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### MONSON



Lissee Lombard conducted the ceremony at Hillside Cemetery.

### Town honors veterans with Wreaths **Across America ceremonies**

By Marcelo Gusmão Staff Writer mgusmao@turley.com

MONSON - This past Saturday, the town held three ceremo-



### PALMER

### **Cookies and cocoa with** Santa at the Fire Station



Santa shared a moment with a local Palmer nice list member.

Santa's visit to Fire Department helps those in need

> By Harrison Giza Correspondent

PALMER - The Palmer Fire Department held their Cookies and Cocoa with Santa event this past Saturday, helping to bring the community together and help raise awareness for those less fortunate during the holiday season. The Palmer Fire Department asked attendees to bring a non-perishable food item for the opportunity to have their photo taken next to jolly Saint Nick himself. Each piece of food or canned good given that was donated that day went directly to the Palmer Food Share. The Palmer Food Share provides food to feed families and individuals in need, supplying groceries for residents that do not have enough items due to a lack of resources.

and longtime Fire Safety Educator, was in attendance that day, happy to see the event she helped plan come to life for a community she loves so much.

"Money for fire and safety education can be tight during times like this," Manning said. "So, it was great to see how many people were able to come togeth Palmer during the holidays."

Photos by Marcelo Gusmão

nies, to honor veterans as part of Wreaths Across America.

The first ceremony was held at Hillcrest Cemetery at 9 a.m., followed by one at Hillside Cemetery at 10 a.m., and a third one at St. Patrick's Cemetery at 11:30 a.m.

The ceremonies were led by Lissee Lombard, who spoke about the history of Wreaths Across America. The Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Jordan Doyle sang the national anthem.

"This event is a way to remind ourselves of the importance of honoring our veterans and to let them know that their bravery and sacrifice has not gone unnoticed," Lombard said.

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Sarah McNamara Pedder helps the Scouts raise the American flag as part of Saturday's ceremony.

Laurie Manning, a firefighter

Manning has been a part of the Fire Department for almost 20 years and helps put together all of the fire outreach programs for the town. Despite prior successes, even she was surprised at the number of gifts and non-perishable donations delivered by the local community that day.

"The cocoa was donated to us by Dunkin Donuts in Palmer, our local Big Y gave us a special gift card donation towards the delicious cookies that we had purchased, and The Steaming Tender restaurant gave us the chair for Santa as well as some of the stand up soldiers for décor," Manning said.

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#### **SCHOOLS**

### New homework policy discussed at meeting

By Marcelo Gusmão Staff Writer mgusmao@turley.com

MONSON - At its last meeting, the School Committee heard a presentation about a survey regarding the reduced homework students have received this school year.

Superintendent Dr. Cheryl Clarke and committee member Katherine Watts presented the results of the homework survey.

According to the survey, 65.2% of teachers were unsatisfied with the changes in the homework policy, citing the lack of opportunity to practice not only the material



in the classroom, but good work habits in general. Teachers were also concerned that parents have less understanding of what their child is studying due to this policy.

In contrast, 71.2% of parents reported feeling favorably towards the changes. The parents who responded unfavorably to the changes said that they wanted their student to be required to practice math and reading on weeknights, to study for quizzes and tests, and finish class work not completed during the school day.

"The responses were polarizing," Watts said. "There were many parents that felt very strongly in one direction or another."

"In kindergarten, by and large, parents are in favor of no homework. 'Teachers should not

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### **SCHOOLS**

### Granite Valley band and chorus holiday concert

By Ryan Drago Staff Writer rdrago@turley.com

MONSON - Families of the Granite Valley School community came together in the auditorium recently to enjoy the holiday concert performed by the band and chorus.

The show featured over 60 talented students in grades four, five and six who have studied hard during lessons and rehearsals. For the band, it was their first public performance and the second time for the chorus.

Assistant Principal of Granite Valley School Myriah Hudak was excited to see a fun holiday concert that students and staff worked so hard at putting together. Director of Band & Chorus Megan Martin joined her students in the performance and brought joy to the Monson community.

"She makes the magic happen," said Hudak, referring to Martin who has done a fantastic job working with the students who are



The Granite Valley Chorus prepared for their performance during the holiday concert.

part of the band and chorus.

Helping with the holiday decorations placed onstage was Kathy Novak. A classic display of art-

work lit up the stage as the band wonderful concert possible. and chorus performed joyfully.

A great team effort between the students and the staff made this "A great collaboration of spe-

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ZENA

This is Zena, whose friend Allison Elizabeth said this photo needed no caption. 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 journalregister@turley.com.





Food Pantry leader Cathy Plouffe (center left) Firefighter Manning (center right) Captain Reynolds (left) Firefighter Jessop (right), were in attendance for the **Cookies and Cocoa event.** 

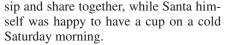


A table full of cookies and cocoa for the attendees were given out.

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Over 10 huge boxes of fresh hot

chocolate were available for kids and their families to



"I love stopping by and seeing the folks in Palmer," Santa Claus said. "With all the crazy hubbub going on in the world, it is nice to personally meet so many of the wonderful families that I





Turley photo by Harrison Giza Members of the Palmer Fire Department happy to see their dear friend Saint Nick over the weekend



Non-Perishable donations for those in need filled for the local Food Share filled the truck.

supply with presents each year."

Saint Nick loaded his sleigh with a few goodies before adding, "The Palmer Fire Department has been a joy for my reindeer team over the years, and between you and me, Mrs. Claus will be thrilled to have some of these cookies I'll be bringing back to her today."

Manning said the Cookies and Cocoa event went well, adding, "We had a decent turnout and hope to have even more next year. We have some great stuff on the horizon!"

Rumor has it the Easter Bunny himself is in talks to come to town later this spring.



The Steaming Tender restaurant helped out by donating wooden cut outs of Christmas soldiers.



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We appreciate the cooperation of our readers.

#### **HOMEWORK** I from page 1

be asked to do anything more,' was a response," Watts said. "In grade one, they want the ability to study for quizzes, spelling tests, but they also said they're more apt to play games without homework, and I think that speaks to the routines at home and the amount of time that the parents and kids have together before the kids go to bed."

The report went on to highlight that at other grade levels parents want homework so their children can work on skills and practice, and so the parents have communication with the school about what students are learning in the classroom.

Clarke presented the District Team Leaders' recommendations in response to the survey.

"The feeling was, [teachers are] almost afraid to send home study guides, or unfinished classwork, because technically there's not supposed to be any homework," Clarke said. "If you approve these recommendations, unfinished classwork will be completed at home."

The DTL also recommended that students be expected to study for tests and that teachers be allowed to assign study guides.

Committee members expressed disappointment that the survey was not done sooner, as some confusion over what constituted homework could have been cleared up earlier in the process.

"I think there's a difference between giving it a little bit of time to see a broader picture of trends, versus 'does this count for this policy?' That's a yes or no question," Colleen Flynn said. "If that wasn't clear from the jump, then we could have adjusted it earlier."

The committee voted to accept the recommendations by the DTL, citing that this was the vision of the policy in the first place.

Teachers Michele Presho and Elizabeth Lyons made a presentation about the make-believe playtime that they run for preschoolers and talked about how it benefits their development.

**Scouts Troop 64 holds first Court of Honor** 

PALMER -- Scouts BSA (formerly known as Boy Scouts) Troop 64 had their first Court of Honor this past weekend.

Scouts received recognition for their achievements including earned rank advancement, merit badges, and awards. After the ceremony, they enjoyed a potluck dinner and Minute-to-Win-It games. Scouts BSA Troop 64

welcomes boys aged 11-17 and is chartered by Second Congregational Church in Palmer. The Troop focuses on the youth leading themselves while exploring the outdoors and new interests and supporting each other.

book page or email us at bsatroop0064@gmail.com more information.

Please visit our Facefor Senior Patrol Leader Cole Chevalier prepares to begin the Troop's first Court of

Honor.

Jackson Quinn and Cole Chevalier play Minute-to-Win-It games after the ceremony.

First Class Rank patch.

### Two injured in Wales house fire

injured in a residential fire on Dec. 18 on Stafford Holland Road, Wales Fire Chief John Croke said.

ford Holland Road following a injuries. report of a fire just before 8 a.m.

WALES — Two people were fire, including one who was assisted out of the building by a neighbor. Both of them were transported to UMass Medical Center with The Wales Fire Department serious injuries; the neighbor also responded to the area of 88 Staf- sought treatment for less serious

The fire went to two alarms as

fire started, but we do know that smoke alarms are the first line of defense in a fire," said Chief Croke. "I want to remind all our residents to be sure working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are installed

on every level of your home."

