospital. On Friday, Dec. 8, Baystate Women's Health OB/GYN located at Mary Lane will move to Baystate Wing in the former Cardiology space, located on the first floor. Baystate Medical Practice - Quabbin Pediatrics will move to the former Orthopedic clinic area on Tuesday, Dec. 12.

"Baystate Health remains committed to providing skilled and compassionate healthcare in all the communities we serve," said Ron Bryant, president of Baystate Health Regional Hospitals, which includes Baystate Wing Hospital. "As we reconfigure care delivery in the region to a more sustainable and contemporary model that continues to meet the needs of the many communities served by Baystate Wing Hospital, we deeply value the Mary Lane legacy and recognize the usefulness and sentiment the hospital has had on so many in this community."

For more on Baystate Wing Hospital, visit [Baystatehealth.org/wing](http://Baystatehealth.org/wing).



The cast of *The Mouse Trap*, (from left) David Leslie, Paul Marsh, Jake Wyse, Leslie Marsh, Tom Duke, Laura O'Brien, Melissa Weise, and Libby Smith, took a bow at the end of the show.



The only scene where (from left) Libby Smith, David Leslie, Melissa Weise, Tom Duke, Leslie Marsh, Jake Wyse, Laura O'Brien, and Paul Marsh occupied the stage at the same time.



Jake Wyse and Leslie Marsh played opposite each other as Mr. and Mrs. Ralston.



David Leslie's Mr. Paravacini arrived on the scene with Leslie Marsh and Jake Wyse.



Libby Smith, David Leslie, Jake Wyse, Paul Marsh, and Leslie Marsh

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about eight years," said Director Amy Lake. "We started last year with *Steel Magnolias*, and we brought this up as our second play."

In her director's notes, Lake said that she was inspired by Agatha Christie saying that "I think it is a game, to somebody."

"The idea that not only is there a story here, but a game to play, has contributed heavily to my vision of this production," Lake said.

The show was performed by a group of actors from across the region, with experience as varied as the University of Massachusetts, Drew University, and Shakespeare and Company.

The play starred Leslie Marsh and Jake Wyse as Mollie and Giles Ralston, the amateur owners of a guest house that gets snowed in during the search for a spree killer. The tension between these two leads was palpable, as neither seemed to fully trust their spouse until the play's final lines.

The ensuing investigation involved murder, abuse, and mistaken identities, played in a tone that is intermittently eerie, mysterious, and comedic.



Leslie Marsh's Mollie Ralston lashes out at accusations from Tom Duke's Detective Sergeant Trotter.



The Monson Arts Council held an eerie production of "The Mousetrap."

One particular delight was David Leslie's performance as the play's "sleazy red herring," Mr. Paravacini, who chewed the scenery in every scene he was in, making him sorely missed when he disappeared during the investigation.

Another memorable performance came from Melissa Weise, who perfectly captured the role of Christopher Wren and brought some humanity to conflicts with Wyse's character.

Tom Duke's portrayal of the stiff Detective Sergeant ends up driving

much of the play's second act, setting up for a truly entertaining twist as he reveals the identity of the killer.

Although the roles of Mrs. Boyle, Major Metcalfe, and Miss Casewell have less to do in the script than the aforementioned roles, Libby Smith, Paul Marsh, and Laura O'Brien are each given time to shine through interrogations and interactions with their castmates.

The show also offered some clever and subtle directing choices by Amy

Lake, casting suspicion on different characters with as little as a prop interaction or a sound effect.

Concessions for the show were provided by The Better Bean, and a raffle was held during the intermission, which was sponsored by Harvey Auto.

The Monson Arts Council continues to put on regular shows in town, in accordance with their mission to "discover, promote and sustain an appreciation of and an involvement in art and culture in Monson."

**Women's Club November meeting**

WILBRAHAM – The St. Cecilia Women's Club's November meeting takes place on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 6 p.m. It's time to start thinking about your Holiday shopping and what bet-

ter way than with So Cool Gifts & Accessories with Ana Capela. Ana will have lots of ideas for gifts and decorations to help make your season bright!

**Monson Special Town Meeting**

MONSON – The Special Town Meeting will take place on Monday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m. at Granite Valley School, located at 21 Thompson St.

For residents who wish to receive a copy of the warrant, please come to the Monson

Town Clerk's Office or view the warrant on our website at [monson-ma.gov](http://monson-ma.gov).

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## Viewpoints

## SOCIAL SECURITY

Matters

By Russell Gloor

## My birthday is on the first of the month; when should I claim Social Security?

## Dear Rusty

I will be 62 on Nov. 1 and I have chosen to take my benefits early. I know that my benefit will be less than it would be if I waited and that does not concern me, but I don't want to be without income for a long period of time. I know that if my birthday is on the first or second of the month, then I can draw that month. Does that mean that when I turn 62 on Nov. 1 that I can receive my first check on the second Wednesday of November? And should I select November as the month I'd like my benefits to start? I also read that I would be paid the month following the month I select, hence my confusion.

Signed: Confused Senior

## Dear Confused

There are a few different Social Security rules, which come into play in your specific circumstance which are likely creating your confusion. First, since you will be 62 on Nov. 1, you will first become eligible for Social Security starting with the month of November.

Those born on the first or second of the month are eligible for benefits for that entire month, whereas those who turn 62 later in the month wouldn't be eligible for benefits until the following month. To claim benefits, you must be 62 for the entire month and, because your birthday is on the first, your first month being 62 for the entire month will be November and that is the month you should specify as your benefit-start month on your application.

The next thing to be aware of is that Social Security pays benefits in the month following the month those benefits are earned. That means that your November benefits will be paid in December. The exact payment date is determined by the recipients birthday – born before the eleventh of the month, SS payments are made on the second Wednesday; born between the eleventh and twentieth of the month, payments are received on the third Wednesday of the month and for those born after the twentieth of the month, payment is received on the fourth Wednesday.

Thus, since you were born on the first of the month and are claiming benefits to start in November, your first Social Security payment will be deposited in your bank account on the second Wednesday of December and all subsequent Social Security payments will be made on that same second-Wednesday schedule.

You can apply for your Social Security benefits up to 4 months prior to the month you wish them to start, and SS recommends you apply at least 2 months prior to allow time for processing your application. On the application, they will ask which month you wish your benefits to begin, and you can indicate November to get your earliest possible payment in December.

Actually, you can simply select the following option on the Social Security benefit application: "I want benefits beginning with the earliest possible month and will accept an age-related reduction," which will accomplish the same thing.

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## What I did (wrong) last summer

I always joke that gardeners are an optimistic lot.

We no sooner pick that last fruit and we are already thinking about next year's garden. Our goal may be to improve on our mistakes or simply try something new.

Mistakes do happen.

Often times it's because we run out of time to do everything we should, or we do this or that to simply "get it done."

Sometimes we underestimate or overestimate. Sometimes we are hopeful but not practical.

Read on to learn about my imperfectness this past summer.

Right now, I have 50, three-inch apples staring at me when I walk to my car. Had I thinned said apples I would have had 10-15 five-inch apples.

What's the big deal? It's likely I'd fill a basket to the same height, be it with three-inch or five-inch fruit.

Of course, we all like bigger apples, but it goes well beyond that. I learned that seed production really tires out the tree, so fewer apples would mean fewer seeds and a happier tree.

I'll have to be observant come spring. Will my tree be too tired to bloom next year or bloom well?

If I'm lucky enough to have fruit clusters, I will indeed thin out all but one fruit per cluster. Ordinarily you would save the biggest one, but if it has any insect damage, it's best to take off that fruit-let and save another.

Thinning is especially important in young trees. While it's hard to wait for trees to bear, it's best to leave only a few fruit early on so that energy can go to strong roots and developing a healthy scaffold of branches.

As I stare out the window just now, I'm reminded of another misstep. I did not deadhead my spent lilac blooms.

Not only do the blackish seed heads look ugly, I fear that I will lose some flowers because of it. Seed production comes into play here too in terms of the plant expending energy and then being too depleted to perform well the next year.

Pruning or deadheading lilacs can take place any time before July 1, not to sacrifice flowers for the following spring.

My winter squash production was abysmal this summer. I had soil tests done last fall and did I follow the recommendations to the T? No.

I was told that my nitrogen and phos-

phorus were low. While I amended the rows for individual crops like tomatoes and green beans, I neglected to amend the larger area within my garden in which I grew my cucumbers and squash.

Being frugal I added a little compost

to the rows (I was trying the row method and not the hill method this year) and called it done. The vines grew for a while, set a few fruit, then turned yellow.

Squash bugs overran.

I think I have three edible squash (actually I just checked and it's officially two!) from a 200 square foot area. The same area in year one, with fresh soil and no bugs yielded 50 fruit.

I was short on time and energy. Next year I will amend the soil per the test results.

The squash vine that has engulfed the chicken coop (not planted on purpose, mind you) is still lush and green, growing in all that nitrogen rich chicken fertilized soil. I only hope the two beautiful butter-nuts have a chance to fully ripen.

Another area in which I was lax was removing volunteer plants. I was so proud of my new perennial border, only to have many Cosmos seed themselves.

The bed was pretty enough but the tall cosmos through the whole design off. The Goldfinches were happy so that was a consolation, but next year they will have to be happy in another part of the garden where the Cosmos will be planted on purpose.

A long time ago someone told me the real definition of a weed: "a plant that grows where it is not supposed to regardless of whether it is a dandelion or a rose!"

I did do a few things correctly.

Planting a bed of carrots after the garlic was harvested was smart. They are ready for harvest and boy are they sweet now that colder temperatures have set in.

The succession of lettuce transplants I put in after the peas are also going strong. I am dreaming about next year already, despite my failures and I hope you are too!

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

## in the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid



## Letters to the Editor

## Love is Ageless

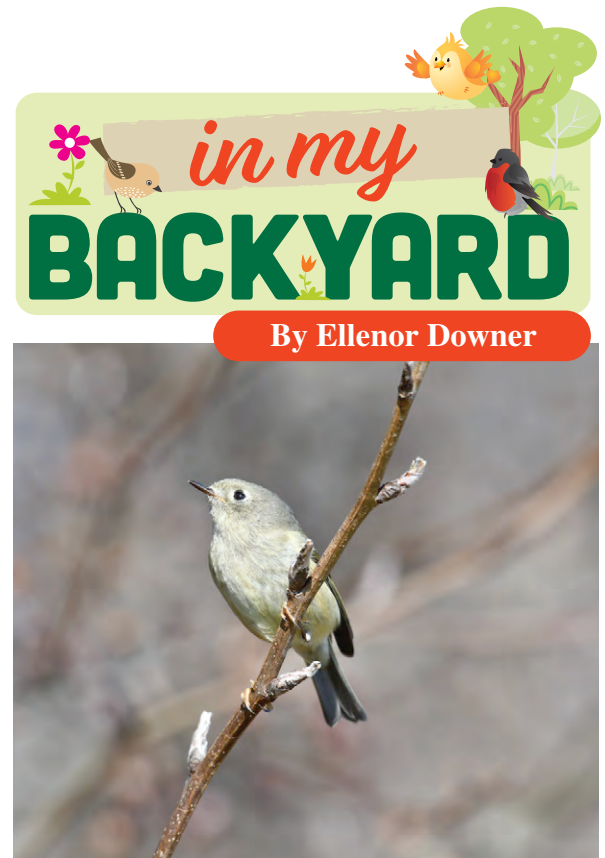
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Lindsay Doray

Second Chance Animal Services  
East Brookfield, MA

By Ellenor Downer

## Ruby crowned kinglet

I received an email from a Brimfield resident recently reporting the return of the dark-eyed juncos and the sighting of one ruby crowned kinglet.

The ruby crowned kinglet is a small bird of 4 1/4 inches. It is grayish green above with a white eye ring and two white wing bars. As the name implies, the male has a red patch on its head, which is usually concealed. The female lacks the red patch.

Kinglets feed on tips of branches by hovering and gleaning from leaves. They flick wings and chatter as they move. They eat insects, spiders and some fruit and seeds. They also drink tree sap. Kinglets summer in the coniferous woods of Canada and winter in the northeast and south in woods and brush edges.

The female kinglet lays five to 11 creamy white colored eggs with brown marks in a nest of mosses, twigs and lichens lined with fur and other fine materials.

In winter, kinglets are found in mixed flocks chickadees, titmice, woodpeckers, warblers and golden crowned kinglets. Their song is a series of descending high notes with three repeated phrases like "see see you you look-at-me look-at-me look-at-me."

The Brimfield resident said he had a flock of ten turkeys that show up occasionally. They were

in the yard recently and became nervous by one of the gray fox kits. The fox ignored the turkeys as it looked for something to eat under the sunflower/suet feeder.

## Feeding the birds not bears

The Brimfield resident said he tries to put out feeders all year, taking them down each night. He said if a bear shows up during the daytime, then he takes the feeders down for a week or so.

I was putting out my suet cake feeder during the day and taking it down before dark. It worked for awhile, but a bear came during the day and not only took the suet feeder down, but walked away with it. I am not putting out suet and will wait for the bears to hibernate. I bought another suet feeder to replace the one grabbed by the bear.

I do put a small amount of seeds in a tray feeder and another small cup feeder, which I used for mealworms during the day. I noticed the birds clean the feeders out quickly especially since I have bluejays coming to the feeder.

## Lots of wild turkeys

It seems almost everywhere I go I see wild turkeys often small flocks of Tom turkeys either along the side of the road, in a field or on someone's lawn. Several times I had to stop my car and wait for them to cross the road.

## Wren

I spotted a house wren in my yard recently. It had its tail cocked in the air as wrens typically do. I was foraging in the leaves.

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

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Trick-or-treaters have fun along Main Street on Halloween.



Residents might have thought they were seeing double on Halloween, but it was just two trick-or-treaters dressing alike.



Trick-or-treaters included everything from elegant princesses to animals on Main Street.



Families had fun on Halloween as children received treats from businesses and town offices.



Mat Wawrzyk, Monson's cemetery foreman, at Main Street Cemetery on Halloween.



Resident Franklin Centeno, 38, in a costume called "Big Baby."



Monson's Better Bean coffee house, bakery and sandwich shop at 186 Main St., from left, Emily Mills, Trish Kustra, owner Amanda Roy, and Camie Lemon, dressed up for the town's Halloween celebration.



Emily Mills and Camie Lemon behind the counter of Better Bean coffee house, bakery and sandwich shop on Monson's Main Street.



Monson Fire Chief Brian Harris on duty with firefighter/emergency medical technicians Jake Haley and Dwight Gregoire on Tuesday as the town celebrated Halloween.

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start with the candy." Volunteer cooks were parishioners Melody LaMountain, Derek Campbell and Dot Fillmore.

"I like giving back to the community and helping people; it makes me feel good," LaMountain said.

Festivities included Monson poet Charles Barnes reading sections of his 12-part poem, "The Pumpkin Road to Halloween," an excerpt as follows: "Godspeed to ye, mates, -- and, good sailing! . . . Whether in Plimoth or, on to Salem! An old wind blows across the world/And never more so than in this hour/ Where strangeness is the chill in the air/Like ghosts waiting for you there."

Asked about Monson's Oct. 31 community celebration, he said, "this is what makes the town -- not lost in abstractions: something real."

The Better Bean coffee house,

bakery and sandwich shop opened at 186 Main St. in July.

Amanda Roy, the owner, who grew up in town, said she previously owned Jolly Bean cafe in Plymouth, and that being back in Monson is wonderful.

"It's fun, all my old teachers come in," she said. "Business is doing really well." Roy said that "my 8-year old nephew Liam Roy came up with the name, Better Bean."

Monson Fire Chief Brian Harris was on duty with firefighter/emergency medical technicians Dwight Gregoire and Jake Haley. Harris, a lifelong resident said Halloween has always been special here, saying "I've been doing this since I was a kid."

"I love Monson," Franklin Centeno, 38, said. He dressed in a costume called "Big Baby."

Cemetery Commission Chair

Sarah McNamara-Pedder dressed as scarecrow with her daughter in a black, witch-like hooded robe and her son as an "alien invader," she said.

"I love that the town employees' dress up and hand out candy, she said.

Several town employees inside municipal office building dressed in bright yellow and black stripes, with wings.