Polli McCrystal, left and Julie Bullock, right, are providing the T-shirts. The cost is \$19 per T-shirt and

## community for over a century

Mary Lane Hospital's history memorialized on T-shirts

> Staff Writer rdrago@turley.com

WARE - Remembering a great location in the town of Ware, Mary Lane Hospital has served the community for over 100 years, from 1909-2021.

Mary Lane Hospital was founded in 1909 by the Ware Visiting Nurse and Hospital Association. This association was formed by a group of women who were residents of Ware at the time.

The original facility located at 96 South St., accommodated 12 patients and living quarters for the nursing staff.

The name of Mary Lane was introduced in 1924 when a 25-bed unit was added to the now Wetherby portion of the hospital. A local manufacturer by the name of Lewis N. Gilbert has donated his home and grounds to the Ware Visiting Nurse and Hospital Association.

In accordance with his will, the hospital was named after Gilbert's wife, Mary Lane.

Over the course of its operation, three wings have been added to the original building that currently makes up the complex. The Storrs Wing was completed back in 1948. The Gilbert Wing was next and completed in 1961. The Davis Wing was introduced in 1972. A fourth floor was added to the Davis Wing in 1987.

Thanks to the donations of the Storrs, Wetherby, Gilbert, Schoonmaker, Davis and Siarkeiwicz families Mary Lane Hospital had progressed into its existing hospital campus, which is managed by Baystate Health. In 1995, the hospital underwent renovations on its first floor and then introduced an ambulatory care center, auxiliary gift shop and medical office building.

There was a moment of celebration in the hospital's history as Baystate Mary Lane Hospital celebrated their 100th anniversary throughout the year of 2009. This anniversary marked 100 years of dedicated service to the community.

At this point, Baystate Mary Lane Hospital was a 31-bed community-based hospital offering a wide spectrum of services including 24 hour emergency services, orthopedics, inpatient and outpatient surgical care, intensive care, pediatrics, women's health

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader Silas Patel receives his



Submitted photos



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sizes range from small to XXXL.

# Serving the

**By Ryan Drago** 

The presentation included pictures of the students painting and working together. Lyons then described the students getting to run a pretend bakery, using Play-doh and cookie cutters, baking real cookies, and writing down ingredients and steps taken in the bakery.

"Our play place connects real-life experiences through play, so the students are making their peer connections while working together, and it is also encouraging their fine and gross motor [skills]," Lyons said.

Presho thanked Monson Pizza for donating aprons to the school. "Tony is very kind to share those things with us," she said.

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on Dec. 18. On arrival, firefighters saw heavy fire at the front of the building.

Two older adults escaped the

firefighters battled flames driven by high winds. It was fully extinguished by about 11 a.m.

"We don't know yet how this

The origin and cause of the fire are being investigated by the Wales Fire Department and State Police assigned to the State Fire Marshal's office.

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two residents to be part of its Town Manager Screening Committee.

Working with the Town's recruitment consultant this Committee will screen and interview candidates for the position of Town Manager and make recommendations to the Town Council.

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### Viewpoints



### I'm 65 and working; can I collect ex-spouse benefits?

#### **Dear Rusty**

I turned 65 earlier this year and I still work full time.

I was divorced four years ago after 38 years of marriage, but my ex-husband has been collecting Social Security for at least 10 years now. Can I start collecting Social Security and still work full time? And can I collect my ex-husband's amount if it is more than mine and what is the best way to achieve this? When I went to my local SSA office, they said they had no way of knowing that.

Signed Working Divorcee

#### **Dear Working Divorcee**

Although you are eligible to claim Social Security at age 65, because you are working full time you may wish to wait a bit longer to do so. That's because Social Security has an "earnings test" which applies to anyone who collects benefits before Full Retirement Age and you have not yet reached yours.

The earnings test imposes a limit on how much you can earn before SS takes away some of your benefits. If you exceed the annual earnings limit (\$22,320 for 2024), Social Security will want back \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit and you will need to repay that, usually by having future benefits withheld. If you significantly exceed the limit, you may even be temporarily ineligible to receive SS benefits until you either earn less or reach your full retirement age (FRA) of 66 years and 8 months.

So, if your earnings from working will significantly exceed the annual earnings limit, which changes yearly, it's likely that your wisest move would be to wait longer to claim your Social Security. As a bonus for doing so, your monthly payment will have grown and will be higher when you claim later. The earnings test no longer applies after you reach FRA.

Regarding benefits from your ex-husband, you cannot collect his instead of yours. What you may be able to do, when you claim your own benefit, is to get an additional amount, which brings your monthly payment up to 50% of his. In order for that to happen, you would need to satisfy the following criteria:

You are not currently married.

The personal benefit you are entitled to at your FRA must be less than 50% of your ex-husband's FRA entitlement.

If the above are true, when you claim your own SS retirement benefit you will also get a "spousal boost" to bring your payment up to what you're entitled to as an ex-spouse. The amount of the spousal boost, if you claim Air traffic controller shortage & holiday travel ...



### Cookies made with a familiar herb

This weekend was supposed to be the weekend when all four of us partook in a cookie-making marathon.

Usually, we start baking right after Thanksgiving, but this year the kids were involved in a play, then a concert, and alas, there was no time. We started out strong yesterday and then I began to feel a little funny.

By midafternoon I was definitely under the weather and that was it for my cookie-making. We got two batches in before I left the kitchen.

One is an almond covered thumb print, and the second is a coriander cook-

ie – one of my all-time favorites. It must been a favorite to a few other folks along the line because the recipe dates back to the early century!

them for the

first time at Old Sturbridge Village's Christmas by Candlelight some years back and making them has been a tradition in our house ever since. Why don't we take this opportunity to learn about a very versatile plant.

Most gardeners already know that Coriander (Coriandrum sativum) is one of the few herbs that goes by two different names depending on the part of the plant used.

Its foliage, known as Cilantro, is used fresh in a number of culinary delights. When the plant goes to seed, known as Coriander it can be used in that stage as well, eaten whole, crushed or powdered.

Cilantro is often used in salsa and other Mexican, Asian and Italian dishes including curries, sauces, salads and soups. If you prefer to grow the plant more for its greens and less for its seeds, manage it as you would spinach.

Sow seeds in the ground in the cool of the season and in succession every two weeks. It dislikes being transplanted but doesn't mind pot culture.

Harvest greens rather aggressively - about one-third of the plant at a time. Just like spinach, there are slow-to-bolt varieties to choose from such as aptly named "Slow Bolt" and "Longstanding".

Cilantro's flowers are edible, and they attract lots of beneficial insects such as lady beetles, parasitic wasps and syrphid flies.

Corianseeds, der on the other hand, have a

pleasant (at least to me) fragrance once dried. The scent is easier to pin-point too; nutty and spicy (ever so slightly) come to mind.

Coriander seed is also well known in various ethnic cuisines and is a favorite in spice blends, curry being the most popular. It is also used in the making of a number of distilled spirits, herbal liqueurs and Christmas cookies as I have come to find out and favor!

The Herb Society noted that during World War II coriander seeds were coated in white or pink sugar and thrown from carnival wagons, earning the name "confections" or "confetti." When the seeds were replaced by balls of colored paper the name confetti stuck.

### **Letters to the Editor**

### Brimfield Wreaths Across America

#### To the Editor

Attending the Brimfield Wreaths Across America veteran's memorial service on Dec. 16 was so moving. Yes, it moved right along. About 10 minutes later I was placing a wreath on my brother's grave.

The ceremony consisted of a moment of silence for our veterans, a short speech citing the reason for the event, a quote from President Reagan and remembering each branch of our services. Bod-A-Bing it was over. I've attended the last three Brimfield Wreaths Across America services. The attendees were not asked to speak the name of the veteran out loud as the wreath was placed. That is an opportunity to remember and honor the veteran. Taps was not played.

To those who complained about the length of the previous services. Where were you to honor your family members?

> **Eleanor Szlachetka** Brimfield

### Walker stolem

#### To the Editor

To the sad, pathetic person who stole my walker from the pharmacy area of the Palmer Big Y (Dec. 6) some time between 4 and 5:15 p.m. I need the walker to walk more than a few steps. I feel sorry for you. I hope you use my walker that you stole or give it to someone you know who needs it. My friend was able to pick me up and bring me home. My friend was able to bring a walker that her family wasn't using.

But, what if I didn't have a family member to replace my walker that you thought you had the right to steal? Karma will catch up with you - maybe not today or tomorrow; but eventually. So, I hope you are proud of yourself and that you can live with what you did.

> **Dawn Turner** Palmer

### Giving Us Christmas

Hark! we listen for the bells, -of winter, Not to die-out-on the sleigh; Tho' wheels, and sheet-iron frame the creature, However you get along your way.

For much was given to us, to keep going -Some rich pagan lore out of Germany; Mistletoe handed down from the romantic Oak, On yonder British Isles across the sea.

And tho' hungering still along a snowy Path - it was the Victorian's victory: To give us Christmas as we Know it, - and the tree. And we set it midst faiths heartfelt music And the miracle of still being free.



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Social Security at your FRA, will be the difference between half of his FRA entitlement and your FRA entitlement. If you claim your benefit before your FRA, not only will your own benefit be reduced for claiming early, but the amount of your spousal boost will also be reduced. Benefits claimed before FRA are always reduced.

Whenever you decide to claim Social Security, you will be automatically deemed to be filing for benefits from your ex-husband as well (you shouldn't need to apply separately). You've already satisfied the basic criteria of at least 10 years married to get benefits from an ex-spouse and, if you satisfy the above criteria as well, you will be entitled to a spousal boost when you claim.

But your current earnings from working full time will likely affect your eligibility to collect Social Security benefits at this time, so waiting until your full retirement age to claim may be your best choice.

If you will only slightly exceed the annual earnings limit you can consider claiming earlier, as long as you are comfortable with receiving a permanently reduced amount, and the prospect of not getting benefits for a number of months if you exceed the earnings limit, the number of months you will go without benefits depends on how much you exceed the limit by.

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I liken cilantro to being the "marigold" of the herb world. Either you love the smell/taste of it or you hate it.

I, for one, immensely dislike it and if given the chance to pick it out of my salsa I will certainly do it! Even in a restaurant.

I found it interesting to learn that some people possess a genetically predisposed aversion to it, according to studies by Charles J. Wysocki of the Monell Chemical Senses Center in Philadelphia. To me it has a bitter taste that I have a hard time describing beyond that. Dirty? Soil-like?

Most people that do dislike it have a similar lack of descriptive ability; they just can't put their finger on it, but they don't like the taste...or the smell of it. It's funny that when my oldest daughter received her Ancestry DNA results, she was shown not to possess the genetic aversion. Well, she didn't get that from me

Take this one to your next game of Cruise Ship Trivia!

It is easy to harvest the seeds. Simply let the heads dry to brown right on the plant. Clip them and place inside a paper bag; as they dry further, they will open, and the seeds will pop out.

Even if you are only interested in harvesting the seeds, multiple plantings (or a big garden patch) are necessary to get a decent-sized harvest. Let a few drop their seeds and you will be blessed with a few self-sown plants next spring.

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

### — Charles Barnes

### The Christmas Path

Around and round the Christmas table, Seated in every chair-There to eat and eat as much As, oh' we acheing dare.

And soon we'll dance by the yuletide tree; Around and round the we'll go-Carols sing throughout the night, That warm while north wind blows.

Will you come and sit with us? Prepared for pauper and king-Table and talk and all the parts Of blessings there to bring.

- Charles Barnes

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### Army, Marines, Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard

#### By Hank Houghton, Vietnam veteran

Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone, In a one bedroom house made of plaster and stone. I had come down the chimney with presents to give, And to see just who in this home did live. I looked all about, a strange sight I did see, No tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.

No stockings by mantle, just boots filled with sand, And on the wall pictures of far distant lands. With medals and badges, awards of all kinds, A sobering thought came to my mind. For this house was different, so dark and dreary, The home of a soldier, now I could see clearly.

The soldier lay sleeping, silent, alone, Curled up on the floor in this one bedroom home. The face was so gentle, the room in such disorder, Not how I pictured a United States soldier. Was this the hero of whom I'd just read? Curled up on a poncho, the floor for a bed?

I realized the families that I saw this night, Owed their lives to these soldiers who were willing to fight. Soon round the world, the children would play, And grownups would celebrate a bright Christmas day. They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year, Because of the soldiers, like the one lying there.

I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone, On a cold Christmas eve in a land far from home. The very thought brought a tear to my eye, I dropped to my knees and started to cry. The solider awakened and I heard a rough voice, "Santa don't cry, this life if my choice;

I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more, My life is my God, my country, my corps." The solider rolled over and soon drifted to sleep, I couldn't control it, I continued to weep. I kept watch for hours, so silent and still, And we both shivered from the cold evening's chill.

I didn't want to leave on that cold, dark, night, This guardian of honor so willing to fight. Then the soldier rolled over, with a voice soft and pure, Whispered, "Carry on Santa, it's Christmas day, all is secure." One look at my watch, and I knew he was right. "Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a good night."



PALMER — The Palmer Senior Center, 1029 Central St., has many activities for seniors Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information or to reserve a meal please call 413-283-2670.

#### **EVENTS**

January events always on Mondays- Zumba at 8:30 a.m., Chair Yoga at 10 a.m., Lunch 11:30 and Pool table at 12:15 p.m. Always on Tuesdays- Knit/crochet group at 9 a.m., walking group at 9 a.m., Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Arthritis/ROM at 10 a.m., Pitch at 12:30 p.m. and painting group at 1 p.m. Always on Wednesdays- Strength training at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Lunch. Always on Thursdays-Walking group at 9 a.m., breakfast at 9:30 a.m., Tai Chi at 10 a.m., pool table at 12:15 p.m. and Big Y at 1 p.m. Always on Fridays - Gentle stretch at 10 a.m. and Lunch at 11:30 a.m.

#### **Special events for January:**

Wednesday, Jan. 3 - Family Fued

Friday, Jan. 5 - showing the movie "A Million Miles Away."

Monday, Jan. 8 - Betty Boop therapy dog from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. take and bake.

Wednesday, Jan. 10 - Wellness Talk Powerback rehab at 11 a.m. and Wii bowling at 1 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 11 - Sunshine village craft.

Friday, Jan. 12 – from 1 to 3 p.m. brown bag pickup.

Monday, Jan. 15 - Closed for MLK day.

Tuesday, Jan. 16 - at noon lunch bunch "china house".

movie "The Peanut Butter Falcon" at 1 p.m. and from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Foot care by appointment.

Monday, Jan. 22 - Betty Boop therapy dog from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24 - Wii

bowling at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25 - Sunshine

village craft. Friday, Jan. 26 - Powerback

Rehab at 10 a.m. and Balance clinic at 10 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 29 - Jeopardy at 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 31 - Cards with Marlene at 1 p.m.

#### **MENU**

Breakfast is served every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:15 a.m. and is \$3. Lunch is served every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon and a suggested donation is \$2. Please call before 10 a.m. the day before to reserve a meal at 413-283-2670.

Tuesday, Jan. 2 - French Toast and sausage.

Wednesday, Jan. 3 - Pot Roast with gravy, brussel sprouts,

garlic mashed potatoes, WW bread and fresh fruit. Thursday, Jan. 4 - Egg, sau-

sage and cheese on a roll. Friday, Jan. 5 - Eggplant parmesan, tossed salad with Italian dressing, Penne with sauce, garlic bread and Jello with topping.

Monday, Jan. 8 - Turkey chili, sour cream, mixed vegetable, half a baked potato, mini cornbread and fresh fruit.

Tuesday, Jan. 9 - Ham and Cheese roll.

Wednesday, Jan. 10 - Pork with apple gravy, herbed green Friday, Jan. 19 - Showing the beans, roasted potatoes, WW

bread, and mixed fruit.

Thursday, Jan. 11 - Waffles and sausage.

Friday, Jan. 12 - Meatloaf with mushroom gravy, steamed peas, mashed potatoes, WW bread and cookies.

Monday, Jan. 15 - Closed for MLK day

Tuesday, Jan. 16 - Cinnamon buns

Wednesday, Jan. 17 - Braised pork, tossed salad with Italian dressing, yellow rice and beans, multigrain bread, and chilled applesauce.

Thursday Jan. 18 - Blueberry French Toast.

Friday, Jan. 19 - Cheddar baked fish, California blend veggies, lemon rice, WW bread, and a cookie.

Monday, Jan. 22 - Swiss steak, California blend veggies, mashed butternut squash, dinner roll and Jello.

Tuesday, Jan. 23 - Ham, eggs, and cheese croissant.

Wednesday, Jan. 24 - Turkey taco plate, tossed salad with ranch, yellow rice, tortilla chips and chilled pineapple.

Thursday, Jan. 25 - Egg, bacon and cheese croissant.

Friday, Jan. 26 - Jamaican jerk chicken, collard greens, coconut rice, oaknut bread and tropical fruits.