"We're busy bees; we're all sweet as honey," Assistant Town Clerk Jo Sauriol said.

"We like to invite the young people to visit with us and share the spirit of Halloween," Monson resident and Town Administrator Jennifer Wolowicz said.

Each office had buckets of candy that they gave to children in handfuls.

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— Greg from West Springfield

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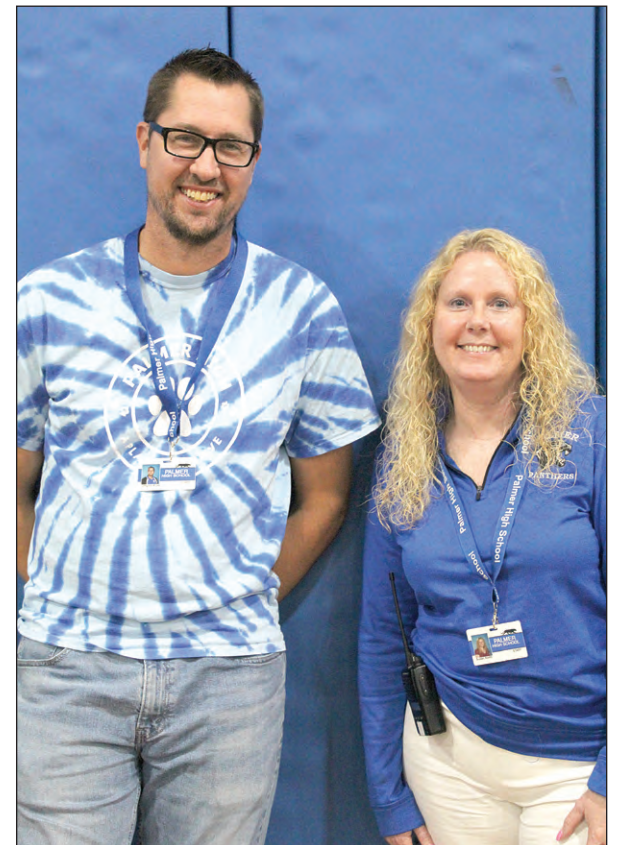
Palmer High School special education students Makala Carney, Andy Robare and Michelle Childs are all smiles in their school colors at the school pep rally.



Younger classmates participated in spirit week as a group, earning them one of the three recipients for best-dressed student.



The graduating Class of 2024 enjoy their last pep rally at Palmer High School.



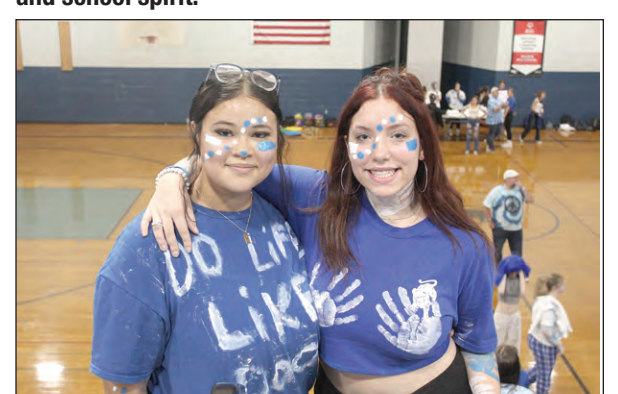
Teacher Gregory Koss and Principal Sue North are shown in blue tie-dye shirts in support of the students and school spirit.



The school recognized a number of sports teams at the beginning of the pep rally. Shown is the PHS unified basketball team.



The PHS cheerleading team is decked out in blue and white.



Ava Hunter and Liz Izquierdo share a photo before the pep rally kicks-off.



Students face off during an intense game of tug-of-war.



Seniors do their best to stay afloat while their competitors try to pull them across the red line in a mean game of tug of war.



Many students were "wiping out" and sliding around on the gymnasium floor, though some mastered the art of sprinting on their palms.



Students Donovan Rayleonard, Jenna Ghrear, Emily Mendrala and Ariana Messier are ready to participate in the annual pep-rally.



Students competed in a series of games during the pep rally. Students line up to participate in a "wheelbarrow" race, where they run on their hands from half court to the end and back.



The Palmer High School football team was one of many teams recognized at the start of Friday's pep rally. While the team eventually succumbed to Ware High School during their homecoming game on Saturday, the pep rally was an opportunity to raise school spirit high and come together as a community.



Special education student Hunter Simpkins is joined by his mom, teacher Kelly Simpkins, before the games begin.



Turley photos by Dallas Gagnon  
Shawn Troche Jr. is part of one of three groups of people to win best-dressed student for spirit week.



Students scrounge to collect the most balls. The winners of the competition are awarded bragging rights.

participate in spirit-raising activities throughout the week leading up to it.

After a week of various dress-up days, the school ended with "color day," asking that everyone wear their white and blue.

Faculty came prepared in blue and white custom tie-dye shirts, PHS hoodies and other school apparel.



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"wheelbarrow" race, "hungry-hungry hippo," and a cheering match to see which class had the most spirit.

Students could be seen sliding across the gymnasium floor in an attempt to walk fast on their hands from half court to full court and back. Despite a few tumbles, all students were unfazed and focused on earning bragging rights.

Although faculty did not compete in the pep rally games, they did par-

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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 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 Wicked Good Treats by Elaine. To place an order, visit the Baystate Wing Hospital Gift Shop Monday through Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on Friday 9:30 to 1 p.m., or call 413-370-8169.

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questions about Mr. McNutt's departure in an open meeting, as would be the case with any personnel matter," said Barry.

#### Public Comment

Citizens raised several concerns regarding the departure of McNutt.

Resident Roger Fortune said he has been active in government agencies for 25 years, and has "never seen anything like this before."

"I've never seen a place where you resign from a job and they pay you for it," said Fortune. "Fifty-five thousand dollars of our tax money, and what do we have to show for it?"

He said he believes the town's taxes have continued to increase with little economic development when compared with neighboring communities, including Belchertown.

Resident Chris Smith thanked McNutt for his service to the Palmer community and disagreed with Fortune regarding economic development.

She said she believes "Mr. McNutt was handed a plate of disarray when he came here by a former town manager, particularly with the sewage treatment plant."

She added that the sewage plant has been underway since 2017 and is still in the works.

"The board approved \$5 million in 2021, and it is almost up to \$8 million now," said Smith.

She said much economic development has been accomplished during McNutt's term, specifically noting projects completed on Thordike Street, Palmer High School and bleachers at Legion Field.

"There has been a lot of work that's been done by Mr. McNutt and I am very, very, sorry that his tenure has ended the way it has here," said Smith. "The last meeting I spoke about the contentious nature of this board, and I truly hold each one of you partially responsible for the dollars that we are going to spend on Mr. McNutt's departure."

She said that while she understands it was a resignation, she believes the way it has been handled was "awful," for res-

idents.

Resident Scott Day said that while McNutt has completed economic development projects during his term, Day believes the "issue was he didn't know how to speak to people."

Day said he believes things may have ended differently had McNutt "tempered himself," adding "he did do some good, but you have to have both. You have to know how to deal with people."

Resident Ruth Curtan suggested the Town Council "take a look at our surrounding seven towns and look at the salaries of these people before we make a decision as to how much we are going to pay our town manager."

She said Palmer is "not a wealthy community," and believes it is "very important we look at finances," as they search for a new town manager.

#### Town Manager search

The council agreed the search for a new town manager is time sensitive.

"We do have to move fairly quick on this," said Barry. "We have the option of either advertising or putting someone in."

The council approved advertising the position in the Massachusetts Municipal Association's online publication, The Beacon.

"The goal would be to try and get someone in here as an interim before the end of November," said Barry.

She added the council will also advertise on the town website as well as the Facebook page for a 10-day period.

The council motioned in favor of hiring a consultant to assist with the search and meet with the Collins Center, a state-contracted hiring consultant.

Council Vice-President, Jessica Sizer said "it is in the best interest of us that there is no conflict of interest, no bias; anything involved in the search process."

Council Clerk Robert Lavoie agreed hiring an agency was in the best interest of the council to deter bias as well as provide efficient time management.

## Students share first semester highlights

By Dallas Gagnon  
Staff Writer  
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MONSON – Monson School District students went before the School Committee to share some highlights of their first semester of the school year.

Superintendent Dr. Cheryl Clarke kicked off the meeting by recognizing Monson girls soccer athletes for their notable accomplishments, naming sophomore Hannah Murphy and 16-year-old Kendall Bodak.

Murphy was recognized for scoring her 100th goal in October, assisted by a pass from her sister Emma, who is a senior.

In a roster of 18 players selected from all across the United States, Bodak was selected to compete at the 2023 Pan American soccer games in Chile from Oct. 27 until Nov. 4.

"This is the first time since 2007 that U.S. soccer has sent a women's team to the Pan American games," said Clarke. "Eighteen young women were chosen from across the country, including our very own Kendall Bodak."

On Oct. 28, Bodak scored her first goal in the tournament, helping lead her team to the semi-finals against Chile after defeating Argentina 4-0.

#### Student report

A Monson High School student representative came before

the committee to provide an update on how the school year has been so far.

"We've had a lot of changes this year. A lot of great changes," said student representative, Sophia.

She said new Principal Arthur Murphy is "doing a fantastic job," adding students frequently see him around campus; "especially in the cafeteria."

She said the cafeteria always has a great atmosphere, is clean and students are very respectful of their surroundings as well as respectful of staff.

"Everyone is doing a really great job with that and Mr. Murphy is always around talking to everybody and making conversation with the students, which everybody really likes," said Sophia.

She also recognized the positive contributions of history teacher Bryan Griffing and teacher Georgia Perreault.

She said Griffing "has been doing a really great job connecting with students and teaching us."

Sophia added Perreault joined MHS last year and has been "really amazing; all the students love her."

She said Perreault has also stepped up to lead the Student Council and help organize pep rallies.

Two students from Granite Valley came before the committee

sharing their experiences so far. "Some exciting things this year that we've done so far are the PBIS carnival and the field trip. Everybody in the school was able to participate as long as they traded in 10 ROCKS tickets," said representative Lacey.

"You earn ROCKS tickets by showing respect, ownership, communication, kindness and scholarship," she said.

The second representative, Cayden, said the entire sixth grade went on a field trip to Springfield College earlier this year.

"We first went to the East campus and we got to know some of the students who were there," said Cayden.

The students played games with the college students focused on teamwork. Students then toured the main campus.

Lacey said there are many special events coming up at GV.

"We are looking forward to our Veterans Day assembly on November 9. We will be welcoming veterans to celebrate their service to our country," said Cayden.

#### In the classroom

Fifth-grade teacher Alyssa Darling, was joined by two students who shared their science projects with the committee.

The students shared an illustration of a nurse log.

Student Kelly said "we have been working on nurse logs. Nurse logs are fallen trees that

give life to other organisms."

She said in the classroom students made an initial model of what they believed was in, on and around nurse logs.

Then students were given an opportunity to look into a terrarium.

"In this terrarium, we had millipedes, water bugs, nurse logs and moss. We learned a lot during the semester," said Kelly.

She said her favorite part of the investigation was holding bugs and learning about nurse logs.

"In the terrarium we saw how bugs habitat and how they interact with nurse logs" said Kelly. "I also really loved the optional homework where we got to go in our yard to find nurse logs."

Another student said she initially thought the investigation was boring, but after interacting with the bugs and diving deeper into the project she found it more interesting.

"Once we started working with them I was able to learn it wasn't just a tree growing under another tree, but there were a lot of organisms living off of a dead log," said student Olivia.

She said once the investigation was completed, students went back and revised their original models of nurse logs.

"This was a very hands-on assignment and we all really enjoyed it," said Olivia.

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perience teaching RAD and the benefits of offering the program.

Staples has collaborated with Chicopee public schools and police departments.

"Chicopee has a RAD women's (program) in all different schools," said Staples. "They run it in their high schools and have it to the point where their health and PE teachers are certified to teach."

She said she believes every woman should go through the program because it teaches situational awareness, empowers them, teaches them how to avoid potentially dangerous situations, and how to handle situations from which they need to remove themselves.

"It's really empowering to learn that you can get yourself

out of situations that may not be safe for you," said Staples.

"(In the RAD women's program) you're talking about dating violence, you're talking about what is consent, what is your right and your body safety," she said. "It is a phenomenal program that gives a basis for women to go out into the world and to think smart."

Clarke said she believes it would be perfect in the district's health classes and would replace health for the eight-class duration of the program.

"It would be the ninth and 11th grade at the high school and fourth and sixth grades at Granite Valley," said Clarke. "Parents would be sent home with information and would have the ability to opt out. They are even invit-

ed to attend classes to observe."

Hull said the course is eight hours, with a six-hour classroom time and two hours of simulation at the end of the training.

For the simulation portion, students apply what they have learned to the instructor, who is covered in protective gear from head to toe.

Students would also be expected to wear protective equipment including padded hockey gloves and a helmet.

There are three RAD certified instructors in the Monson Police Department, including Hull, Student Resource Officer Mai Grover and Officer Christian Sykes.

"The entire program is going to be at the parents' discretion," said Hull.

When he first saw the curriculum he was floored by the amount of information that was put together that was "not intimidating or scary to the kids," though "you talk about the things that may not be comfortable or easy conversations," he said.

According to Hull, the addition of the course will not cost the school any additional funding as the town was previously awarded a gift from the town to support the efforts.

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## COMING SOON

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 Saturday, Nov. 4 and Sunday, Nov. 5 from 10 am to 4 pm 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. For more information please visit [www.monsonartscouncil.org](http://www.monsonartscouncil.org).

A BUTTON ROADSHOW will be held on Sunday, Nov. 5, at the Keep Homestead Museum on 35 Ely Road in Monson from 1 – 3:30 p.m. Button experts and deal-

ers Betty Korostynski and Lorna Slysz will appraise your buttons. Both are well versed in the identification and current pricing of buttons. There is no cost to attend, however donations will be accepted. Visitors are welcome to tour the museum, and light refreshments will be served. The Friends of Keep Homestead Museum meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m. following the Open House. For more information about the museum - visit [www.keephomesteadmuseum.org](http://www.keephomesteadmuseum.org).

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

## INTERESTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## CDC encourages getting a flu vaccine

SPRINGFIELD— The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend getting a flu shot by the end of October. But the Vaccine is still recommended to get even after that date.

"Whether we have a severe or mild flu season predicted should not matter when it comes to getting your flu shot. Everyone with some exceptions needs to get one," said Dr. Armando Paez, chief of Infectious Disease Division, Baystate Health.

The CDC recommends that everyone 6 months and older who does not have any conditions that may prevent them from getting flu vaccine, such as a prior reaction after receiving the flu vaccine, should be vaccinated now, preferably before the end of October. The flu vaccine composition for 2023-2024 has been updated to best match the flu viruses that are anticipated to be commonly circulating this season.

One-dose flu shots are appropriate for most people, with rare exceptions for children younger than 6 months of age and those with severe, life-threatening allergies to any ingredient in the flu vaccine or who have had a previous severe allergic reaction to a dose of flu vaccine. Some children ages 6 months through 8 years may require 2 doses. Flu vaccinations are

particularly important for those individuals at risk of severe illness and complications from flu.

These include older adults, residents of long-term care facilities, women who are pregnant, adults and children with a weakened immune system, and those with chronic medical conditions and obesity. Persons who live with or care for individuals at risk of severe infection such as healthcare personnel and others living in the home are also essential to be vaccinated.

For people 65 years and older, there are three preferentially recommended higher-dose or adjuvant flu vaccines: Fluzone High-Dose Quadrivalent vaccine, Flublok Quadrivalent recombinant flu vaccine and Fluvad Quadrivalent adjuvant flu vaccine. More information is available at <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/highrisk/65over.htm>.

Flu shots can be given at the same time as other vaccines, including the updated COVID-19 vaccine.

For more information on Baystate Health, visit [baystatehealth.org](http://baystatehealth.org) or for more information about Baystate Children's Hospital, visit [baystatehealth.org/bch](http://baystatehealth.org/bch).

## 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 Housing Works 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](http://www.wayfinders.org/introducing-western-massachusetts-housing-coalition) to learn more about the Western Massachusetts Housing Coalition.

## HCC welcomes new Taber Art Gallery director

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College is pleased to welcome Rachel Rushing as director of the college's Taber Art Gallery.