Monday, Jan. 29 - Ham and Swiss, mustard, vegetable soup, broccoli slaw, WW roll and a cookie.

Tuesday, Jan. 30 - Egg, bacon and cheese croissant.

Wednesday, Jan. 31 - Lazy stuffed cabbage, peas and onions, WW bread, and Jello with topping.



Baby's First Christmas 2023

**Ava S. Aldrich** 

August 19, 2023 Parents: Laura & Kevin Aldrich, Palmer Grandparents: Michael & Roseann Mesheau, Monson Kevin & Norma Aldrich, Palmer



### **Raelynn Brown**

July 20, 2023 Parents: Ryan & Ashley Brown, Hampden Grandparents: Art & Lynn Anderson, Wilbraham Rick & Joanne Brown, Monson

### Ethan J. McEwan

Birthdate: June 5, 2023 Parents: Danielle Sheldon & Neil McEwan III, Agawam Grandparents: Betty Jo & Craiq Jalbert, Monson Steven Sheldon, Westfield Joan & Gary Merlo, Myrtle Beach, SC Betty Ann Halgas, Bondsville





Leila Ann Frydryk August 1, 2023 Parents: Michael Frydryk & Jainama Lucas, Palmer Grandparents: Sherrie & Guy Bellefleur, Thomas & Cheryl Fydryk

Great Gandparents: Ann Frydryk, Janet & Bill Jalbert

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### Elmira College dean's list for fall 2023 Term

ELMIRA- Alexis Barnes of Palmer, MA was named to the Elmira College dean's list for

### Sourdough Workshop to be held at the Wilbraham library

WILBRAHAM - Baker and food blogger Sourdough Brandon will present his Sourdough Starter Workshop at the Wilbraham Public Library on Monday, Jan. 22 from 6 – 7 p.m. Attendees will learn how to build, maintain, and store a sourdough starter and will even receive a free sample to get baking. Online registration is required, and space is limited. To register, please contact the library at 413-596-

the Fall 2023 Term.

This achievement recognizes the effort of students who performed well academically. The dean's list recognizes full-time undergraduate students who were registered for at least 12 computable credit hours and who earned a term grade point average of 3.6 or higher.

### **Resident of Monson, inducted** into Epsilon lota Honor Society

SPRINGFIELD- Epsilon Iota, the Western New England University chapter of Rho Chi Pharmacy Honor Society, celebrated the induction of nine outstanding members from the PY3 Pharmacy Class at an event held on Thursday, Nov. 16, at the Munich Haus in Chicopee, MA.

The Rho Chi Society, established in 1922, is an international honor society dedicated to fostering high scholastic achievement, fellowship among students in pharmacy, and the promotion of pharmaceutical sciences.

6141 or visit the Event Calendar at www.wilbrahamlibrary.org. This free program is sponsored by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library.

### Wilbraham Troop 359 **Bottle & Can Drive** Saturday, Jan. 6

WILBRAHAM - Wilbraham Troop 359 will have their Bottle & Can Drive on Sat, Jan. 6, 2024, from 8 a.m. to Noon. It will be held in St. Cecilia's Church parking lot. All donations to Troop 359 provide support toward camping equipment and supplies, program materials, registration and activity fees throughout the year. People come to the troop's bottle & can drives year after year. The generous community support

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#### **BOOK REVIEW:**

### 'Of Time and Turtles: Mending the World Shell by Shattered Shell' by Sy Montgomery

#### By Richard Murphy Correspondent

On Sep. 30, the Southbridge Community Center hosted an evening event of the Turtle Rescue League with featured speaker, author Sy Montgomery.

Montgomery spoke passionately about turtles and their place in the world as well as the role of organizations such as Turtle Rescue League.

It is a subject she knows about as evidenced by the book she wrote that was on sale that evening, "Of Time and Turtles: Mending the World Shell by Shattered Shell". Included in the book were illustrations by artist Matt Patterson.

For children, there is "The Book of Turtles" by Montgomery and also with Patterson's illustrations.

Montgomery is a prolific author with titles that suggest an interest in subjects related to the natural world. She may be most known for her book, "The Soul of an Octopus: A Surprising Exploration into the Wonder of Consciousness". The author was able to connect with this surprisingly intelligent cephalopod.

The cover of "Of Time and Turtles" has a Patterson illustration that speaks to the subtitle of the book, "Mending the World Shell by Shattered Shell". It's a handsome turtle that has what looks like tape holding together its wounded shell.

It is a fair introduction to what is coming in the book, but it is not all that the book is about.

The modern world is a difficult environment for turtles. Doing what they have been doing for millennia in the age of the automobile means crossing roads where even conscientious motorists might crush a terrapin.

There are other environmental threats to turtles, some evidencing human cruelty.



That is a tragedy of the world we live in, but it is not the whole story. Montgomery was in Southbridge on the last day of September and not somewhere else because two town residents

#### NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER OF TIME AND TURTLES Mending the World, Shell by Shattered Shell



SY MONTGOMERY

Submitted Image

have taken on the task of rescuing turtles and have educated themselves and others and have made their town in western central Massachusetts a regional center of rescue and rehabilitation.

Montgomery has even equated it to a religious shrine.

"Last year, we attended a turtle summit, a symposium for turtle rehabilitators, here at the league. We came away stunned as if we'd visited Lourdes," she said.

The description of Turtle Rescue League prior to the quote above read a bit more utilitarian as the author described a headquarters where security measures such as closed-circuit TV are necessary as even sick or injured turtles are valuable on the black market and are subject to abduction.

Compassion is serious business.

about many facets of turtles and their existence today, but the sto-

The two women behind the Turtle Rescue League, Alexxia Bell and Natasha Nowick are most featured in the book, though there are others elsewhere. Montgomery relates how

Nowick and Bell became turtle rescuers. On a spring day, headed for a hike, they came across a crushed, mortally wounded turtle. Obviously suffering, it was euthanized by running over it.

Soon, hiking was out and rescuing turtles was in.

The two sought to learn from institutions and individuals with knowledge to impart. One of them was Kathy Mitchell of the New York Center for Turtle Rehabilitation.

"Mitchell had herself survived cancer, multiple sclerosis, and then a cancer relapse With a survival prognosis of six months-which turned into a year, and then two, and then five years and counting. She imparted tenacity," Nowick said. "She taught us not to give up."

And "Never give up on a Turtle" is a Turtle Rescue League motto

Bell and Nowick are not the whole show when it comes to Turtle Rescue League, but there are others who have found their way such as Michaela Conder.

Conder is from far away Kansas and moved to Rhode Island, living with her grandmother and commuting to Turtle Rescue League. Her devotion is evidenced by the quote, "When I look into the eyes of a turtle... It almost feels to me as if the entire universe is held within them. They have so much understanding and knowledge."

There are others, and Montgomery and Patterson should not be left out as throughout the book they are, heart and hand, part of the team.

"Of Time and Turtles" is Turtle Rescue League in Massachusetts is hugely significant in conserving turtles, but there are other places and entities ry cannot involved in the struggle, such as be told without the aforementioned New York Center for Turtle Rehabilitation. the people and New England Aquarium who seem to have put among others, but down south, the Turtle Survival Alliance outheart and side of Charleston, South Carolisoul into saving and na, is home to one of the "largest and most important breeding colrehabilitating these onies for the world's most critically endangered turtles." animals.

Cris Hagen is in charge of animal management at the South Carolina organization, and his bio seems evidence that he was born for the job. After a problem filled childhood and youth, he reformed himself and found his métier.

Hagen manages the center's collection, but has 500 turtles at home. Kind of says it all.

In "Of Time And Turtles", you go with Bell and Nowick and Montgomery and Patterson and others to find, care for and interact with turtles. All the turtles have names associated with how they came to Turtle Rescue League, such as Fire Chief, a subject with an interesting biography.

Fire Chief inhabited a pond next to a fire house in summer and was well known to the firemen. He would hibernate in a different pond in winter, but to get there he had to pass over a road and a truck caught him in one crossing. The Chief was left with a wounded shell and broken spine

Thus, after a water rescue by Bell, the huge snapper came to Turtle Rescue League.

There was hope for his recovery. It would take tenacity, but that is a quality turtles seem to have and the team at Turtle Rescue League has it as well.

Fire Chief would have a long rehabilitation and as his getting around was a problem, the team developed a wheelchair, to aid mobility.

After the long recovery, he would be able to move out, sans wheelchair, but where? Certainly not to an environment where he could be injured as before.

A pond was dug with a backhoe at the new home of Matt and his wife Erin in New Hampshire and Fire Chief will be in residence, with friends, and one might even suggest, family. It's a lovely triumph.

"Of Time and Turtles" is many things, an adventure, a story, and even almost an introductory text book for us uninitiated. It would be difficult to read this book and not come away with a sense of wonder about the world of furtles

### Winners announced for **Tree and Wreath Raffle**

PALMER - The Historical Cultural Center has announced the winners of this year's Tree and Wreath Festival.

Thank you to all who came out to support this great non-profit organization," Dave Golden said. "All the funds stay in that Center to keep it running year round."

Of the two donations by Irene and Russ Webb, the His and Hers Mittens tree went to Lisa Perrin, and the Mitts for Tiny Tots went to Jim Kwasnick.

Bell and Hudson Insurance sponsored the Consumable Crafts tree, which was won by Steve Warman.

The Historical Cultural Center's Silver Tree and LEGO Fun was won by Dan-Kari Flowers.

Jennifer Vincelette and Avon donated the Beauty Tree, which was won by Sharon Meli.

Linda Henrichon won both the Woodland Friends theme, donated by J Stolar Insurance Agency, Inc., and Postcards from the Past, donated by Jo Condon.

Pam Outhuse's Tree and Quilt went to Andrea Zoschak, and Holly Haveles won the Barbie tree from the Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce.

Burkhart and Pizzanell P.C.'s theme was "A Warm Winter Welcome," which was won by Pat Tessler.

Palmer Historical Ornaments, in association with the PHCC, had a theme of Palmer's Landmarks, which went to Dawn Kwasnik. PHCC's Pine Cone Wreath went to Angela Lebell.

Bob Hoyt won the Merry "Cat"mas theme, which was donated by Pamela Lewis.

GingerBread Wishes, donated by Jo Condon, was won by Rebecca Chraper.

Dr. William Vigneux sponsored the Tropical Christmas, or Toes in the Sun, theme, which was won by Becky Ouinn.

Ashley Duggan won Jo Condon's Christmas Card Tree, and PHCC's Farm Fresh theme went to Mark Veber.

Shear Performance and Condon Cards had "Lets Get Cozy" for a theme, which went to Chris Raiche.

The theme for PHCC's Potted Tree was Breakfast On Us, and was won by Donna Rolandini.

The Origami Money Tree was sponsored by North Brookfield Savings, and was won by Becky Lukaskiewicz.

Mike Strzemienski won the "I Hear the Whistle Blowing" theme, which was sponsored by Noonan Energy.

Dawn Fitzgerald's Date Night theme went to Susan Dominick, and Chris' Tax Prep's sponsored ornament went to Mona Dornan.

Cub Scout Pack 164 donated a S'Mores Fun tree, which went to Cynthia Williams.

Dunkin' Donuts sponsored a theme, which was won by Hunter Duquette, and the Palmer Soccer Association's donation went to Danielle Sakowski.

The Public Library had a Book Tree and Wreath, which was won by Brian St. Jean.

The Turley Publications tree was won by David Droz.

Diane Wright won Hancock Associates's themed donation, which was titled "Get Your Bearings".

PHCC had a Scratch It themed display, which was won by Linda Drewnika, and Suburban Propane donated a wreath which went to Becky Lukaskiewicz.

The 50/50 raffle made \$616. The Historical Cultural Center has scheduled next year's Tree and Wreath Festival for Dec. 7-8 and Dec. 14-15 next year.

### STCC secures funding for decarbonization efforts

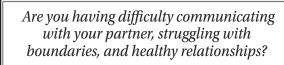
Technical Community College received \$791,694 from the state Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to support projects to advance decarbonization efforts, address deferred maintenance and increase climate resilience.

STCC will use the funding for energy efficiency projects that lessen the consumption of onsite fossil fuels or increase efficiency.

STCC also will make repairs to campus buildings to increase efficien- in line with two of my legislative pricy, including but not limited to window orities next year that ensure the state is replacements, door replacements, insulation and weatherization. On Dec. 11, Sen. Adam Gomez, D-Springfield, joined the Healey-Driscoll administration in announcing that STCC received funding through Fair Share funds as part of the fiscal 2024 budget. "STCC continues to benefit from a regional legislative delegation that sup-ports public higher education needs,"

SPRINGFIELD — Springfield said STCC President John B. Cook. "To Senator Gomez, Representative Williams, and all of our delegation, we are thankful knowing these funds help the college with decarbonization and energy efficiency requirements that carry a high cost."

'Combating climate change and securing resources for environmental justice communities continues to be a priority of mine for my district and our Commonwealth," Gomez said. "The securement of this grant for STCC falls able to meet net zero carbon goals as set forth in the Climate Change Road Map Act of 2021." DCAMM provided \$11,875,404 to be divided among the 15 community colleges, including STCC, to assist with meeting Massachusetts' decarbonization goals and focus on energy-efficient measures where decarbonation is not possible. Each community college received \$791,694.



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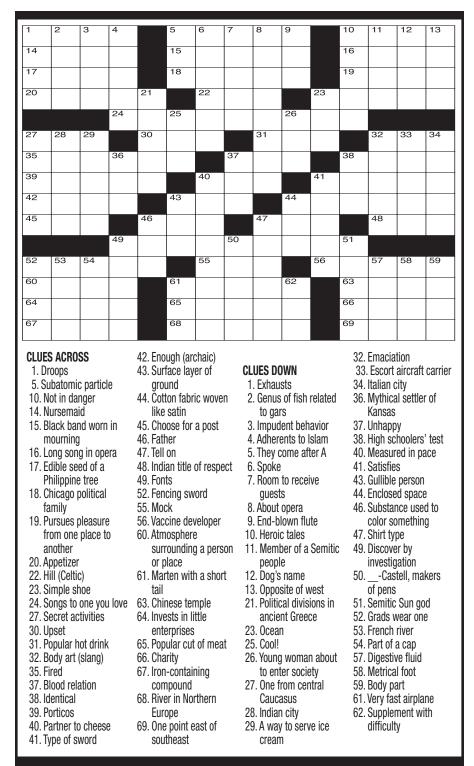
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Osvaldo "Ozzy" Nieves, Jake Beaupre, Mia Matthieu, Athletic Boosters President Sara Malo, Molly Szado, Olivia Chrzan, Ella Corthell, Shane Szado, Austin Meacham, Carlee Meacham, and Natalie Hull.



A crowd of residents gathered at Hillside Cemetery to attend the Wreaths Across America ceremony.



The Scouts and Cemetery Commission worked to raise a flag during the ceremony.



Jordan Doyle sang the National Anthem for the gathered attendees.

#### WREATHS I from page 1

Cemetery Commissioner Sarah McNamara Pedder helped the Scouts raise the American flag. Wreaths were then placed in honor of each branch of the military, including the Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Space Force and Coast Guard, and then for Prisoners of War and for Purple Heart recipients.

Athletes from the schools were at Hillside Cemetery to volunteer for the event. Sarah Malo said this is part of a program that the Athletic Boosters are running to get athletes more involved in the community.

"The Athletic Boosters are leading an initiative where student athletes in Monson give back to the community with community service," Malo said. "Each sports season, we ask the teams to do at least one initiative, so we had these kids take part in Wreaths Across America."

Wreaths Across America's website describes its mission as being to "remember the fallen, honor those who serve, and teach the next generation the value of freedom."

For more information, go to wreaths across america. org. More photos on page 8.



Scouts watched the ceremony and waited for their cue to participate.



Scouts and attendees saluted the flag as it was raised.



John Benedict, David Beaudoin, Sarah McNamara Pedder, and Richard Smith held a wreath in front of the American flag to commemorate the event.





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### Second Chance urgent appeal for support

EAST BROOKFIELD- Second Chance Animal Services is shattering all previous records in their mission to help pets live better lives. The nonprofit expects that by year's end, they will have helped over 48,000 animals passing last year's record of 44,000. While this may seem a reason for celebration, the increasing need for help is deeply concerning for the nonprofit. Second Chance is commit-

ted to meet the great demand for programs and services for animals as economic pressures contribute to stagnant donation levels.

CEO Sheryl Blancato said, "With less than a month remaining in the year, we know that we have broken old records, helping more pets than ever before. This is wonderful news, but we are many cats waiting for bracing ourselves for a home. a tremendous challenge in the new year.

The economy has truly taken a toll on pets in 2023 and has erased so much progress for shelters across the country. We expect this trend to continue in 2024.