According to a press release, Rushing is originally from Louisiana, and is an interdisciplinary artist with a special interest in photography.

She comes to HCC by way of Dallas, Texas where she worked with the Nasher Sculpture Center to develop the Visitor Experiences program and manage special projects, such as the 2022 exhibition of CARNE y ARENA, a virtual reality exhibition written and directed by Academy Award winning Mexican filmmaker Alejandro González Iñárritu that integrates viewers into the true accounts of refugees in their journey across the southern U.S. border.

Rushing also founded and co-directed Sunset Art Studios, a social practice art gallery, residency, and studio in Dallas, Texas. She now lives in Holyoke.

"Hit the ground running" is an overused phrase, but it absolutely describes the energy Rachel's brought to the position," said Kim Hicks, dean of Social Sciences, Arts & Humanities. "In the brief time she's been at HCC, she's made connections with faculty, students, and the Holyoke Public Library, one of our most reliable community partners. She's mounted her first exhibit and has been working with the grants office on an application to the Holyoke Cultural Council. Rachel has been making things happen."

Rushing becomes only the second director since the gallery opened in 1998, succeeding founding director Amy Johnquest, who retired last spring.

"I'm really excited," she said. "Gallery work and working with artists is something I've always been really passionate about. I think galleries on college campuses are really important ways to connect students with the bigger art world."

Her first show as Taber director was an exhibition of photographs by John Leni Marcy titled "The City on Paper: Representations of Holyo Rican Life," which was curated and captioned by HCC students enrolled in Latinx Studies classes.

"I was thrilled to bring this project to HCC as my first exhibition as the Taber Art Gallery director," said Rushing. "It combines many of my goals as gallery director, particularly cross-departmental collaboration, community connection, and inclusion through multilingual content. I'm looking forward to the Taber becoming an active space for students and the broader Pioneer Valley community through contemporary art and programming that expands the imagination and invites connection and creative exchange."

The Taber Art Gallery, located off the lobby of the HCC Library on the second floor of the HCC Donahue Building, is free and open to the public Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. during regular school sessions.

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# Palmer High School Homecoming Dance



Maya Cushing and Bill Partelo share a photo in between songs.



Girls soccer players take a team photo in dresses and heels as opposed to cleats and jerseys.



Students take a break from dancing and share one another's company. On the left side, from front to back, are Gavin Smola, Charlotte Theriault, Loretta Petraszewicz and Rian Villareal. On the right side, from front to back, are Alex Young, Davian Motta and Kodah Laviolette.



Abigail White and Jacklyn McNally are some of many students dancing the night away under a string of lights.



Twins Dakota and Riley Natalino are celebrating their first homecoming dance.



Shawn Troche Jr., Shea Simpkins, Davian Motta and Andrew Haley share a group photo.



Party classics such as the Cupid Shuffle, Dougie and more helped set the tone for Saturday's dance.



Students are shown having fun and jamming out on the dance floor.



Staff and faculty share a photo in celebration of their collaborative efforts to support the annual homecoming dance. Shown from left to right are PHS Librarian Jennifer Sandoval, Assistant Principal Amy Herring, Principal Sue North, teacher Erik Brennan, paraprofessional Tracy Murphy and School Resource Officer Nate Pagan.



Salah Elsmalli, Rachearnies Tim, Jill Gula, Kylie Woodworth, Amhia Mcelreavy and Angelica Sychtyss join one another for a night of dancing.

Turley Photos by Dallas Gagnon



Abby Toelken, Abigail Labier and Mariah Loranger join one another in celebrating homecoming.



Alice Peabody, Lauryn Mayotte and Natalie Laroche are dressed their best in semi formal wear for the dance.



Sweethearts Fallon Lynch and Tyler Heyes are shown side by side.



Kaedyn Gelinas, Madelyn Roy and Katie Mendrala enjoy an event filled with friends, music and dance.



Brother and sister, Aiden and Athena Rodriguez, take a sibling photo while enjoying the evening's festivities.



Jayce McCaughey and Jaleel Roman share a photo at the homecoming dance.

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# Finding that forever home

*Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange helps children and families*

By Ryan Drago  
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NEWTON – If you're looking to start a family, adoption is always an option, and the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange is there to help.

MARE is a nonprofit organization that helps children currently in foster care find their permanent home. The process behind MARE is to give a child that goal of adoption.

MARE serves hundreds of children currently in foster care or in group homes. The children work with MARE to help connect with adults and families who are considering adoption.

MARE is all about keeping families engaged and providing resources to help complete the adoption process. Hundreds of children in need of their forever home include children that are in the age range of 6-12 and teenagers.

MARE supports children of color, sibling groups, teens,

LGBTQ+ youth, and children with medical needs.

The Executive Director of MARE is Bridget Chiaruttini, and she is proud to be a part of the organization that serves the purpose of finding homes for children.

A social worker by training, Chiaruttini has over 20 years of experience working with children in foster care and through adoption. To her, the work MARE does for children is essential.

"This work is so important. We invest in child welfare," said Chiaruttini.

In 2022, MARE served over 850 kids across Massachusetts. Currently, MARE has about 650 kids who are seeking permanent homes. About 40% of those children are over the age of 12.

As of now, the children MARE supports are in foster homes and group homes while they attend school. The organization works a lot with social workers and the Department of Children and Families to follow up with the children and see how their day-to-day living is going.

Throughout the year, MARE hosts events statewide to connect and support social workers, waiting children and prospective adoptive families. MARE wants the kids seeking permanent homes to be as

involved as possible in their process of looking for their forever home.

Activities include meet and greets, social gatherings and community events. The kids have the opportunity to make connections and be included in their own recruitment.

MARE helps the kids identify a family that works best for them. They encourage feedback to be given by the children in order to seek the chemistry that is or is not there.

Last year, MARE did 20 meet and greet events for the children and claim those activities make a huge difference in building connections between the children and the families who have the intention to adopt.

The community partnerships MARE develops are predominantly made in the Boston area. Events include activities at Jordan's Furniture, trampoline parks, outdoor courses, bowling, and other built-in activities.

As of 2023, MARE has been an organization for 66 years. It is the first adoption exchange not only in Massachusetts, but the first exchange in the U.S.

In the western region of Massachusetts, MARE has a partner hosted event in Springfield with DCF that provides helpful information. Those meetings take place at the DCF Western Regional Office in

Springfield.

Chiaruttini said there are a lot of children in foster care in the western region of the state.

MARE plans to provide more awareness for children seeking permanent homes in the region. However, they also find it essential to allow kids to stay in their familiar local communities as they tend to build close friendships while they are enrolled in local schools and live in local towns.

MARE consists of over 20 staff members. Their main office is in Newton, but staff are assigned to cover each region of the state, including Boston, Central, Western, Eastern and Northern.

Part of the MARE staff is Mary Liz Nogueras, the Outreach & Support Coordinator for Adoptive Families of Color. Nogueras has been in her current role for over a year and helps supporting families in the process of adoption.

Her role includes providing matching events for families of color and also supports, connections, and trainings for families wanting to adopt.

One of the trainings is through the Trust Based Relational Intervention. The training is for pre-adoptive and recently placed families to a series of Trauma Informed Parenting virtual trainings facilitated by Fos-

tering Hope's TBRI practitioners.

This is a small-group, practical training, and participants are asked to be available on camera throughout the session, if possible. This opportunity is intended for Massachusetts pre-adoptive families who have completed MAPP training or families recently placed.

Nogueras is familiar with the line of work MARE dedicates itself to doing as she is also a parent who adopted children. A mother of six children, Nogueras is proud to be a part of MARE and granting the goal of adoption to hundreds of children and families seeking to adopt.

In its last fiscal year, MARE served 119 children of color. It is fulfilling for MARE to serve children seeking the right families.

"We seek to identify safe and loving permanent homes," said Nogueras.

One beneficial program MARE provides is a weekend family connection. The program pairs youth ages 10 and older who are living in residential care with host families who are committed to actively incorporate the youth into their community and family life.

The goal of the program is to build connections for the youth that will ultimately result in the identification of an adoptive family, while allowing the youth to have a posi-



itive experience of family life.

Whether you're married, single or partnered individuals, you're welcome to adopt children from foster care. There are many great kids that will thrive in a family setting.

"We're very passionate about serving the kids and see every kid have some sort of permanency," said Nogueras.

It is most beneficial for families to hear shared experiences in person and participate in support groups to discuss early stages and final stages in the adoption process. MARE is an all-inclusive support organization that is dedicated to their mission of finding that forever home for children.

To get involved and learn more about MARE, visit their website at [www.mareinc.org](http://www.mareinc.org).



## Rivals enjoy camaraderie off the field

WARE – Football players, cheerleaders, coaches, school staff and family members all sat down for dinner at Teresa's Restaurant last Wednesday evening, to enjoy some food and fellowship before the most anticipated high school football game of the year.

Athletes from Ware and Palmer high schools, along with their coaches, put the almost 100-year old rivalry behind them for just as moment as they shared a meal and some laughs in preparation for this past Saturday's game.

Turley Photos by Paula Quimette  
Coaches from Ware High School and Palmer High School displayed the coveted football trophy during a dinner between the two teams held at Teresa's Restaurant prior to this past Saturday's game.

## Heritage 'Pops' Orchestra Christmas Party Dinner and Dance

LUDLOW – Celebrate the Christmas season with the big band sounds of the 19-piece Heritage "Pops" Orchestra with vocals by Ann Maggs on Dec. 15 at the Polish American Citizens Club on 355 East St.

The event includes hors d'oeuvres from 5:30-6:30 p.m., a grand buffet dinner by John Diotalevi at 6:30 p.m. and dessert. Music and dancing will occur from 7-10 p.m.

Advance tickets cost \$25 per person and are available at the PACC bar or by calling Bob at 413-636-7588 or calling Paul at 413-800-4164.

There will be a giant wood dance floor, a cash bar and a 50/50 raffle.

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**FOOTBALL**

## Panthers can't keep early ball movement going, fall to Ware



Dylan Doherty takes off for the right side.

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By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

WARE—The next man up is the motto of the Ware football team. Ware senior running back Talan Molina didn't play in the 97th meeting against archrival Palmer because of an injury, which occurred during pregame warm-ups. Molina was replaced in the backfield by sophomore Jadrien Berthiaume, who was slated to start last Saturday's contest at wide receiver.

Berthiaume made the most of his opportunity by scoring three rushing touchdowns in the first half. Senior fullback Kyle Safford also performed very well offensively, as the Indians rolled to a 49-7 victory over the Panthers before a large crowd at Veteran's Field, which is located behind Ware High School.

"Jadrien is only a sophomore, and he got his first real playing experience in a varsity football game today. He just stepped up and did a great job at running back," said Ware head coach Mike Fazio. "I also thought our offensive line did a very good job of blocking. Our whole team did a very good job in

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Quarterback Matthew Santos completes a pass early in the game.

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## Lady Panthers beat Ware twice in one week

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—In a span of 72 hours last week, Palmer sophomore forward Charlotte Theriault scored six goals and had two assists in two victories against archrival Ware.

Theriault, who has scored 50 goals this fall, scored two goals, and had two assists helping the Lady Panthers post a 5-1 win over the Lady Indians in the regular season finale, last Monday night. It was also Palmer's senior night.

Three nights later, Theriault scored four more goals, as the Lady Panthers dispatched the Lady Indians by the same final score in the Western Mass. Class D quarterfinals. Both matches

took place under the lights at historic Legion Field in Palmer.

"Charlotte Theriault is definitely one of the better soccer players in Western Mass., especially being only a sophomore," said Ware head coach Morgan Toelken following last Thursday night's contest. "We tried our best to stop her, but she's always going to get her opportunities. She also has an outstanding supporting cast around her."

While the Lady Indians (2-13-2) just squeaked into the Class D tournament as the eighth seed, they didn't qualify for the Division 5 state tournament. The four Ware seniors are Madisyn Davis, Mia DiRienzo, Ava Jeffery, and

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Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com  
Addison Peterson gets ready to receive the ball.

## Mustangs look for another sectional title

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

MONSON—Larry Tassinari Field, which is the home field of the Monson girls' varsity soccer team, was officially dedicated on October 11, 2017.

Over the past six years, the Lady Mustangs have only lost three matches on one of the best grass soccer fields in the state.

Playing in front of their faithful supporters, the top-seeded Lady Mustangs put on an impressive offensive display during the first 40 minutes of the Western Mass. Class C quarterfinals en route to an 8-0 victory against eighth-seeded Athol, last Wednesday afternoon.

"We played very well in today's game and we're now looking forward to playing another home

game in the semifinals," said Monson head coach Eric Degnan. "Our home field has always been kept in great shape and the players really enjoy playing here. The members of the Parks and Rec Department do a phenomenal job."

The Director of the Monson Parks and Rec Department is Tim Pascale, who has retired as the Lady Mustangs girls' varsity basketball coach.

The Lady Mustangs girls' soccer team, who entered this year's Western Mass. Class C tournament with a 15-0-1 overall record, captured the Class D title the past two years.

After dispatching fourth-seeded Drury, 7-1, in the semifinals, last Friday afternoon, the Lady Mustangs were scheduled to face

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**SOCCER**

## Monson boys soccer makes Class D title game



Trey Dillahunt catches up with a loose ball.

MONSON – The Monson High School boys soccer team went a disappointing 6-9-1 for the season. But their power ranking was good enough to qualify for the Western Mass. Class D Tournament. Now, thanks to a pair of wins, one 12-0 drubbing of Duggan followed by an impressive 3-1 win over Hoosac Valley, the Mustangs are 8-9-1 and were scheduled to face Granby for the Class D title earlier this week. With two more wins, Monson has the possibility of squeezing into the top 32 in Division 5. They were ranked No. 35 with seven wins, but the final standings determined earlier this week will determine if Monson is able to make it into the state tournament for the first time.



Alex Young gets around a defender.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com  
Benjamin Pignone sends a free kick away.

**SOCCER**

## Pathfinder boys fall in opening round to Mahar

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—For the third consecutive year, the Pathfinder Tech boys' varsity soccer team qualified for the Western Mass. tournament, the small school's vocational tournament, and the Division 5 state tournament.

The postseason tournament didn't start out very well for the fourth-seeded Pioneers, who suffered a 4-0 home loss to fifth-seeded Mahar Regional of Orange in a Class C quarterfinal home match, last Thursday afternoon.

"We really deserve to be in all three tournaments," said Pathfinder Tech head coach David Wilson.

"We didn't show up in today's game. I knew that this was going to be a difficult match-up for us because Mahar's regular season schedule is a little bit stronger than ours. We did play very well in our final regular season game at Athol on Tuesday night, but it just didn't carry over into today's game."

The Pioneers (13-4) finished the regular season with a five game winning streak, which includes a 1-0 win at Athol.

"We only beat Athol, 1-0, but we had a lot more shots on goal than they did," Wilson added. "It was the most lopsided 1-nil game that I've been a part of in a very

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# Warriors take down Belchertown for win

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN—Following a three-game losing streak in September, the Tantasqua girls' varsity soccer team outscored their next nine opponents 27-1.

The Lady Warriors wrapped up the regular season with a non-league 3-0 shutout victory at Belchertown High School on October 23.

"We were in a little bit of a funk when we lost to Grafton, Auburn, and Northbridge, in the middle of the season," said Tantasqua head coach Matt Rickson, whose squad entered the post-season tournament with a 13-3 overall record. "Since that time, we've been on a roll. We won our ninth game in a row tonight."

Overall, the Lady Warriors posted 11 shutouts during the regular season.

Senior goalie Elizabeth Thompson, who played the entire match against the Lady Orioles, normally splits playing time with classmate Grace St. Laurent. Thompson was credited with a total of eight saves.

"This is the first game all season that I didn't make a goalie change," Rickson said. "Both of our goalies are very strong. Elizabeth was on point in tonight's game, so I decided not to make

a change. She made a couple of quality saves."

The Lady Orioles (7-5-4) entered the senior night match having tied their previous four matches.

The Belchertown seniors, who were honored in a pregame ceremony, are Michaela Dubey, Mattingly Marques, Emalee Chaisson, Briana Haley, Olivia Corbin, Madison DaCosta, Madysen LePage, Brooke Burrows, and Keira Ryan.