Seven-year-old Sap-

phire, who came to

her owner passed

away, is one of the

Second Chance when

Blancato highlighted the financial pressures faced by pet owners who are struggling to care for their pets. "At our four veterinary hospitals, more pet owners are relying on subsidized rates than ever before. Meanwhile, across the country, shelters are reaching capacity. Second Chance is taking in as many pets from other shelters as possible to save count-



Six-year-old Roxie is an amazing pup who has been waiting a long time to find a home. She has stolen the hearts of staff and volunteers alike, and a generous supporter has prepaid her adoption fee to help her find a home.

less lives, but our space is being limited due to an increase in surrenders from local pet owners."

The economy has also taken a toll on donors who still want to help but may have less means to do so. Nonprofits throughout the US are reporting that donations are flat or declining. Second Chance remains

steadfast in its commitment to pets in need and they are calling upon animal lovers to join them in the fight against pet suffering. Supporters are urged to make a donation online at www.secondchanceanimals.org/give-love or by mail to Second Chance, PO Box 136, East Brookfield, MA 01515.

Blancato emphasized, "The need is great. Your contribution, big or small, will directly impact our ability to provide vital care, prevent unnecessary suffering, and keep families together."



Photos by Marcelo Gusmão Miles Hines and Elijah, age 7, volunteered to help with the Wreaths Across America ceremony.





Aidan, age 9, James, age 11, and Jacob, age 9, spent their Saturday volunteering for the event.



Organizers and attendees took a picture by the archway, (from left) Mat Wawrzyk, Richard Smith, Sarah McNamara Pedder, David Beaudoin, and John Benedict.



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### BASKETBALL

### **Panthers prevail over** rival Mustangs in opener

**By Tim Peterson** Sports Correspondent

MONSON-It took until the penultimate game of the 2022-23 regular season for the Palmer boys' varsity basketball team to get into the win column for the first time. The Panthers players didn't have to wait as long this season to celebrate a victory.

Palmer, who led by as many as 24 points in the third quarter, withstood a fourth quarter comeback by Bi-County West rival Monson. The Panthers wound up escaping with a 50-45 season opening victory before a large crowd inside the Michael J. Kane Gymnasium, last Monday night (Dec. 11).

"We had a losing record last season, so it feels very good to win the first game of the season," said Palmer senior forward Andrew Menard, who scored 10 of his team-leading 17 points before halftime. "We've been working very hard at practice, and it showed in tonight's game. This is also a very big rivalry game for us."

Monson (1-1), who played their first home game of the regular



#### Colin Beaupre looks for an opening to drive to the hoop.

ous five meetings on the hardwood against Palmer. The Mustangs only setback during that span was a 74-41 loss at Palmer High two years ago.

Since becoming a member of the varsity basketball team as a sophomore, Menard has played for three different head coaches.

Nate Connor was the Panthers varsity basketball coach in Menard's first season on the squad. Nate Letendre coached the team season, had won four of the previ- last year. Missy Rocker, who's a



School Adjustment Counselor at ent style," Menard said. "Coach

Palmer High School, is the current Rocker's practices have been a lot

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varsity coach.

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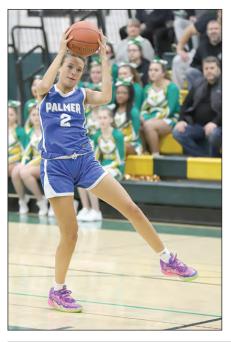






### BASKETBALL





Charlotte Theriault makes her way down the court.

### Offense leads **Panthers** to first win

PALMER - Last Tuesday evening, Palmer girls basketball rode a huge effort by Charlotte Theriault en route to a 53-38 win over host Southwick in the season opener for the Panthers. Theriault led all scorers with 34 points, with an impressive 13 fields goals and two 3-pointers. Vanessa Baer and Jordan Bigda had six points each. Palmer would lose to Sutton later in the week and are 1-1 to start the year.

Vanessa Baer gets an off-balance rebound.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



Hunter Griswold takes a shot under pressure.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Adrien Moskowvitz pushes a pass to his teammate.

### **Pioneers offense too** much for Lions

Pathfinder boys basketball prevailed over visiting Ludlow 70-48. One of the big keys was a big second quarter for Pathfinder as well ferent players, it was not enough to as great defense by the Pioneers combat Pathfinder's high scorers. in the final frame holding the Lions to just four points. Pathfinder was led by Hunter Griswold with

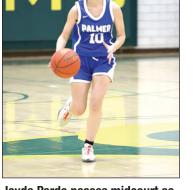
**Richie Gula drives** toward the hoop.

PALMER - Last Friday night, 22 points followed by Richie Gula with 20 points. Seth Mitchell added 10 points for the Pioneers. While Ludlow got points from eight dif-Stephen Goodreau had 13 points to lead the Lions.

> **Trevor Allard reaches out for** a long layup.







Jayda Pardo passes midcourt as she start an offensive play for the Panthers.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli Aiden Santiago goes for a takedown.

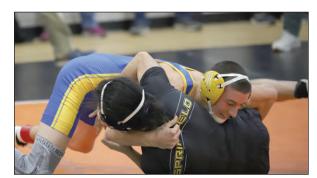
### Pioneers place sixth in tournament

Pathfinder wrestling had an excellent day at the Knight-Hawk Classic at Holyoke High School. The liam Burke won his bracket at 138 Pioneers had and individual cham-

sixth overall with 120 points. Wilpounds and Taran Prak (113), Bru-

HOLYOKE - Last Saturday, pion as well as three runners-up in no Medionero (144), and Dominic the event. The Pioneers finished Jarry (165) all placed second in the tournament.

layup.



William Burke goes quickly for a pin at 138 pounds.



Dominic Jarry tries to get creative and grab a pin.



Francis Meade goes for a leg takedown in a 175-pound match.



Colm McGrath makes his way up the court.



Jack Repose sends a pass to the left side of the perimeter.



Menard led the Panthers over rival Monson with a team-high 17 points.

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.

### Warriors fall against Doherty

FISKDALE - Last Friday night, a rough first half was too much for the Warriors to overcome as they fell to Doherty 59-50 at home. Bryce Tessier would lead the Warriors with 16 points. Elijah Webb had 13 points. Tantasqua hosts Minnechaug on Dec. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

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James Sciaraffa runs into pressure.



Adam Howe tries to keep the ball away from an opponent.





Dylan Doherty makes a long three-



Taydem Haley eyes the hoop as he



Shawn Troche avoids an opponent



Stephen Fredette goes for the jump-





#### point attempt.

attempts a free throw.

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and circles around near midcourt.

ing bank shot.

Jake Beaupre makes his way down the court.

Trev Dillahunt tries to get around an opponent and head for the basket.

#### **RIVALS** I from page 9

also pushes us. This is probably since I've been a member of the

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harder than in the past, and she the best basketball team we've had

varsity team."

Rocker was an assistant girls' varsity basketball coach at West Springfield High School for more than five years. She's also the varsity softball coach at Ludlow High School.

> thought we played really well in tonight's game," Rocker said. "We had a 24-point lead in the third quarter and almost lost it, but we were able to come away with the win. The players deserve it, and they really needed it. I'm hoping that we can build on the momentum from tonight's game."

> The only other Palmer senior is Shawn Troche, who scored five points in the season opening victory.

Menard and Troa second-year varsity player.

won six home games last year, began the new season by squeaking out a 60-56 non-league victory at Easthampton on December 8. Senior guard Colin Beaupre finished that contest with 32 points. He made a total of eight field goals and 16 free throws.

While Beaupre was held to just 12 points in the first meeting of the season against Palmer, eighth grade guard Trey Dillahunt led the home team with a game-high 21 points.



Shane Szado tries to get a jump ball.

Sophomore guard Jake Beaupre and senior forward Sebastian Nava scored six points apiece.

Dillahunt made two of his five 3-pointers in the first quarter. He also made a base-line lay-up, which gave the Mustangs a slim 10-9 advantage with 2:45 left in the opening quarter.

Then back-to-back lay-ups by Troche and sophomore forward Dylan Doherty (5 points) gave the Panthers a 13-10 lead entering the second stanza.

The Panthers built a double-digit lead (20-10) two minutes into the second quarter when Menard buried a 3-pointer from NBA range.

With 4:25 remaining in the first half, a jumper from the right side by sophomore center Stephen Fredette (4 points) capped off Palmer's 15-0 run.

Monson, who was trailing, 24-10, only made one field goal during the entire second quarter, which was a Dillahunt 3-pointer.

Following a put-back hoop

from Palmer sophomore forward Matt Santos, Colin Beaupre, who's the Mustangs lone captain, made a pair of free throws sending the home team into the locker room trailing by 13 points.

A little more than two minutes into the third quarter, Palmer held a 36-15 lead. Haley and Menard started off the second half with 3-pointers. Sophomore center Gavin Smola (4 points) also had a put-back hoop.

The Panthers largest lead of the ballgame was 44-20 following a Fredette inside hoop with two minutes remaining in the third quarter.

Monson responded with nine unanswered points.

Dillahunt made a 3-pointer from the left side and converted an old fashion three-point play. Colin Beaupre, who scored 340 points as a junior, added the other three points with the help of a short jumper and a made free throw.

It closed the gap to 44-29 entering the final eight minutes of the



Osvaldo Nieves looks for a teammate to pass to.

contest.

Nava began the fourth quarter by sinking a 3-pointer from the left corner.

Monson got their deficit into single digits (45-37) when Colin Beaupre buried a 3-pointer from the top of the key with 4:25 remaining in regulation.

Palmer only made four of their 13 foul shots during the fourth quarter, which allowed the Mustangs to stay within striking distance.

Following a pair of lay-ups from Colin Beaupre, Nava buried another 3-pointer making the score 48-45 with 27.7 seconds remaining.

Monson wouldn't get any closer than that, as Haley made a pair of free throw attempts with 22.9 seconds left, which sealed the Panthers first road victory in almost two years.

The Mustangs will be looking to even the season series when they make the short trip to Palmer High School on Jan. 9.

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che, who's a guard, are tri-captains, along with freshman guard Taydem Haley (9 points), who's

The Mustangs, who

### **Railers fall short to Thunder**

GLEN FALLS, NY - The Worcester Railers HC (8-11-2-2, 20pts) fell short to the Adirondack Thunder 13-6-2-1, 29pts), on Saturday night by the final score of 4-1 in front of 3,841 fans for their Teddy Bear Night at the Cool Insuring Arena. The Thunder extended their win streak to 4 games. The Railers will head back home to face the Trois-Rivières Lions at 5:05 pm on Friday, December 23rd, as one of their three "Home for the Holidays" matchups.

The Thunder scored the first three goals of the game as Patrick Grasso (10th) and Nico Blachman (2nd, 3rd) put Adirondack ahead 3-0 after two. Joey Cipollone tallied his first professional goal on a tipin out in front before Ryan Smith (11th) gave the Thunder back their three goal lead, and delivered the game's final score of 4-1.

The first period saw a lot of physicality which led to a total of 24 minutes in penalties. It all started with a Rock 'Em Sock 'Em fight toward center ice with Railers forward Jake Schultz (0-0-0) and Adirondack defenseman Darian Skeoch (0-1-1). Adirondack let the teddy bears fly early in the period after an odd-man rush goal by Patrick Grasso (1-0-1). Grasso received a pass by Grant Jozefek (0-1-1) from across the slot, moving left to right, to beat Henrik Tikkanen on his high glove side. The next goal didn't come until the 16th minute when the Thunder Forward Ryan Smith (1-2-3) placed a low shot on net from in-between the dots on the rush to give a rebound opportunity to Forward Nico Blachman (2-0-2) and beat the outstretched blocker of Henrik Tikkanen. The Thunder lead

the period in shots on goal 13-5. The second period was a lot quieter compared to the first. Henrik Tikkanen made a lot of high-quality saves throughout the period. Blachman and the Thunder would break through, however. After a failed offensive zone entry by the Railers, Adirondack's Forward Erik Mid-

dendorf (0-1-1) entered the right half of the Railers' defensive zone slowly and stopped at the top of the circle. He found Blachman crashing towards the net late and blasted it past Henrik Tikkanen's low blocker side from the high slot to make it a 3-0 game with 4:37 left in the period. The Thunder led the period with shots on goal 9-8.

The Railers finally got on the board early in the third period after a blast from the left point by Ryan Verrier (0-1-1) that was then deflected in the slot by Joey Cipollone (1-0-1) for his first professional goal. The Thunder would capitalize on a breakaway opportunity in the middle of the third after Colin Felix's (0-1-1) minor penalty expired. Felix passed the puck up to the speedy Ryan Smith who elevated the puck upstairs where it hit the crossbar, hit a Railers back-checker, and inadvertently ended up in the back of the net to make it 4-1 Thunder. The Thunder led the period in shots on goal 11-9.

and started racing at 7-years-old at

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Whelen Modified Tour team, led by

crew chief Scott Morin and car chief

Stephen Robinson, will open the

2024 season at New Smyrna Speed-

way on Saturday, February 10, as

NASCAR opens their 76th season of

racing. For more information on the

team, fans are encouraged to follow

the team on Facebook on their new

page, Eighty-Two Autosport, for the

latest news and information, includ-

Shenette and his NASCAR

years later.

### Shenette declares for modifieds tour

No. 8, John-Michael Shenette will chase the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour Rookie of the Year honors in 2024. When the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour begins a 16-race schedule in February at New Smyrna Speedway in Florida, Shenette plans to be in attendance. It will be the first race in his quest to compete in a majority of the races on the schedule to chase the prestigious award.

Formerly based in Thompson, Connecticut, Shenette is the CEO of Eighty-Two Services, a General Contractor located in Concord, North Carolina. The team, Eighty-Two Autosport, will also contest additional SMART Modified Tour and Open Modified events when available in 2024.

Shenette made his debut on the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour at Langley Speedway in 2023 and

WORCESTER – Driving the finished 12th. He also competed in events at North-Wilkesboro Speedway and Martinsville Speedway prior to the end of the season.

'We're excited for 2024," John-Michael Shenette said. "Last year was about putting a car on the track. We struggled with a mechanical issue that plagued us at all three events and prevented us from logging laps. All-in-all, it was a good year - we were able to build a great group, add a second car and square away all the bits and pieces that it takes to run. The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour is the best of the best in modified racing, if not NASCAR as a whole. Our team is ready for the challenge. Chasing the prestigious Rookie of the Year award is on our bucket list, but we're also looking for consistency and to chase our first career win in Modified in 2024.'

ing race day updates.

Shenette was born in Worcester,

### **Candlepin** League News

By Ryan Drago Staff Writer rdrago@turley.com

**Tuesday Night Commercial** Elks League

PALMER - The Commercial Elks League had another week of bowling before their holiday party. The standings as of Dec. 5, Life

ing a holiday party and banquet the Two 440-403. In game three, Team following Tuesday night. The league will have a fun night of bowling by hosting a random draw doubles tour-

nament.

**Thursday Night Mixed League** ing Lanes continued with the holi-

Two won the last game 401-389.

Team Six won total pinfall with a final score of 1209-1187.

On lanes two and three was a match between Team One and Team Four. In game one, Team One was victorious over Team Four 385-371. The Thursday Night Mixed Kris Rickson of Team One started League at Diamond Junction Bowl- off the night with a 108 game. In game two, it was close all game but

### **T-Birds suffer** 1-0 shutout against Bears

HERSHEY, PA - The Springfield Thunderbirds (14-9-2-0) could not solve the top-ranked defense in the AHL, as the Hershey Bears (22-6-0-0) skated off with a narrow 1-0 triumph on Sunday inside Giant Center.

The battle of the Eastern Conference's two best defensive teams lived up to that billing in the opening 20 minutes, as neither Springfield's Malcolm Subban nor Hershey's Hunter Shepard showed nerves in their goal crease. Subban had a trio of high-danger denials off odd-man rushes, including a right-pad kick out on a Jimmy Huntington breakaway. Shepard had his own sterling saves, including a point-blank snapper from Keean Washkurak.

The biggest fireworks of the period came in the form of mitts dropping between former T-Bird Dylan McIlrath and Sam Bitten less than four minutes into the action. The early scrap between two of the toughest customers in the AHL added a big boost to both benches but ultimately did not lead to either team cracking into the scoresheet in the first 20 minutes.

As difficult as it was for the teams to establish in the first, it became even more difficult in a second period that saw only seven combined shots between the two teams, with Subban stopping four Hershey attempts and Shepard blocking three Springfield offerings, forcing the scoreless draw into a final period.

The game gave every indication that the first goal would be pivotal, and at 5:31 of the third, Pierrick Dube finally got on the board for the Bears, blasting a slapper that glanced off Subban's left shoulder and squeaked across the line just moments before a T-Birds defender could get to the goal line to save it.

The winger's 14th of the season proved to be the only tally, as Springfield could not dent Shepard the rest of the way. Former Bear Jakub Vrana had perhaps the best chance to tie the game on a one-timer from the right circle, but Shepard slid from right to left to deny the chance, and Springfield succumbed to their first shutout defeat of the season.