"Every player in our soccer program has made an impact," said Belchertown head coach Kyle Thibeault. "It was nice to honor our seniors before the start of the game."

Dubey was the Lady Orioles starting goalie on senior night. She usually splits playing time with junior Jillian DeBarge, but she played the entire match.

When the two teams faced each other a year ago on Tantasqua's turf field, the contest ended in a scoreless tie.

It didn't take the Lady Warriors very long to score their first goal of the match following the pregame ceremony.

After receiving a pass from senior Eleanor Colati in the fourth minute, junior Lili Shiers, who's the Lady Warriors leading scorer, lined a breakaway shot into the back of the net past Dubey (2 saves).

"I just felt really good after scoring the first goal of the game," Shiers said. "Belchertown is a very good team, but we were able to come away with a victory. It's a lot of fun playing for this soccer team."

A couple of minutes later, Dubey made a key save on a free kick taken by junior Elanor LeLand, which kept the score at 1-0.

During the final twenty minutes of the first half, the home team had a couple of scoring chances on shot attempts from junior's Fallon Clancy and Mia Corish, but the Lady Warriors were still leading 1-0 at halftime.

"I thought we had a couple of chances in the first half," Thibeault said. "If we do score a goal, it changes the momentum. We allowed a couple of goals in the second half, which made it challenging for us."

Less than five minutes into the second half, a goal by senior Eve Van Wickler, which was assisted by sophomore Hayden O'Malley, gave the Lady Warriors a 2-0 lead.

In the 72nd minute, Shiers had another breakaway opportunity, but this time her shot attempt sailed wide of the net.

A couple of minutes later, Shiers, who joined the varsity soccer team as a freshman, lofted a shot into the net for her second goal of the game, which sealed

the deal for the visiting team.

Following the match, Shiers received the player of the match trophy from her head coach.

"Lili played very well in tonight's game," Rickson said. "We have a lot of talented players on this team and she's definitely one of them."

The anchor of the Lady Warriors defensive unit is senior Tess Chevalier. Their other starting defenders are senior Nicki Vejack, junior Kaydie O'Neil, and senior Gabby Scanlon.

The Lady Warriors entered the Central Mass. Athletic Directors Association Class A tournament as the third seed. They defeated sixth-seeded Marlborough, 4-1, in a home quarterfinal match before losing at second-seeded Algonquin, 1-0 in the semifinals.

The Lady Orioles were also the third seed in the Western Mass. Class B tournament. They posted a 5-0 home shutout versus sixth-seeded Southwick in the quarterfinals and were scheduled to play at second-seeded South Hadley in the semifinals on Monday night. The winner of that contest were slated to face top-seeded Pope Francis in the Western Mass. finals.

Both soccer teams will also be playing in the Division 3 state tournament.

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## Athlete of the Week

**NAME:** Jake Beaupre  
**SCHOOL:** Monson  
In the quarterfinals of the Western Mass. tournament, Beaupre had an astounding six goals scored against Hampden Charter.

To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to [gscibelli@turley.com](mailto:gscibelli@turley.com).

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Hunter White skips looking for a seam to run through.

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today's game."

Ware, who completed the regular season with a perfect 8-0 record, has a 49-43-5 overall lead in the rivalry series, which began in 1925. The Indians, who also captured the Intercounty North title, have won the last seven games and ten of the past eleven against the Panthers (1-7).

Safford and Molina, along with classmates Noah Fales, Dominic Guardino, Ayden Young, Kyle Gordon, and Jacob Witt didn't lose a game to Palmer during their high school football careers.

"Winning every football game that we've played against Palmer is definitely a great feeling," said Safford while holding onto the Palmer-Ware trophy, which is shaped like a football. "Winning this trophy again really means a lot to us. Hopefully, we can continue winning this game in the following years."

Safford contributed with two rushing touchdowns, and he also caught two TD passes from junior quarterback Brady Dyer, who started his first game against Palmer.

"The linemen just did a great job of opening the holes for the running backs," Safford added. "Those guys really deserve a lot of credit."

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

"It takes a whole team effort for us to score a touchdown," said Gordon, who has been a member of the Indians football team since the eighth grade. "One player can't make all the plays. It always feels great to beat Palmer. We want to win this game every year."

The 49 points are the most points scored by either team in the rivalry game since Ware posted a 46-0 victory in 1992.

The last time that Palmer beat Ware on the gridiron was in

2015 by the final score of 14-6. Former Palmer QB Ryan McCarthy rushed for a total of 194 yards and scored a pair of rushing touchdowns in that contest. The Panthers also defeated the Indians five times between 2005 and 2011.

"We're a young team this year," said Palmer head coach Matt Marciniak. "We're just trying to get better as a team in every game that we play."

The seniors listed on the Panthers football roster, who were looking to celebrate a victo-



Abdrew Haley looks to make a tackle.

ry in the series for the first time, are Andrew Menard, Tanner Kirk, Osvaldo Nieves Jr., Karter Benoit, Peiwihiet Tim, and Andrew Haley.

"I do feel bad for the seniors," Marciniak said. "I wish that those guys could've held the trophy at least one time, but we just need to play better. We're hoping to win our final three games of the season."

The Indians won the coin toss and deferred until the second half, which meant the Panthers received the opening kickoff.

Under the direction of soph-

omore quarterback Matt Santos, the Panthers marched down the field on their first offensive possession. The visitors picked up a first down on a six yard reverse play by freshman tight-end Dylan Holbrook. A couple of plays later, Santos scrambled for ten yards picking up another first down, which moved the ball into Ware territory. Santos also completed an 18-yard pass over the middle to Benoit, who was tackled at the 32.

Two plays later, Ware junior Gavin Sawabi recovered a fumble, and it took the home team three plays to go 66 yards.

Berthiaume gained four and six yards on the first two plays.

Holbrook made the extra point.

The Indians headed to the locker room with a comfortable 42-7 halftime lead, as Dyer connected with Safford for an eight-yard TD pass with five seconds left on the scoreboard clock.

With 25 seconds remaining in the third quarter, the duo hooked up again. This time, Dyer threw a screen pass to Safford, who scrambled into the endzone completing the 26-yard scoring play.

With the Indians holding a 49-7 lead, the fourth quarter was running time and the Indians j.v. unit got some playing time.

The Indians will be playing another important home game on Friday night. They entered the Division 8 state playoffs, as the fifth-seed and are scheduled to host 12-seeded Randolph in the round of the 16. It's a rematch of the 2021 round of 8 game, which was won by Randolph 16-10 at Veteran's Field. Randolph wound up winning the Division 8 Super Bowl that season.

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Palmer will be playing a couple of non-playoff games before facing rival Ludlow for the 76th time on Thanksgiving morning.

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Gavin Smola makes a block.

of filling in for Talan in today's game," Safford said. "When one player goes down, we have a lot of faith in the next player to take his spot. We have back-ups at almost every position."

At the end of the first quarter, Safford scored his first touchdown on a 10-yard power run up the middle.

Berthiaume scored his third rushing touchdown three minutes into the second quarter on a 40 yard dash into the end zone.

The Indians, who didn't have to punt until the fourth quarter, built a 35-0 lead following a Safford 90-yard touchdown run with 6:41 left in the first half.

After the Panthers were forced to punt for the third time, Haley recovered a fumble at the Indians 13.

On a fourth and one play, Santos completed a four-yard touchdown pass to sophomore running back Dylan Doherty with two minutes remaining in the half.

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Emily McGrail.

"This is a very good senior class," Toelken said. "The seniors really wanted to go a little bit farther in this tournament."

The Lady Panthers have held the edge in the rivalry series during the past several seasons.

"This is a very big rivalry game," said Celso Sandoval, who has never lost to Ware as the Palmer girls varsity coach. "The Ware players always play very hard against us. You just want to end up on top whenever you play Ware in any sport."

Not only were the top-seeded Lady Panthers (9-7-1) hoping to capture a Western Mass. title, but they're also hoping to make a run in the Division 5 state tournament, which begins this week.

The five Palmer seniors, who were honored in a ceremony before the start of last Monday's match, are Fallon Lynch, Nyela Dupre, Grace Burke, Jordan Bigda, and Vanessa Baer.

"All five of the seniors are very good soccer players," Sandoval said. "The younger players on the soccer team just want to be like them."

It didn't take the Lady Panthers, who outshot the Lady Indians, 32-7, very long to take a 1-0 lead in the Class D quarterfinal match.

During the third minute of the opening half, Theriault received a pass from Burke before firing a set shot into the upper right corner of the net past Ware junior goalie Abigale McQuaid, who made a total of 27 saves.

"Ware had a very good gameplan," Sandoval said. "After we took a 1-0

lead, they locked us down for a long time before we were able to put another shot into the back of the net."

Theriault scored her second goal of the match with less than ten minutes remaining in the opening half. This time, she fired a shot from the top of the box that sailed over McQuaid's head into the back of the net. Junior Jayda Pardo was credited with the assist.

"Charlotte played another outstanding game tonight. She's a very special soccer player," Sandoval said. "Our defense also played very well."

Holding a 2-0 halftime lead, Palmer received an early Christmas present seven minutes into the second half.

A shot attempt by Theriault deflected off a Ware defender and the ball bounced into the net.

The match was then delayed for about 15 minutes following a leg injury to Palmer junior Loretta Petraszewicz, who was taken to the hospital by ambulance.

Palmer's final two goals were scored by Theriault and junior midfielder Ava Przybycien.

With a little more than ten minutes remaining in regulation, DiRienzo blasted a shot into the net past junior goalie Abrey Boucher (8 saves). McGrail was credited with the assist.

Theriault recorded another hat-trick in the Lady Panthers, 4-1, victory over fifth-seeded Smith Academy in the Class D semifinals, which was also held at Legion Field, last Saturday morning.

Palmer was scheduled to face second-seeded Granby in the Western Mass. finals at Springfield Central on Tuesday night.

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long time."

Pathfinder's lone goal against Athol was scored by junior Evan Costa in the first half. It was Costa's team-leading 29th goal of the season. The only other Pathfinder Tech player who has scored ten or more goals this season is senior Riley Sanderson.

In the Western Mass. Class C quarterfinal game, the Mahar Senators built a 3-0 lead during the first twenty five minutes of the contest.

The first two Senators goals were scored by senior Dominic Whitman.

Mahar senior Lucas Isrow, who assisted on the first two goals, fired a shot into the right corner of the net past Pathfinder senior goalie Richie Gula (4 saves) during the 23rd minute.

Four minutes into the second half, a free kick goal by senior Xander Dowler gave the visiting team a 4-0 lead.

Pathfinder had a couple of shots on goal during the second half by junior Talon Clark and Sanderson, but they couldn't break the ice.

The Pioneers weren't shut out

during the regular season.

"It's a little bit disappointing being shut out on our home field," Wilson said. "We didn't have very many shots on goal."

The Pioneers were scheduled to play at Keefe Tech in the semifinals of the small school vocational tournament on Tuesday afternoon.

"We played Keefe Tech in last year's semifinals at Legion Field," Wilson said. "They're a skilled team and they beat us 3-1. We'll be looking for a little bit of revenge. These boys deserve to play in a final."

The Pioneers beat Cape Cod Tech, 3-2, in penalty kicks in a Division 5 preliminary round game last November. They then lost to fourth-seeded Gardner, 5-1, in the round of 32.

The other two Pioneers seniors listed on this year's varsity soccer roster are Kenny Brouillette, and Basem Yaseen.

The pairings for the state tournament were scheduled to be released on at 1pm on Wednesday.



# Candlepin League News

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## Tuesday Night Commercial Elks League

As of Oct. 17, Compression is the #1 seed in the Tuesday Night Commercial Elks league at Diamond Junction.

The first round of the season will end on Nov. 14 and several teams are trying to catch up to Compression, who are standing with 20 wins. In second place, Acres has 18 wins with The Champs R Here and the Blue B's tied for third place with 16 wins.

In one match, Champs R Here went up against Life is Good. In game one, Life is Good defeated the Champs by a score of 400-393. In game two, the Champs rallied and won by a score of 405-366.

Taylor Colkos and Steve Manolakis of the Champs carried the team by scoring 115 and 118.

In game three, Life is Good won by a score of 410-384. Jeff

Knights of Life is Good scored a 107 game.

For total pinfall, The Champs won by a final score of 1182-1176. Both teams won two points.

Blue B's bowled against Last in Line. In game one, Blue B's won a close game by a score of 345-340. In game two, Last in Line won by a score of 383-350.

Jeremy Laduke of Last in Line scored 111, and Vinny Navarro of Last in Line scored 107. In game three, Last in Line and Blue B's tied at 346.

For total pinfall, Last in Line won by a final score of 1069-1041.

The #2 seed Acres went up against the #5 seed Team BK. In game one, BK won by a score of 377-357. In game two, Acres bounced back by taking the second game by a score of 382-373.

Kenny Trudel of Acres and Mark Fitzpatrick of BK were the high scorers on their teams, and both scored 110. In game three, Acres won a close game by a

score of 369-360.

The total pinfall was close as BK managed to take total by just two pins in a final score of 1110-1108.

Compression bowled solo against their average and managed to sweep all four points and maintained their #1 spot.

The Commercial Elks league will be taking Oct. 31 off and will return on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

## Thursday Night Mixed League

The Thursday Night Mixed League bowled their final league night in October.

In one match, Team One bowled against Team Four. In game one, Team Four won by a score of 409-384. In game two, Team Four won by a score of 416-404. In game three, Team One was victorious by a score of 413-401.

Team Four won total pinfall by a final score of 1226-1201.

Another match featured Team Six bowling against Team Two. In game one, Team Six won

by a score of 409-378. In game two, Team Six won by a score of 432-418.

Donna Danek of Team Two broke the century mark by scoring a 109 game.

In game three, Team Six won to sweep the night by a score of 426-414. Donna Danek scored 102 the third game and Danny Fennyery of Team Two scored a 108 game in the third. Team Six took total pinfall by a final score of 1267-1210.

Team Five bowled against Team Three. In game one, Team Five won a close game against Team Three by a score of 403-397. In game two, Team Five continued keeping the match close by winning 439-429.

Jesse Danek of Team Three lead the team by scoring a 115.

In game three, Team Three won the third and final game by a score of 401-397. The match was close the entire night, but Team Five won total pinfall by a final score of 1239-1227.

# Football seeds released

Belchertown, Chaug, Ware, South Hadley head for tournament

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It has not been easy going for teams from the West and Central region of the state to make the 16-team state tournament since its inception in 2021.

For the third straight year, only a small handful of Western Mass. teams will make the eight 16-teams fields.

Among those heading for the tournament will be Minnechaug, Belchertown, Ware, and South Hadley.

For the third time, Minnechaug qualified for the Division 3 tournament. The Falcons went 5-2 on the regular season. Minnechaug qualified as the No. 14 team, but could have done better had it not lost a game on its schedule early in the season. The Falcons were scheduled to play West Springfield in Week 1, but severe thunderstorms on Sept. 8 forced the cancellation of the

game. Attempts were made to make up the game as late as Monday, Sept. 11, but more severe weather nipped that plan, and the Falcons only played seven games in the regular season. Minnechaug will be traveling to No. 3 Milton for the first round.

Belchertown is a first-time qualifier to the state tournament. Belchertown received the No. 14 seed in Division 5 with a 7-1 record. The Orioles travel to No. 3 Shawheen Valley Tech on Nov. 3 at 7 p.m.

In Division 7, South Hadley qualified at No. 14 with a 7-1 record. The Tigers made the state tournament for the second time and head for West Bridgewater, the third-seeded team.

Ware makes the state tournament in Division 8 for the third time. Ware was a perfect 8-0 and they will hold the No. 5 seed and host No. 12 Randolph on Friday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m.

Not making tournament despite positive records are Agawam and Pathfinder. Chicopee, Palmer, Ludlow, Chicopee Comprehensive, and Holyoke join them and will be in nonplayoff games for Week 9 and 10.

# T-Birds even record with wins over Bruins

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (4-4-0-0) came back from two separate third-period deficits to knock off the Providence Bruins (1-3-1-2) on Sunday at the Amica Mutual Pavilion in a 3-2 overtime victory.

Vadim Zherenko got the starting nod and was up to par in the first, blocking aside all 14 Bruins shot attempts, including a calm breakaway stick save against Justin Brazeau in the opening minutes. Brandon Bussi was not tested much at all in period one, as the second-year Providence goalie only needed to make four saves in the opening 20 minutes.

After a chaotic first period that featured no goals but a combined eight penalty infractions, the Bruins finally broke the 0-0 tie with their fourth power-play goal in three games against Springfield. Reigning AHL All-Rookie Team member Georgii Merkulov netted the tally with a wrist from the right circle at the 7:41 mark of the middle period, his second of the year.

The complexion of the game may have changed just past the midpoint of regulation when Sam Bitten dropped the gloves before a puck drop with Trevor Kuntar, drawing a huge ovation from his teammates on the bench. While Bitten and Kuntar would be given game misconducts for the fight, the shots and chances heavily leaned in Springfield's favor from that point forward.

2:43 into the final period, Bitten's scrap had its first tangible effect when Drew Callin took a feed from Mathias Laferrriere in the trapezoid and wrapped it home through Bussi to tie the score, 1-1.

More adversity loomed just nine seconds later, though, as Justin Brazeau scorched a slap shot into the top shelf from the right circle, and Providence had restored its lead, 2-1.

Despite the quick counter by the Bruins, the T-Birds continued to play with confidence, and in a period where they outshot Providence 18-7, Mikhail Abramov found a soft spot in the slot area to deflect a Calle Rosen wrist shot over Bussi to make it a tie game again, 2-2, with 9:34 remaining in regulation.

The T-Birds' penalty kill then had the pressure on its shoulders after Austin Osmanski inadvertently cleared a puck out of play, forcing Springfield into a delay-of-game minor with just over five minutes to play. The PK picked up their teammate, and after nothing was settled in the closing minutes, the two rivals went to overtime, Springfield's first extra-time game of the season.

In the 3-on-3 session, Abramov helped complete the comeback when he peeled off at the right-wing boards, drawing the attention of two defenders. Meanwhile, Dylan Coghlan sneaked down the left side to receive a rink-wide pass and snap a wrist perfectly off the post and in to win it at the 1:38 mark of overtime, 3-2. It was Coghlan's second straight game with a goal.

Zherenko earned his third win in four starts by virtue of his 25 stops, while Bussi turned away 33 in the losing effort for Providence.

The T-Birds embark on yet another 3-in-3 on Friday night as they welcome the Belleville Senators to the MassMutual Center for a 7:05 p.m. puck drop.



Emma Murphy guides the ball up the field.



Keeper Emily Provost dives on the ball.



Hannah Murphy sends a long kick away.



Avery Beaudoin heads the ball.

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second-seeded Mt. Greylock in this year's Class C finals at Agawam High School on Wednesday night.

It was Monson's first ever meeting on the soccer pitch with Athol.

"We really didn't know very much about Athol because we hadn't played them before," said Monson senior midfielder Aniah Myrie. "We took an early lead and it's a good way to start the tournament."

Any thoughts the Bears (12-2-2) might've had about pulling off an upset victory, didn't last very long.

The Lady Mustangs first goal of the quarterfinal match was scored by senior midfielder Ciara Monaghan following a corner kick during the seventh minute.

The ball was booted from the right corner by senior midfielder Lynzie Bailey, and it landed in front of Monaghan near the far post. She finished off the scoring

play by putting the ball into the net past Athol eighth grade goalie Avalynn Adams (8 saves).

"Lynzie and Ciara have had a very good connection on our corner kicks during the past couple of years," Degnan said. "It's always very important to score the first goal."

Monaghan put her name in the record books after recording her 100th career point in the regular season finale at Northampton.

"That was a very exciting game for me," said Monaghan following the quarterfinal win.

"It was something that I've been working towards since the start of the season. I wouldn't have been able to accomplish it without the help of my teammates because most of my points have been assists. My 100th career did come on a corner kick goal, which was like my goal in today's game."

Monaghan has accumulated more than 20 assists in each of the past three seasons.

"For me, assists are something that just happens," she said. "We just work very well together

as a team."

Monaghan and Myrie are the only two remaining Monson players who have lost a home game. That took place against Hampshire Regional, who posted a 1-0 win at Tassinari Field on October 24, 2019. It was also their last regular season loss.

"This is a beautiful soccer field, and we always play very well here," Monaghan said. "We always have a lot of fans up here and we're very comfortable playing on this field."

"I've been playing soccer games here since the eighth grade and this is a very special field to us," Myrie said. "I really don't remember our last home loss."

During the 13th minute, Athol had a chance to tie the score, but a shot attempt by freshman Hannah Cardoso sailed wide.

The Lady Mustangs, who outshot the Bears, 26-1, during the first 40 minutes, took a 2-0 lead when sophomore forward Hannah Murphy, who also recorded her 100th career point earlier this season, fired a low

shot into the back of the net for an unassisted goal.

Then two goals by junior midfielder Addie Peterson, which were sandwiched around another goal by Bailey gave the home team a 5-0 lead in the middle of the opening half.

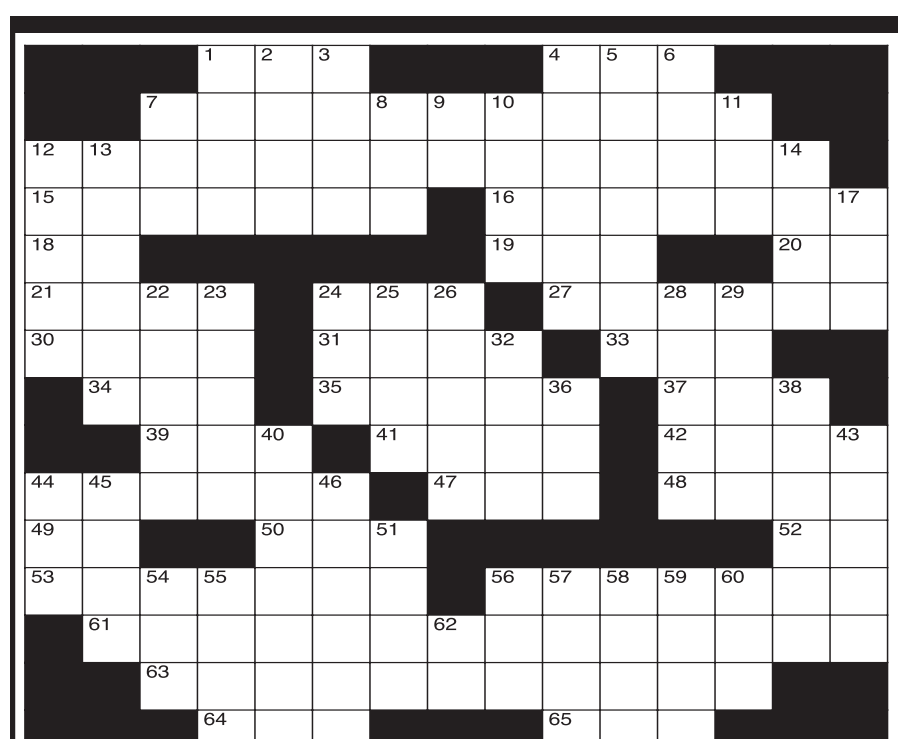
Monson's final two goals of the first half were scored by Myrie and Murphy.

Junior midfielder Natalie Hull capped off the Lady Mustangs scoring in the quarterfinal win with an unassisted goal early in the second half.

Down at the other end of the field, Monson junior goalie Emily Provost didn't make any saves. She was replaced in goal by freshman Chelsea Hull in the middle of the second half.

Murphy posted a hat-trick in the Class C semifinal victory against Drury.

The Lady Mustangs defeated Mt. Greylock, 3-1, in the Western Mass. Class D. finals a year ago.



- CLUES ACROSS**
- A way to drop
  - Bits per inch
  - Ghosts
  - Presents
  - Noises
  - Honorable fourth name in ancient Rome
  - Elevated railroad
  - A way to drench
  - The Tarheel State
  - Lilly and Manning are two
  - Where golfers begin
  - Harvester
  - Unit of subjective loudness
  - Jewish calendar month
  - Dash
  - Armed conflict
  - Daisy \_ : Broadway actress
  - Jump
  - Get free of
  - A written proposal or reminder
  - Organic chemistry reactive structure
  - African country
  - Cool!
  - Used to treat Parkinson's disease
  - \_ route
  - Ed Murrow's home
  - Lethal dose
  - Give cards incorrectly
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  - Famed R.L. Stevenson novel
  - In an incisive way
  - Mark Wahlberg's screen partner
  - Criticize
- CLUES DOWN**
- Mountain in the Julian Alps
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  - Trade agreement
  - Larger
  - Edged
  - Data
  - Something curved in shape
  - Root mean square (abbr.)
  - Farm state
  - Pre-1917 emperor of Russia
  - Short-term memory
  - Indigenous peoples of central Canada
  - Honor as holy
  - Monetary unit of Samoa
  - Company that rings receipts
  - City in Finland
  - Small finch
  - Arctic explorers (abbr.)
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  - Very willing
  - Partner to "oohed"
  - Turntable
  - Major Hindu deity
  - Move head slightly
  - Plain-woven fabric
  - Die
  - Shipped as cargo
  - Something highly prized
  - Individual thing or person
  - Humbled
  - Speak indistinctly
  - No seats available
  - Financial obligation
  - Green vegetable
  - Tough outer skin of fruit
  - \_ Spumante (Italian wine)
  - Troubles
  - Singer Charles
  - Camper



DEATH NOTICES

Diane Laviolette, 83
Died on Oct. 27, 2023
Services Nov. 6, 2023
Marinella Funeral Home

Candace J. Young
Died Oct. 25, 2023
Lombard Funeral Home

Daniel H. Wiesner
Died Oct. 25, 2023
Services were Nov. 1, 2023
Lombard Funeral Home

The Journal Register
OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.
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Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

O B I T U A R I E S

Candace J. Young, 1944-2023

MONSON — Candace J. (Crawford) Young, 78, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023. Candace was born in Gardner, MA on Nov. 15, 1944 to the late Carlton R. and Lottie J. (Simpson) Crawford. She was a graduate of Athol High School and has been a resident of Monson for many years. Candace retired from Quaboag Transfer after 24 years as a dispatcher. She was a member of the First Church of Monson, Congregational and belonged to the Hearts Willing Women's group and was a member of the Christian Education Committee.

enjoyed playing golf, cooking, and most of all spending time with family, especially her grandchildren.

Candace was predeceased by her husband Robert S. Young in 2019 and her daughter Heather (Young) North in 2012. She leaves her son, Christian Young and his wife Jennifer of Monson; sisters, Karen Dirico and her husband Dennis of Yarmouth Port and Carol Torchia and her husband Joe of Orange; three grandchildren, Ashley North, Jack Young, Alex Young and her niece, Kasey Torchia.



Services have been entrusted to Lombard Funeral Home of Monson. A visiting hour was held Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2023 with a funeral service at the funeral home. Burial followed at Hillcrest Cemetery in Monson. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to First Church of Monson, Congregational 5 High Street Monson, MA 01057.

For on line condolences please visit www.lombardfuneralhome.com

O B I T U A R I E S

Diane Laviolette, 83

Diane Laviolette, 83, of Little Egg Harbor, NJ, passed away peacefully on October 27, from Dementia and breast cancer.

Born to Leopold and Mary Laviolette, she graduated from Palmer Highschool 1958, and attended Pratt Institute of Technology in New York to study design.

She was a thirty year employee of Bloomingdale's in New York. She also lived in New York for fifty-eight years before moving to New Jersey. She was also an accomplished Tap and Ballet dancer.

She is survived by her Brother Paul and his Wife Hedy living in South Carolina, a Niece Stacy and her husband Michael DeRose, their children Sara, Emily and Mary from New Jersey, Nephew Paul and his wife Jessica, and their children, Krista, Julie and Kim-ber from Florida.

Family and friends are invited to attend her graveside service Monday, November 6,



2023 at 10:30 am in St. Thomas Cemetery 1076 Thorndike St. Palmer, MA 01069. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to St. Jude's Hospital for Children https://www.stjude.org/donate.

Arrangements entrusted to the Marinella Funeral Home Hammon-ton, NJ. To share a condolence, please visit marinellafuneral-home.com

Daniel H. Wiesner, 1932-2023



PALMER — Daniel H. Wiesner, 91, of Palmer passed away Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023. Dan was born in Springfield, Feb. 4, 1932 to the late Henry and Mildred (Jones) Wiesner. He was a graduate of Springfield Trade Class of 1949. Dan served in the US Air Force and was honorably discharged in 1953.

Dan lived in Hampden, Monson, Brimfield, and Palmer while working at Monsanto Chemical. He retired after 33 years and spent over 25 years wintering in Florida during his retirement years. He was a member of the former Glendale United Methodist Church in Wilbraham. He was also a member

of the NAFC, camping club. He enjoyed woodworking, hunting, fishing and being outdoors.

Dan was predeceased by his wife Pearl D. Wiesner. He leaves his children, James Wiesner of Wilmington, VT, Richard Wiesner and his wife Doreen of Palmer and Deborah Saffer and her husband Kevin of Jacksonville, FL; six grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brother Herman H. Wiesner, granddaughter, Kelly Ann Wi-



esner and great granddaughter, Taylor.

Visiting hours were held Wed., Nov. 1, 2023 at Lombard Funeral Home 3 Bridge St. Monson. A funeral service was held Thurs., Nov. 2, 2023 at the funeral home, burial followed at Hillcrest Cemetery in Monson. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to The Wounded Warrior Project PO Box 758516 Topeka, KS 66675-8516.

For online condolences please visit ww.lombardfuneral-home.com

Police/Fire

Police Logs

Palmer Police Department

The Palmer Police Department reported 423 incidents on its logs for Oct. 17- Oct. 23.

Oct. 17 At 12:08 p.m. police investigated and arrested Martin W. Henrich, 45, unlicensed in Palmer, on charges of vandalism, disturbing the peace and criminal harassment.

Oct. 18 At 11:31 a.m. police responded to an accident with personal injury on the Mass Pike exit 63 East.

Oct. 19 At 1:43 p.m. police responded to an accident on N. Main Street

with property damage. At 3:03 p.m. police responded to an accident on Wilbraham Street with personal injury.

Oct. 21 At 1:33 p.m. police responded to an accident on Thorndike Street with property damage.

Oct. 22 At 2:09 a.m. police pulled over and arrested Matthew J. Staples, 33, of 27 Dublin Street, Palmer, on charges of OUI liquor, negligent operation of a motor vehicle and motor vehicle lights violation.

At 4:24 a.m. police responded to an accident on Mt. Dumplin Road and arrested Kevin Raymond Blanton, 18, of 233 Grove St., Chicopee, on charges of negligent operation of a motor vehicle, marked lanes violation, speeding at a rate greater

than was reasonable or proper, possession of liquor by under 21 persons, and possession of 1 ounce of Marijuana by a person less than 21 years of age.

At 10:43 a.m. police responded to an accident with personal injury on Ware Street. At 1:43 p.m. police responded to an accident with a pedestrian on S. Main Street.

At 7:56 p.m. police pulled over and gave summons to Nicholas Orlando Aarons, 43, of 15 Springfield St., Three Rivers for uninsured motor vehicle, unregistered vehicle and motor vehicle lights violation.

Oct. 23 At 8:17 p.m. police received sex offender registration.

Fire Logs

Bondsville

For the period Oct 17 through Oct. 23, Bondsville fire responded to 2 calls.

On Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 9:18 a.m., the department responded to Palmer Street for the report of an unconscious person. There was no issue and the department returned to service at 9:25 a.m.

On Sunday, Oct. 22 at 1:44 p.m., the department responded to S. Main Street for a motor vehicle accident involving a pedestrian. The department returned to service at 2:05 p.m.

Three Rivers

The Three Rivers Fire Department responded to two calls for the week of Oct. 22-28.

On Monday, Oct. 23, the Department responded to a medical assist on Laurel Lane in Three Rivers.

On Friday, Oct. 27, the Department responded to an EMS call on Wright Street in Palmer.

Check CO and fire alarms when changing clocks

STOW— With the end of daylight savings time coming on Nov. 5, Massachusetts fire officials issued a seasonal reminder to check the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and change the batteries when the changing clocks.

"Working smoke and CO alarms are crucial home safety tools," said State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine. "As we 'fall back' this weekend, be sure you have the best protection by putting fresh alkaline batteries in alarms that use them and replacing alarms that are out of date."

Today's smoke and carbon monoxide alarms have the manufacturing date printed on the back of the device. Smoke alarms should be replaced when they're 10 years old, and CO alarms should be replaced when they're five to seven years old, depending on the model. Unless you have newer alarms with 10-year sealed batteries, this is also a good time to replace the alkaline batteries



in all the alarms. And remember to test the smoke and CO alarms once a month to be sure they're working properly.

Heating season brings carbon monoxide hazards. Hyannis Fire Chief Peter J. Burke, Jr, president of the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts, emphasized the importance of working carbon monoxide alarms as we enter the colder months.

"Carbon monoxide is the leading cause of poisoning deaths in the United States, and heating equipment is the main source of carbon monoxide in the home," Burke said.

"We can't see, smell, or taste carbon monoxide. Working CO alarms are the only way to detect this invisible killer."

Replacement alarms should be photoelectric with 10-year sealed batteries. The Massa-

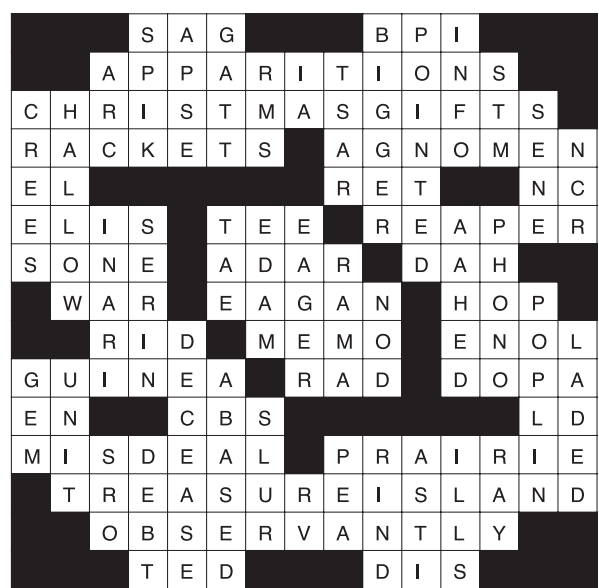
chusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code requires replacement battery-operated smoke alarms in older one- and two-family homes to be photoelectric and have sealed, long-life batteries and a hush feature. This makes it less likely that someone in the home will use the batteries for another device, forget to change them twice a year, or remove them when cooking causes smoke in the kitchen.

"Disabling a smoke alarm puts you, your loved ones, and everyone in the building at risk," said Davine. "Never remove batteries from a smoke alarm except when putting fresh ones in."

Create and practice a home escape plan. "In the average house fire, you could have less than three minutes to escape after the smoke alarm activates," said Davine. "Creating and practicing a home escape plan that includes two routes out will help you make the most of that precious time to get outside before poisonous gases and heat make escape impossible."

Adults over 65 are at disproportionate risk of dying in a fire, especially if they live in one- or two-family homes. Hundreds of fire departments across Massachusetts have grant-funded Senior SAFE programs that may provide assistance with alarm installation and testing. Seniors who need help testing, maintaining, or replacing smoke alarms should contact their local fire department or senior center for assistance.

For more information on smoke alarms or the Senior SAFE program, visit http://www.mass.gov/dfs or contact the local fire department.



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Dan Moriarty, Monson Savings Bank President & CEO (center), presents Bryan Litz, Wilbraham Parks & Recreation Director (right), and Mark Manolakis, Friends of Wilbraham Recreation President (left), with the Bank's contribution.

## MSB donates to local charity

MONSON — Monson Savings Bank recently donated \$1,750 to Friends of Wilbraham Recreation as part of the Bank's annual Community Giving Initiative. The community organization received this donation by obtaining enough votes by community members to place in the top ten vote recipients of the Community Giving Initiative.

Dan Moriarty, Monson Savings Bank president and CEO, proudly presented the donation to Wilbraham Parks and Recreation Director Bryan Litz and President of the Friends of Wilbraham Recreation Mark Manolakis.

"We are proud to support the Friends of Wilbraham Recreation," said Moriarty. "Monson Savings Bank has been part of the Wilbraham community for over 20 years, and we have seen firsthand the great work that the Friends of Wilbraham Recreation has done for the Town of Wilbraham. We are happy to offer support."

Bryan Litz thanked Monson Savings Bank for their donation.

"Thank you, Monson Savings Bank, for this donation!" said Litz. "Monson Savings Bank is a great community partner; they are always ready to lend a helping hand to local organizations."

Mark Manolakis also expressed his gratitude to the community bank.

"On behalf of everyone at the Friends of Wilbraham Recreation, thank you for donating to our cause," said Manolakis. "This donation will support our work to improve and maintain the Spec Pond Recreational area and our town's sports programs."

To learn more about the Friends of Wilbraham Recreation, please visit: <https://www.wilbraham-ma.gov/364/Friends-of-Recreation>.

To learn more about how Monson Savings Bank supports our communities, please visit: <https://www.monson-savings.bank/connect/our-community/our-community-commitment.html>.

## NBSB annual toy drive returns

NORTH BROOKFIELD— North Brookfield Savings Bank's annual toy drive aims to ensure holiday wishes come true for our younger community members. Starting Nov. 1 and running through Nov. 30 monetary donations and new toys will be collected at Bank branch locations.

During the Toy Drive, community members are welcome to visit any branch location to make their donations of new unwrapped toys for children. All toys collected will be donated to local toy programs in each community, to ensure that local children in need will receive holiday presents.

This year, the Bank's Ware branch location will be primarily accepting monetary donations to help their local toy program partner the Ware Police Department, who has reformatted their program to be more tailored to each family in need. Our Belchertown location will only accept donations of toys, not funds, as their local toy program partner the Belchertown Police Department, has also reformatted their program.

In addition to toys, NBSB will accept financial contributions at each branch. The Bank will match every dollar donated, as well as contribute \$1 for every toy collected, up to \$250 per branch location.

"As a local Bank

that places a high importance on embracing and committing to the values of kindness and community support, North Brookfield Savings Bank is proud to continue the tradition of hosting our Annual Toy Drive at our locations," said Nicole Syriac, Digital Marketing Strategist at North Brookfield Savings Bank. "We want to ensure that every child can have a wonderful holiday season, this year and every year. We know this goal is possible with the continued support and kindness of our local community. We invite all of you to visit us, as you have so generously done in the past, to make your contribution."

Donations are being accepted at these North Brookfield Savings Bank branches:

North Brookfield Branch, 9 Gilbert St., partnering with the

North Brookfield Police Association's Toys for Joys Program.

East Brookfield Branch, 100 West Main St., Route 9, partnering with the East Brookfield Toys for Joy Program.

West Brookfield Branch, 128 West Main St., Route 9, partnering with the West Brookfield Police Association Holiday Toy Program.

Ware Branch, 40 Main St., Route 9, partnering with the Ware Police Department Holiday Toy Program- only accepting monetary donations for 2023.

Belchertown Branch, 4 Daniel Shays Highway, Routes 9 and 202, partnering with the Belchertown Firefighters Association Adopt-a-Family Program, only accepting toy donations for 2023.

Three Rivers Branch, 2060

Main St., partnering with the Palmer Lions Club Holiday Toy Program

Syriac continued. "The holiday season is about caring for those around us and being generous. It is heartwarming every year to witness how our community members support each other. By partnering with the local toy drive organizations and our giving organizations we are able to bring a child holiday cheer and truly embody the spirit of the holiday season. Thank you to everyone who plans to give this year and has supported this effort in the past."

To learn more about North Brookfield Savings Bank's community giving efforts and all the convenient banking products and services offered, visit [www.NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.com](http://www.NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.com).

## Baystate Health Eastern Region transitions

PALMER— Beginning next month, Baystate Health will begin the final transition of services from Baystate Mary Lane Hospital to Baystate Wing Hospital. All Baystate Mary Lane Services will move to Baystate Wing Hospital by the end of the year.

Effective Friday, Nov. 3, all radiology services at Baystate Mary Lane will close at end of the day. On Wednesday, Nov. 15, all Women's Imaging (Mammography and Bone Density) will be operational at Baystate Wing Hospital in the newly renovated space located on the first floor, formerly the Baystate Wing ED. Fluoroscopy services will be temporarily suspended beginning Thursday, Nov. 2, for renovations

needed at Baystate Wing, these services will resume at Baystate Wing in January 2024. Throughout this relocation process, all other radiology services will remain operational at Baystate Wing Hospital.

Additionally, tentative dates have been set for the medical practices to also move to Baystate Wing Hospital. On Friday, Dec. 8, Baystate Women's Health OB/GYN located at Mary Lane will move to Baystate Wing in the former Cardiology space, located on the first floor. Baystate Medical Practice - Quabbin Pediatrics will move to the former Orthopedic clinic area on Tuesday, Dec. 12.

"Baystate Health remains committed to providing skilled and

compassionate healthcare in all the communities we serve," said Ron Bryant, president of Baystate Health Regional Hospitals, which includes Baystate Wing Hospital. "As we reconfigure care delivery in the region to a more sustainable and contemporary model that continues to meet the needs of the many communities served by Baystate Wing Hospital, we deeply value the Mary Lane legacy and recognize the usefulness and sentiment the hospital has had on so many in this community."

For more on Baystate Wing Hospital, visit [Baystatehealth.org/wing](http://Baystatehealth.org/wing).

## Baystate Wing Hospital Corp. Seeks 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 County.

"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.

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](http://www.baystatehealth.org/applyforfunding) and complete the

Baystate Wing Hospital Corporation Grant Application.

Details on how to access the application can be provided by Britney Rosario via email at [Brittney.Rosario@baystatehealth.org](mailto:Brittney.Rosario@baystatehealth.org).

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# Public Notices

## Town of Monson Zoning Board of Appeals LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with M.G. L. Chapter 40A the Monson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing, **Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 7:10 P.M.** at the Monson Town Hall 110 Main St. Monson, Ma 01057 on the application of Francis Fijal for a Special Permit to construct a 2 story single-family home with a garage in the basement level on a pre-existing non-conforming lot. The property is located at Hilltop Drive Map 75 and Parcel 71 and is zoned Rural Residential. A copy of the application is on file with the Zoning Board of Appeals and can be viewed during office hours by appointment. Advertised in Palmer Journal Register 10/12/2023 & 10/19/2023. Re-advertised Palmer Journal Register: 11/02/2023 & 11/09/2023. Case No: ZBA2023-09

Ronald Fussell, Vice Chairman  
11/02, 11/09/2023

## Town of Monson Zoning Board of Appeals LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 40A M.G. L. §.11, the Monson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing **Thursday, November 16th, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Select Board meeting room at the Town Administration Building, 110 Main Street on the application of Bradford Medeiros 149 Bumstead Road, Monson, MA for a special permit as provided by §6.6 Earth Removal of the Monson Zoning Bylaws to conduct an Earth Removal operation. The property is zoned Industrial and located on Bliss Street, Map 116, Parcel 055. A copy of the application is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, Zoning Board of Appeals and is available for viewing during regular office hours. Advertised in Palmer Journal Register 10/12/2023 & 10/19/2023. Re-advertised Palmer Journal Register: 11/02/2023 & 11/09/2023. Case No: ZBA2023-09

Ronald Fussell, Vice Chairman  
11/02, 11/09/2023

## Town of Monson Zoning Board of Appeals LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance M.G. L. Chapter 40A the Monson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing, **Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 7:20 P.M.** at the Monson Town Hall 110 Main St. Monson, Ma 01057 on the application of Jesse Griswold for a Special Permit as required by § 4.1 and §4.2 of the Monson Zoning Bylaws. The applicant seeks to install a 12ft x 24 ft storage shed that is located within the Floodplain District and Water Supply Protection District. The property is zoned Rural Village and located at 19 Chestnut Street, Map 113 and Parcel 55. A copy of the application is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, Zoning Board of Appeals and available for viewing during regular office hours. Advertised Palmer Journal Register 10/12/2023 & 10/19/2023. Re-advertised Palmer Journal Register: 11/02/2023 & 11/09/2023. Case No: ZBA2023-10

Ronald Fussell, Vice Chairman  
11/02, 11/09/2023

## Town of Wales Notice of Public Hearing

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 40A Section 11, the Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **November 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.**, at the Wales Senior Center, 85 Old Stafford Rd., Wales, MA 01081. This application was submitted by WSP USA Associates Massachusetts, Inc. on behalf of Sunpin Energy Services, LLC, for a Site Plan Review and Special Permit Application for a proposed ground-mounted solar photovoltaic development located at 40 Sizer Dr. in Wales, MA 01081. Any person interested and wishing to be heard on this application should appear at the said date and time. Copies of the application and plans are

available to view at the Town Clerk's Office and will be made available on the Town of Wales website. (www.townofwales.net) 11/02, 11/09/2023

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 90 Wales Road, Monson, Massachusetts  
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by James W Brandt to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a subsidiary of Indymac Bank,

F.S.B. and now held by Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust, said mortgage dated July 25, 2007, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 16841, Page 279, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated September 29, 2009, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 18007, Page 45, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated December 27, 2021, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 24341, Page 579, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated April 13, 2023, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 24981, Page 315, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on **November 28, 2023 at 10:00 AM Local Time** upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in Monson, Hampden County, Massachusetts, containing 22,480 square feet of land as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Monson, Mass., surveyed for John S. Kilrain, et ux.", dated June 19, 1979 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 185, Page 1, said parcel being more particularly bounded and described as follows: SOUTHWESTERLY by Wales Road as shown on said plan, One Hundred Forty-nine and 49/100 (149.49) feet; NORTHWESTERLY by land now or formerly supposed to be of Donald T. and Marcia T. Degnan as shown on said plan, One Hundred Fifty and 00/100 (150.00) feet; NORTHEASTERLY by land now or formerly supposed to be of Howard L. & Pauline J. Hatch as shown on said plan, One Hundred Fifty and 18/100 (150.18) feet; SOUTHEASTERLY by land now or formerly supposed to be of Ralph K. & Margaret T. Shuemaker, One Hundred Fifty and 00/100 (150.00) feet; all of the corner of said parcel being marked by iron pins.

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For Mortgagor's Title see Massachusetts Probate and Family Court Hampden Division Docket No. HD03P2511EP1.

**TERMS OF SALE:** Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.  
**TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) Dollars** of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within forty-five (45) days after the date of sale. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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275 West Natick Road, Suite 500  
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Present Holder of the Mortgage  
Telephone: (401) 234-9200  
MLG File No.: 22-01785  
10/26, 11/02, 11/09/2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court**

## Hampden Division Docket No. HD23P2137EA Estate of: Sylvia W. Castledine Date of Death: 09/17/2023

**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Robert P. Castledine** of South Deerfield, MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Robert P. Castledine** of South Deerfield, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without** surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
11/02/2023

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: **87 Lyman Barnes Road, Brimfield, Massachusetts**

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Paul L Dirosario, Sr. to Bank of America, N.A. and now held by Bank of America, N.A., said mortgage dated February 21, 2013, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 19798, Page 499, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on **November 17, 2023 at 10:00 AM Local Time** upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

SITUATED IN THE TOWN OF BRIMFIELD, COUNTY OF HAMPDEN, AND STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS: BOUNDED A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND ON THE WESTERLY SIDE OF LYMAN BARNES ROAD, BRIMFIELD, HAMPDEN COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 1A ON A PLAN ENTITLED "PLAN OF LAND IN BRIMFIELD, MASS., SURVEYED FOR DAVID G. & BOGUSIA B. KINDBERG, NOVEMBER 8, 1987, LEWIS & COOK SURVEYORS, INC. WHICH PLAN IS RECORDED IN HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS BOOK OF PLANS 254, PAGE 117, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN FOUND IN THE WESTERLY LINE OF LYMAN BARNES ROAD IN THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF SAID PARCEL AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAN BEING THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF PREMISES CONVEYED TO THE CHAMBERLAND CORPORATION BY DEED RECORDED IN BOOK 6409, PAGE 199; THENCE, S. 74 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 55 SECONDS W. ALONG LAST NAMED LAND 765.27 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE N. 11 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 49 SECONDS E. ALONG LAST NAMED LAND AND LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF BRIMFIELD REALTY CORP. 160.39 FEET TO AN IRON PIN AT LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF CHARLES J. LUSZCZ;

AND STATIA J. LUSZCZ; THENCE N. 74 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 55 SECONDS E. ALONG LAST NAMED LAND 654.03 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LYMAN BARNES ROAD; THENCE S. 25 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 30 SECONDS E. ALONG SAID ROAD 41.08 FEET TO THE IRON PIN AT THE POINT OF BEGINNING ALL AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAN. CONTAINING 2.357 ACRES ACCORDING TO SAID PLAN. PARCEL 2 ALSO INCLUDING THE LAND IN SAID BRIMFIELD ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY SIDE OF LYMAN BARNES ROAD AND SHOWN AS LOT 1C ON PLAN OF LAND IN BRIMFIELD SURVEYED FOR RODERICK J. AND SHARON M. CROCHIERE BY LEWIS & COOK SURVEYORS, INC. DATED JULY 26, 1995, RECORDED IN HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS, BOOKS OF PLANS 295 PAGE 62, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIPE IN THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF LYMAN BARNES ROAD AT A POINT 860 FEET, MORE OR LESS, SOUTHERLY OF THE TOWN LINE BETWEEN BRIMFIELD AND WARREN, AND AT THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF REMAINING LAND OF SAID CHARLES J. LUSZCZ AND STATIA J. LUSZCZ; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE LINE OF SAID ROAD ON AN ARC OF 129.11 FEET ON A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 325 FEET TO AN ANGLE POINT; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG THE LINE OF SAID ROAD ON AN ARC OF 32.46 FEET ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 400 FEET TO AN IRON PIN AT THE NORTHERNMOST CORNER OF LAND OF SAID RODERICK J. CROCHIERE AND SHARON M. CROCHIERE; THENCE SOUTH 74 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 56 SECONDS WEST 654.03 FEET ALONG LAND OF SAID CROCHIERE TO AN IRON PIN AT LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF BRIMFIELD REALTY CORP.; THENCE NORTH 11 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST 167.17 FEET TO AN IRON PIN AT REMAINING LAND OF SAID LUSZCZ; THENCE NORTH 74 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST 523.45 FEET, CONTAINING 2.0074 ACRES.

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For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated February 12, 2013, and recorded in Book 19798, Page 495 with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

**TERMS OF SALE:** Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.  
**TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) Dollars** of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within forty-five (45) days after the date of sale.  
**Other terms to be announced at the sale.**  
Marinosci Law Group, P.C.  
275 West Natick Road, Suite 500  
Warwick, RI 02886  
Attorney for Bank of America, N.A.  
Present Holder of the Mortgage  
Telephone: (401) 234-9200  
MLG File No.: 22-02721  
10/26, 11/02, 11/09/2023

## LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of MA Gen. Laws, Chap. 255, Sec. 39A, the following vehicles will be sold at public auction for towing and storage charges due:  
FORD VIN: 1FTRF1226N A77866 Henry Baj 939 River Dr Hadley, MA; NISSAN VIN: 1N6AA0EC4BN311647 Veronica Underwood 398 Fern Bank Rd Springfield, MA; TOYOTA VIN: 4T1H31AK4MU023503 Marcia MonteBello 37 Mayhill Rd Monson, MA; SUZUKI VIN: JS2YB413975104468 Sarah Baj 1 Maple Terr Three Rivers, MA; SUBARU VIN: 1F1GE61629H520775 Felicia Baker 213 East St N. Attleborough, MA; FORD VIN: 1FTFW1ET6CFB49676 Jody Sicard 122 Windsor St Enfield, CT; FORD VIN: 1FTFX1ET3DKG37148 Brian Dumas 601 Coyhill Rd Warren, MA. This auction is to take place on **November 3, 2023, 10:00 A.M.** at LaBontes & Son LLC, 241 Wilbraham St., Palmer, MA 01069.  
10/19, 10/26, 11/02/2023

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 3144 Main Street, Unit 3144, a/k/a 3144 Main Street, Unit 23, Palmer a/k/a Bondsville, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Theresa Mackiewicz to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as mortgagee, as nominee for Movement Mortgage, LLC its successors and assigns and now held by Movement Mortgage, LLC, said mortgage dated December 8, 2021, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 24290, Page 436, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated May 2, 2023, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 24992, Page 225, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on **November 30, 2023 at 11:00 AM Local Time** upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The unit ("Unit") known as No. 23 in the Riverbend at Bondsville Condominium, Main Street, Bondsville, Hampden County, Massachusetts. The Unit is part of a condominium established by Bondsville Partners, Inc. pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A by Master Deed dated March 10, 1989 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds on March 10, 1989 in Book 7115, Page 14, as amended by a First Amended and Restated Master Deed dated and recorded April 17, 1990 in Book 7433 Page 227, said Master Deed as amended being hereinafter referred to as the "Master Deed". The Unit is shown on the floor plans of the Building filed simultaneously with said Master Deed in Hampden County Registry of Deeds and on the copy of the portion of said plans showing the Unit is attached hereto and made a part hereof, to which is affixed the verified statement of a registered architect in the form required by Section 9 of said Chapter 183A. Said Unit is conveyed with: An undivided 2.8 percent interest in the common areas and facilities of the Property described in said Master Deed ("Common Elements") attributable to the Unit; The non-exclusive right to use parking spaces, lawn areas and walkways in the lots owned as part of the Common Elements; An easement for the continuance of all encroachments by the Unit on any adjoining units or Common Elements existing as a result of construction of the building in which the Unit is located, or which may come into existence hereafter as a result of settling or shifting of the building, or as a result of repair or restoration of the building or

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of the Unit, after damage or destruction by fire or other casualty, or after taking in eminent domain proceedings, or by reason of an alteration or repair to the Common Elements made by or with the consent of the Board of Trustees; An easement in common with the owners of other Units to use any pipes, wires, ducts, chimneys, flues conduits, public utility lines and other Common Elements located in any of the other units or elsewhere on the Property, and serving the Unit; and Any easement to use any deck or patio to which access may be had only through Unit conveyed. Said Unit is conveyed subject to: Easements in favor of adjoining units and in favor of the Common Elements for the continuance of all encroachments of such adjoining units or Common Elements on the Unit, now existing as a result of construction of the buildings, or which may come into existence hereafter as a result of settling or shifting of the building in which the Unit is located, or as a result of repair or restoration of the Building or of any adjoining unit or of the Common Elements after damage or destruction by fire or other casualty, or after taking in eminent domain proceedings, or by reason of an alteration or repair to the Common Elements made by or with the consent of the Board of Trustees. An easement in favor of any adjoining Units as a common user of any common steps, entranceways, and hallways (if said steps, entranceway and hallways serve more than one Unit). An easement in favor of the other units to use the pipes, wires, chimneys, ducts, flues, conduits, cables, public utility lines and other Common Elements located in the Unit and serving such other units. The rights in favor of owners of other Units to use the parking lots, lawn areas and walkways owned as party of the Common Elements. The provisions of the Master Deed, Condominium Trust, By-Laws and floor plans of the condominium recorded simultaneously with and as part of the Master Deed, as the same may be amended from time to time by instruments recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, which provisions, together with any amendments thereto, shall constitute covenants running with the land and shall bind any person having at any time any interest or estate in the Unit, his family, servants, and visitors, as though such provisions were recited and stipulated at length herein. The provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 183A. Such taxes attributable to the Unit and Common Elements for the current fiscal year which are not yet due and payable. Provisions of existing building zoning laws. The Unit is intended only for residential purposes. No use may be made of the Unit except as a residence for the Owner thereof or members of his or her immediate family or such lessees as may be permitted under the By-Laws, or for no more than two person unrelated by blood or marriage, and no portion thereof may be used as an office or any business whatsoever, whether or not accessory to a residential use.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.  
For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated December 6, 2021, and recorded in Book 24290, Page 432 with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds.  
**TERMS OF SALE:** Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.  
**TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) Dollars** of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within forty-five (45) days after the date of sale.  
**Other terms to be announced at the sale.**  
Marinosci Law Group, P.C.

**Completed proposals are to be submitted no later than 1:00 PM, November 22, 2023, at the Town of Palmer Community Development Office, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA 01069.**  
11/02/2023

## MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Kathy Monaco to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS") solely as nominee for Mortgage Lenders Network USA, Inc. dated May 17, 2006, recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 15927, Page 1, which mortgage was assigned to CitiMortgage, Inc. by Assignment dated July 1, 2009, recorded in Book 17885, Page 374; further assigned to Ventures Trust 2013-1-H-R By MCM Capital Partners, LLC Its Trustee by Assignment dated February 11, 2015, recorded in Book 20594, Page 137; further assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Hilldale Trust by Assignment dated July 20, 2017, recorded in Book 21833, Page 341; further assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Owner Trustee of the Residential Credit Opportunities Trust V-E by Assignment dated December 19, 2019, recorded in Book 23910, Page 267; and further assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Owner Trustee of the Residential Credit Opportunities Trust V-D by Assignment dated September 8, 2022, recorded in Book 24720, Page 66, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at **11:00 a.m. on the 27th day of November, 2023,** at the mortgaged premises described below, being known as 15 Colonial Street, Palmer, MA, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land located northeast-

275 West Natick Road, Suite 500  
Warwick, RI 02886  
Attorney for Movement Mortgage, LLC  
Present Holder of the Mortgage  
Telephone: (401) 234-9200  
MLG File No.: 23-02184  
11/02, 11/09, 11/16/2023

## LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT Palmer: Maple Street and Maple Terrace Improvement Project (MSMTIP)

The Town of Palmer has been awarded funds from the FY22/23 Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities - Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). Palmer wishes to receive proposals from professional engineering firms who will facilitate the proposed MSMTIP under the direction of the Palmer Community Development Office. Design services include base mapping, preliminary design, development of costs estimates, public participation process, final design, and production of construction documents and construction oversight. The overall project is being developed in phases with Phase 1 designing both streets and constructing Maple Street. Maple Terrace (Phase 2) will be improved with future funds. The estimated construction cost of Phase 1 Maple Street is \$900,000

A more detailed Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is available at the Town of Palmer Community Development Office 4417 Main St Palmer, MA 01069, (413)283-2685, from M - Th, 9 AM to 4 PM. To request an electronic copy of the RFQ, please email John Latour at jlatour@townofpalmer.com. The RFQ will be available from the time of this notice until the due date specified below in digital format. The Town of Palmer reserves the right to reject any and all proposals if it is deemed in the best interests of the Town to do so.

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A certain parcel of land located northeast-

erly of Colonial Street, Palmer, Hampden County, Massachusetts known and designated as Lot 45 (REV) on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Depot Village, Palmer, MA Prepared for Breton Estates, Inc. & William and Jean Andresen, Sherman and Woods Surveyors" which plan is recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book of Plans 336, Page 130 and to which plan reference may be had for a more particular description.  
Containing 32,265 square feet (0.740 acres) according to said plan.  
Subject to restrictions set forth in Book 3702, Page 435.  
Subject to utility easements granted to New England Telephone and Telegraph Company dated March 19, 1976 and October 4, 1978 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 4254, Page 166 and Book 4692, Page 54, respectively, if applicable.  
The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date. The Mortgagee further reserves the right to open the bidding at the time, date and place appointed for sale, and if no bids are received, or the bids received are deemed unacceptable to Mortgagee, to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation.  
Said premises will be sold subject to and with the benefit of all restrictions, easements, improvements, outstanding tax titles, mortgages, liens, rights of tenants and parties in possession, unpaid taxes, municipal liens and other public taxes, assessments or liens, having priority over the mortgage described herein, if any.  
In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by Foreclosure Deed to the second highest bidder provided that the second highest bidder shall deposit with Mortgagee's attorneys the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within three (3) business days after written notice of default of the previous highest bidder and title shall be conveyed to said second highest bidder within twenty (20) days of said written notice.

## TERMS OF SALE: Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) will be required to bid and be paid in cash or by certified check at the time and place of sale as earnest money. The balance is to be paid in cash or by certified check within thirty (30) days of the date of the sale at the offices of Murphy & Lupan, P.A., 5 Commonwealth Road, Natick, Massachusetts 01760. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of any typographical error in this publication.

**Other terms, if any, to be announced at the time and place of sale.**  
WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF THE RESIDENTIAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES TRUST V-D  
Present holder of said mortgage,  
By its attorney,  
Michael J. Murphy  
Murphy & Lupan, P.A.  
5 Commonwealth Road  
Natick, MA 01760  
Tel: (508) 650-9252  
10/19, 10/26, 11/02/2023

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



# Public Notices

## LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Erin Przybycien, Trustee of The 33-35 Ruggles Street Realty Trust, to be recorded here-with.

Deed from NSP Residential, LLC, to Erin Przybycien, as Trustee of the 33-35 Ruggles Street Realty Trust, to be recorded here-with.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 19918, Page 565 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Aura Mortgage Advisors, LLC is the present holder, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 33-35 Ruggles Street, Palmer (Three Rivers), MA 01080 will be sold at a Public Auction at **12:00 PM on November 27, 2023**, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain tract of land, with the buildings thereon, situated on the easterly side of Ruggles Street, in the village of Three Rivers, Town of Palmer, Hampden County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a stone bound in the easterly side of said Ruggles Street, at the southwest corner of the land to be conveyed and at the northwest corner of a private way, sometimes called Wilson Street, running easterly from said Ruggles Street, said stone bound being also forty (40) feet northerly, measured along the easterly side of Ruggles Street, from the northwest corner of land of Michael and Agnes Godak, formerly of James Wilson;

thence northerly along the easterly side of said Ruggles Street, one hundred (100) feet to a stone bound in line of land formerly of Charles S. Ruggles, now of John and Julia Jajuga;

thence easterly along last named land one hundred sixty-five (165) feet to a stone bound in line of land formerly of said Ruggles, now of Karol Khohowski;

thence southerly along last named land and land of Frank and Anna Lesnewski, one hundred (100) feet to a stone bound in the northerly line of said private way;

thence westerly along the

northerly line of said private way; one hundred sixty-five (165) feet to the place of beginning.

Deed from NSP Residential, LLC, to Erin Przybycien, as Trustee of the 33-35 Ruggles Street Realty Trust, to be recorded here-with.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 19918, Page 563.

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

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

**Other terms to be announced at the sale:** Aura Mortgage Advisors, LLC Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Przybycien, Edward J. and Lorrie J. Przybycien, 23-042415 11/02, 11/09, 11/16/2023

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

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of

Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Jean R. Rodich to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated December 6, 2006 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 16382, Page 545 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Owner Trustee for Cascade Funding Mortgage Trust HB4 is the present holder by Assignment from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to Nationstar Mortgage LLC D/B/A Champion Mortgage Company dated October 16, 2017 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 21902, Page 47, and Assignment from Nationstar Mortgage LLC D/B/A Champion Mortgage Company to Mortgage Assets Management, LLC dated February 7, 2022 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 24583, Page 219, and Assignment from Mortgage Assets Management, LLC to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for Cascade Funding Mortgage Trust HB4 dated June 5, 2023 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 25136, Page 572, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 37 Bridge Street, Monson, MA 01057 will be sold at a Public Auction at **1:00 PM on November 27, 2023**, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

Certain real estate situated in Monson, Hampden County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin in the westerly side of Bridge Street, in said Monson, at the southeasterly corner of land now or formerly of Wiktorya Holda,

and running thence S. 13 degrees 42' 00" W. along said Bridge Street, one hundred thirty-six and 75/100 (136.75) feet to an iron pin at land now or formerly of Horace D. Moulton;

thence running N. 87 degrees 30' 30" W. along said last named land, ninety-five and 57/100 (95.57) feet to an iron pin; thence running S. 89 degrees 17' 30" W. along said last named land, twenty-two and 90/100 (22.90) feet to an iron pin at land of Lawrence and Theresa Coolong;

thence running N. 6 degrees 25' 00" W. along said Coolong land, one hundred seventy-three and 90/100 (173.90) feet to an iron pin at the corner of land of said Holda; thence running S. 49 degrees 39' 00" E. along said Holda land, one hundred forty-five and 18/100 (145.18) feet to an iron pin;

thence running N. 40 degrees 16' 00" E. along said Holda land, seventy and 30/100 (70.30) feet to an iron pin; thence running S. 76 degrees 18' 00" E. along said Holda land, fourteen and 67/100 (14.67) feet to Bridge Street at the place of BEGINNING.

Subject to any conditions, covenants, easements and restrictions of record insofar as the same are in force and applicable.

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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS The Trial Court Division Hampden, SS Superior Court Department Docket No. 2379CV467 Say Family LLC Plaintiffs v. James F. Vicino and Edna R. Vicino, and such persons, if any unascertained, not in being, unknown, within or without the Commonwealth, or who cannot be served with process, their legal representatives, or such other persons as shall become their heirs, devisees, or appointees Defendant**

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

**Town of Palmer NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Palmer Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday November 13, 2023**, at the Palmer Town Building, 4417 Main Street (Thorndike), Palmer, MA at **6:30 p.m.** to see if the Town of Palmer will accept the Storm Water Management Ordinance. Anyone interested in being heard should appear at the time and place so designated. Palmer Town Council 10/26, 11/02/2023

**TOWN OF MONSON LEGAL NOTICE Public Hearing Tax Classification NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH M.G.L. CHAPTER 30A SECTIONS 18-25, THAT THE MONSON SELECT BOARD** will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Monson Town Offices building, Public Meeting Room, 110 Main Street, Monson, MA 01057. The purpose of this Public Hearing will be on the issue of determining the percentages of tax levy to be borne by each class of real and personal property for Fiscal Year 2024. All interested Monson taxpayers are welcome to attend this hearing to present oral or written comments on matter. In the event a taxpayer is unable to attend the hearing, written comments may be submitted, in advance, to the Office of the

Select Board, Monson Town Offices, 110 Main Street, Monson, MA 01057. Patricia A. Oney - Chair Select Board 10/26, 11/02/2023

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### Don't Leave Your IRA To The IRS

If you've invested in an IRA for many decades, it may well turn into a key source of income for your retirement. Still, you might not deplete your IRA in your lifetime, especially if you also have a pension or a 401(k) and other investment income. So, if your IRA still has sizable assets after your passing, it would likely end up in your estate plan. If you leave your IRA to grown children or other family members, could they be hit with a big tax bill?

Here's a little background: Up until the Secure Act of 2019, those who inherited traditional IRAs could extend their required withdrawals over their lifetimes, which stretched out the annual taxes due on these withdrawals. But the Secure Act changed the provisions for non-spouse beneficiaries who inherited an IRA after 2019, meaning that beneficiaries of inherited IRAs had only 10 years (beginning the year after death) to withdraw the entire balance. For some beneficiaries, this could potentially create a tax burden. (Inheritors of Roth IRAs are also required to follow the 10-year distribution rule but are not subject to income taxes on account earnings if the Roth IRA's five-year holding period has been met).

However, not all beneficiaries were affected by the new rules. Spouses can stretch their inherited IRA distributions over their lifetimes and exceptions exist for certain non-spouse beneficiaries. Minor children of the IRA owner (until the age of majority), chronically ill or disabled individuals, and beneficiaries who are no more than 10 years younger than the IRA owner may opt to stretch their distributions.

The new 10-year requirement applies to IRAs inherited on or after Jan. 1, 2020. But due to confusion over changes to required minimum distribution (RMD) rules for some beneficiaries of inherited IRAs, the IRS waived penalties for individuals who failed to take RMDs in 2021 and 2022 and extended the RMD penalty waiver for 2023.

Although these rulings give beneficiaries — those not eligible for the exemptions listed above — more time to plan, they will eventually need to start taking RMDs, which could affect their tax situations. To help protect your heirs, consider these suggestions:

Using permanent life insurance. A properly structured permanent life insurance policy could help you replace the assets your family might lose to the taxes resulting from an inherited IRA. You might even consider naming a charity as the beneficiary of an IRA, rather than your family members. The charity would receive the IRA proceeds tax free, and the life insurance could then provide tax-free benefits to your heirs.

Leaving taxable investment accounts to your heirs. Apart from your tax-deferred IRA, you may own other, fully taxable accounts containing investments such as stocks or bonds. Typically, these investments receive what's known as a "step-up" in their cost basis once they are inherited. This means your heirs will essentially inherit all the gains your investments earned by the time of your passing — but they won't be taxed on these gains if they sell the assets immediately. This type of sale could help offset the taxes your heirs will incur from the inherited IRA.

The tax and investment issues surrounding inherited IRAs can be complex, so consult with your tax and financial advisors before making any moves. And, as with many areas relating to inheritances, the sooner you start planning, the better.

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# Oliveira presents funds to honor Revolutionary veterans



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette  
State Sen. Jake Oliveira, center, spoke about his grandfather's involvement in creating the Quabbin Reservoir.



State Sen. Jake Oliveira presented a check for \$5,000, secured through the fiscal year 2024 budget, which will be used to purchase a bronze plaque to commemorate and recognize the 41 veterans of the Revolutionary War buried at Quabbin Park Cemetery.

By Paula Ouimette  
Editor  
[pouimette@turley.com](mailto:pouimette@turley.com)

WARE – State Sen. Jake Oliveira, along with state Rep. Aaron Saunders (D-Belchertown), presented a check for \$5,000 to the Friends of Quabbin for the construction of a bronze plaque to honor the 41 Revolutionary War veterans buried in Quabbin Park Cemetery.

“This project is something that is really important to the

American Revolution,” Oliveira said. “This December we celebrate a milestone of the Revolution; the Boston Tea Party, 250 years ago.”

Saunders thanked Oliveira for his commitment to the towns of the Quabbin Watershed, in which many of the towns Saunders represents are located.

“Not every state Rep. is as blessed to have a partner in the Senate,” Saunders said.

Oliveira has special ties to the Quabbin Reservoir, as his

grandfather worked to create it in the 1930s. Accompanying Oliveira to the ceremony on Oct. 27, was his mother – the daughter of the man who helped form one of the largest water supplies in the U.S.

Joining Oliveira and Saunders were Betty Allen Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution Regent Denise Kindsch Gosselin and Chair of the America 250! Chapter Committee Cher A. Nicholas.

Saunders said its important

that the region's public representation is taken care of for the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, and he thanked the DAR for helping them achieve this goal.

“We couldn't do it without you,” Saunders said.

Oliveira thanked state Reps. Todd Smola and Donnie Berthiaume, along with state Sen. Jo Comerford, for their support, as well as former senator Anne Gobi.

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# Mustangs on the Mountain



Three generations of the Sarat family, owners of Sarat Ford Lincoln, hosted the Mustangs on the Mountain customer appreciation event at Palmer Motorsports Park this past Sunday. Shown in the back row from left are Jeff Sarat, Jack Sarat and Chris Sarat.

## Sarat family holds annual costumers appreciation event

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PALMER – The Sarat family invited customers of their three car dealerships to Palmer Motorsports Park for the third annual Mustangs on the Mountain event this past Sunday.

Mustangs on the Mountain is a celebration of one of most popular high-powered workhorses in the auto industry – the Ford Mustang.

Despite the return of rainy weather, about 175 Mustangs traveled to the Whiskey Hill track for a chance to take parade laps around the most breathtaking views the region has to offer.

For many car owners, this was the first time their Mustang had ever seen rain; and it was worth it.

Jack Sarat, Dealer Principal of Sarat Ford Lincoln said one customer from Boston contacted him the day of the event and said, “I don’t care if it’s raining or not.”

Jack left his Mustang back home, a 2005 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary model that has 50 miles on it. Only 1,965 of these cars were made.

Founded in 1929, Sarat Ford Lincoln is overseen by Jack and his sons Jeff, Chris and Scott. The Sarat family also owns Family Ford of Enfield and Ford of Northampton.

Mustangs on the Mountain is a customer appreciation event, Chris said.

“We invited all of our Mustang costumers,” he said. “People come from all over...one guy said this is the first time his car has ever seen the rain.”

The Sarat family brought several Ford vehicles with them, including a Mach E, an all-electric crossover; a 2024 Mustang and a 2023 Bronco.

Chris said the Mach E came out in 2021 and can be all-wheel drive or rear-wheel drive. The Bronco returned to production after a hiatus since the mid-1990s.

Mustangs continue to be a popular purchase at the Sarat family’s dealerships, Chris said, with the GT and the Shelby being top picks for motorists.

Mustangs on the Mountain is an event that the Sarat family and their customers look forward to each year.

“It means a lot, we’re just happy to be here with our cars,” Jack said. “They’re all Mustang enthusiasts.”

While many of the participants at Mustangs on the Mountain have been longtime customers of the Sarat family, some are new to the Ford family, including Patrick Zambri of Portland, Connecticut who just bought his 2019 Ford Mustang Bullitt three weeks ago.

“It’s a special edition, based on the Steve McQueen movie ‘Bullitt,’” Zambri said.

Painted Dark Highland Green, Zambri’s six-speed manual only has 2,800 miles on it.

“We got three laps in already,” Zambri said. When asked if he planned to return for next year’s event, he said, “absolutely.”

John Blessis of Granby, Connecticut brought his 2015 Ford Mustang GT, as he has for all three years the event has



The fall foliage matched the color of these Ford Mustangs.



Sarat Ford customers brought their Ford Mustangs, spanning all decades.

been held.

The GT is his primary car, and he drives it all year round, even through the winter.

“Just put some snows on it and it goes...you’ve got to drive it in the snow,” Blessis said.

For the second year in a row, proceeds from the Mustangs on the Mountain event helped benefit a local nonprofit organization, Central New England Equine Rescue in West Brookfield.

CNEER has been rescuing horses, ponies and donkeys since 2003, having helped hundreds of animals in need.

Volunteers from the organization were on hand to share information about their work, the horses on the farm, and also sell merchandise.

For more information about CNEER, visit [centralnewenglandequinerescue.com](http://centralnewenglandequinerescue.com) or find them on Facebook.

Providing food during the event was Dunkin’ and North Elm Butcher Block out of Westfield.

### About Palmer Motorsports Park

Palmer Motorsports Park has been rated “One of the top 10 road courses in



Central New England Equine Rescue volunteers Lynne and Jerry Doble represented the organization at the Mustangs on the Mountain event.



This sleek gray Ford Mustang was also used as a pace car.



This vibrant yellow Ford Mustang was one of the pace cars on the track.

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Sarat Ford Lincoln brought this 2024 Ford Mustang convertible to the third annual Mustangs on the Mountain event.

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For more information, visit [palmermotorsportspark.com](http://palmermotorsportspark.com) or find them on Facebook.



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette  
Friends of Quabbin President Gene Theroux shows how the patina on this plaque makes it difficult to read.

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Oliveira said he and Gobi had always worked to ensure that each community in the district had what it needed.

“In the FY 24 budget, we worked together to secure dollars for things,” Oliveira said. “Small dollars for the State can go a long way.”

Friends of Quabbin President Gene Theroux is “no stranger” to cemeteries Oliveira said, noting Theroux’s work to repair and restore cemeteries across the commonwealth, including the Quabbin Park Cemetery.

Theroux has secured grant funding, including Community Preservation Act funds, for his hometown of Westfield and he has worked throughout the years to honor the final resting place for members of the “Lost Towns” of the Quabbin Reservoir; hailing from Dana, Enfield, Greenwich and Prescott.

“Gene, you’re always there to tell us where we need to support you,” Oliveira said.

Theroux said 108 of his relatives have been laid to rest in the Quabbin Park Cemetery. Both of his grandfathers served in France during World War I, and both originated from Enfield.

One of his grandfathers never got over the loss of his beloved town when it was disincorporated to create the Quabbin Reservoir.

“I think he was bitter until the day he died,” Theroux said.

Theroux pointed to the patina on the monument, noting that it was nearly impossible to read the names on it. The new bronze plaque will remain clear and strong

for generations to come, withstanding New England’s weather extremes.

Friends of Quabbin Treasurer Paul Godfrey was with Theroux to accept the check, and Theroux said Godfrey has worked with him “every inch and every trench.”

Theroux also thanked the Department of Conservation and Recreation’s Dan Clark and former senator Stephen

Brewer. Clark has been a good partner, working with the Friends of Quabbin, Theroux said.

Accepting the check along with Theroux and Godfrey were Ware Town Manager Stuart Beckley, Ware Selectboard member Josh Kusnierz and Belchertown Select Board Clerk Peg Louraine.

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# Halloween Happenings



Joel and Cathy Barnes walked through Hryniewicz Park before the parade.



Front row: Cynthia Martinez with Bella Rose, Cali, age 6, Ramon, age 6 and a half, and Javier, age 4. Back row: Sincere, age 12, Pablo and Josiah Martinez, Anthony Granger, and Francesca Rodriguez.



Willow, age 11, Sophia, age 8, and Kaylyn Renaud attended the parade with their dog.



Ayden, age 9, Emma, age 11, with 1-year-old Kinsley, Abby, age 11, McKenzie, age 9, and Jackson, age 7, played on the playground while they waited for the parade.



## HCC to celebrate grand opening of Tech Hub



Submitted Photo

Tech Hub fellow Shanice McKenzie lends assistance to Tech Foundry deputy director Michelle Wilson, seated.

HOLYOKE — Tech Foundry, the regional leader in IT workforce development and training, in partnership with Holyoke Community College, will celebrate the grand opening of Tech Foundry's new Tech Hub on Wednesday, Oct. 25, beginning at 10 a.m. on the first floor of HCC's Picknelly Adult and Family Education Center, located at 206 Maple St.

The following day, Thursday, Oct. 26, Tech Hub will officially open to the general public, offering free services and classes that include digital skills training workshops, walk-in IT support and troubleshooting, Internet connectivity consultations, and computer distribution (free in limited quantities).

Tech Hub, a program of the Springfield-based nonprofit, Tech Foundry, was started in 2023 as part of a state-wide initiative of the Western Massachusetts Alliance for Digital Equity, which received a \$5.1 million grant earlier this year from the Massachusetts Broadband Institute. Along with HCC, other key partners and supporters of the Tech Hub project include the Accelerate the Future Foundation, Comcast, Google, Bulkley Richardson, and the Massachusetts Broadband Institute.

"Tech Hub's mission is to empower Massachusetts residents through access to the skills and technology needed to thrive in the digital world," said Michelle Wilson, deputy director of Tech Foundry.

The Oct. 25 celebration will include a tour of the Tech Hub facility, a ribbon-cutting ceremony, and remarks from attendees including Tech Foundry CEO Tricia Canavan, HCC President George Timmons, Holyoke Mayor Joshua Garcia, state Rep. Pat Duffy, Dr. Frank Robinson, vice president for community relations and public health at BayState Health and chair of the Western Massachusetts Alliance for Digital Equity, and Dan Glanville, vice president of government affairs and community impact for Comcast's Western New England Region.

"We understand the important role that the Internet plays in helping build a future of unlimited possibilities for everyone in the community," said Glanville. "We are proud to partner with organizations like Tech Foundry that are making it easier for people across western Massachusetts to adopt the Internet and succeed in an increasingly digital world."

The emcees for the day will be two graduates of Tech Foundry's 18-week IT Workforce Training program who are now working at Tech Hub: Shanice McKenzie of Springfield and Lasharie Weems of Chicopee.

"An essential component of the Tech Hub is hiring Tech Foundry graduates to help run the program," said Wilson. "This one-year fellowship will allow our graduates to hone their IT skills in service to the community."

Starting Oct. 26, Tech Hub will be open noon to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, with classes held from noon to 1 p.m. and 5-6 p.m. On Mondays and Fridays, Tech Hub manager Shannon Mumblo and Tech Hub fellows will take their IT services into the community all around western Massachusetts.

"We're starting by doing outreach in Springfield and Holyoke," Mumblo said, "and we have also been making partnerships with different organizations in Amherst and South Hadley. We will take our workshops on the road and go to the places and spaces where they are needed."

To learn more, sign up for classes, and access Tech Hub help-desk support, please visit: [techhubmass.net](http://techhubmass.net).

If you would like to attend the Oct. 25 grand opening celebration, please RSVP to Michelle Wilson at [michelle@thetechfoundry.org](mailto:michelle@thetechfoundry.org).

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