The two teams will have a grudge match on Friday night inside the MassMutual Center as the T-Birds begin a seven-game homestand. Puck drop on Friday is set for 7:05 p.m. for another Deuces Wild Friday.

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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.

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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,

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is Good still leads in the #1 spot with nine wins, two losses and one tie. Tied for second place is The Champs R Here and Acres with each time carrying a 9-3 record.

Team BK has a record of 6-6. Last in Line has a record of 5-6 and 1 tie. The winner of round 1 Compression is 5-7. Blue B's has a record of 3-9.

The two teams tied for second place Acres and Champs R Here bowled each other on Dec. 12. In game one, The Champs won against Acres by a score 413-384. John Colkos of Champs R Here started off strong with a 114 game. Taylor Colkos started off with 109 and Steve Manolakis bowled 101.

In game two, Acres won the game 386-372. Paul Tereso and Dave Cobleigh of Acres were over their average and scored 103 and 100 in game two. In game three, Acres won 436-379. Kenny Trudel of Acres finished the night with a 109 game. Matt Bertelli had a strong finish by bowling a 117. Topping his own teammate's score, Dave Cobleigh finished with a 121 game.

Acres won total pinfall with a final score of 1206-1164.

The number one seed Life is Good bowled against Compression. In game one, Life is Good won by a score of 358-327. In game two, Life is Good and Compression tied at 341. In game three, Compression won over Life is Good 373-329.

Compression won total pinfall by a final score of 1041-1028.

Last in Line bowled against Team BK for the night. In game one, BK was victorious over Last in Line 384-352. Pulling for the team was Jeff Whyte and Paul Nothe by scoring 112 and 107. In game two, BK remained strong and won 388-358. Nothe stayed consistent by remaining in the 100s with a 108 in game two.

In game three, Team BK won the last game 369-360. Team BK won all three games and total pinfall with a final score of 1141-1070.

The Tuesday Night Commercial Elks League will be hostdays right around the corner.

Team Five bowled against Team Three on lanes four and five. In game one, Team Three won by a score of 382-370. In game two, Team Three won again by a score of 419-384.

In game three, Team Five won the last game by a score of 419-382. Team Three won total pinfall by a final score of 1183-1173.

On lanes six and seven, Team Six bowled against Team Two. In game one, Team Two won a close game against Team Six 383-380. In game two, Team Six defeated Team

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Team One wins another by a score of 427-425. Rickson bowled 120 in game two.

In game three, Team Four won the last game 437-401. Nick Maslon of Team Four finished with a 102. Rickson finished the night with a 115 and three game series of 343.

Teams Four, with a big win in the third game won total pinfall by a final score of 1233-1213.

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> **Robert M. Zeiler** Died Dec. 14, 2023 Services are private. Lombard Funeral Home

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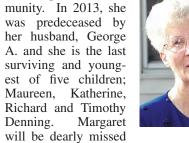
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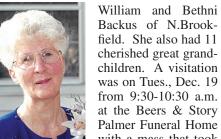
### Margaret C. (Denning) Backus

unteering in the com-

PALMER — Margaret C. (Denning) Backus, 95, passed away Dec. 12, 2023. She was born Nov. 3, 1928 in Ware, daughter of Jerry and Catherine (Hurley) Denning and was a lifelong resident of Palmer. She was a devout Catholic and an active communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church. For many years, Margaret worked at Third National Bank as a bookkeeper, then went on to work for over 20 years as an office clerk at Palmer High School. Marney was a voracious reader and often read a book a day. Her greatest love was time spent with her grandchildren and great grandchildren and she enjoyed vol-



by her two children and their spouses, Kathy and Earl Chaffee and David and Stella Backus all of Palmer, along with her beloved grandchildren, Jennifer and Christian Young of Monson, Tim and Shannon Chaffee of Monson, Jonathan Backus and Dazaray Larose of Barre and



Palmer Funeral Home with a mass that took place at 11 a.m. at St. Thomas Church and burial in the parish cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in her memory to St. Thomas the Apostle, 1076 Thorndike St., Palmer MA 01069. Please visit www.beersandstory.com

### Robert M. Zeiler, 1945-2023

MONSON — Robert M. Zeiler, 78, passed away Thurs., Dec. 14, 2023. Robert was born, Jan. 14, 1945 in Jefferson, PA to the late Delmar H. and Irene (Black) Zeiler. He grew up in East Longmeadow and was a graduate of East Longmeadow High School. He moved to Monson in 1977 where he and his wife Linda raised their family. Robert was an engineer for CSX Rail Road and retired after 30 years. Bob loved spending time outdoors. He enjoyed hunting in Massachusetts and Maine

and enjoyed fishing the Quabbin.

Robert leaves his wife of 57 years, Linda M. (Laro) Zeiler; their sons, Robert D. Zeiler and David J. Zeiler; daughter inlaw, Pamela Zeiler all of Monson; two grandchildren, Hanna Zeiler

and Kyle Zeiler; sister, Lorraine Riggians and her husband Eddie; sister in-law, Dolores Zeiler. Bob was pre-deceased by his sisters. Yvonne Hankins and June



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### Police/Fire

### **Fire Logs**

### BONDSVILLE

For the period Dec. 5 to Dec.

11, Bondsville fire responded to 4

#### **Dec. 7** 5:35 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for an alarm activation and medical assist. The department returned to service at

#### 6:10 p.m. **Dec. 8**

Dec. 9

sponded mutual aid to Wilbraham

Street in Palmer for a fire in a ware-

house. The last Bondsville unit

Dec. 9

sponded mutual aid to Thorndike

Street in Palmer for a medical as-

sist. The department returned to

3:15 p.m., the department re-

cleared the scene at 4:15 p.m.

2:34 p.m., the department re-

service at 1:39 p.m.

service at 3:40 p.m.

11:43 a.m., the department responded to Third Street for a forklift on fire. The department returned to

### Palmer

Palmer Fire Department also responded to nine Medical Assist calls for the week.

#### Dec. 12

4:02 a.m. Motor vehicle accident (extraction), Breckenridge Street, Back in service at 5:24 a.m. Dec. 14

1:15 a.m. Lock out, Bridge Street, Back in service at 1:47 a.m. 4:40 p.m. Detector activation, Breckenridge Street, Back in service at 5:04 p.m.

#### Dec. 15

2:01 p.m. Public service, Park Street, Back in service at 2:25 p.m. Dec. 16

3:12 p.m. Unauthorized burning, River Street, Back in service at 3:41 p.m.

#### Dec. 17

1:06 p.m. Detector activation, Depot Street, Back in service at 1:27 p.m. Dec. 18

7:10 a.m. Power line down, Converse Street, Back in service at

7:31 a.m. 7:43 a.m. Tree on a house,

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be locked and it is requested you do not return materials to the library at this time. Do not worry about returning items, all due dates have been extended until Jan. 19, 2024.

The library thanks the community for your patience and understanding during this time. As always, patrons can call the library at 507-347-2515 with any questions or for help in requesting items from other libraries.

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Wales Road (Brimfield mutual aid),

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tion, Bennett Street, Back in service

**Three Rivers** 

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tector activation due to a malfunc-

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On Tuesday, Dec. 12, the De-

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aid), Back in service at 8:50 a.m.

in service at 9:11 a.m.

in service at 3:47 p.m.

at 12:55 p.m.

week of Dec.10-16

tion on Springfield Street.

8:39 a.m. Telephone pole fire,

8:47 a.m. Arcing electrical

8:51 a.m. Station coverage,

3:18 p.m. Arcing electrical

12:28 p.m. CO detector activa-

8:40 a.m.

### **MARY LANE** | from page 3

services and a digestive health program. The Ware hospital has served residents of Hampshire, Hampden and Worcester Counties.

is a temporary space set up at the

Town Hall for those wishing to

order items from other libraries.

There will be signs posted at the

For employment, Baystate Mary Lane Hospital had over 400 employees, including 94 nurses and volunteers. More than 200 active, consulting and courtesy medical/dental staff including physician specialists in family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, anesthesiology, allergy, cardiology, emergency medicine, radiology, hospital medicine, orthopedic and general surgery.

#### **Building the Hospital**

Lewis Gilbert passed away in 1919, but he donated his South Street home and property to the Ware Visiting Nurse and Hospital Association. In addition, Gilbert left \$500,000 in trust to endow the hospital.

In memory of his beloved wife, the hospital would forever be known as Mary Lane Hospital.

Gilbert's will stated that with his endowment he wished to allow the WVNHA to "suitably and more effectively care for the sick especially for the town of Ware and the village of Gilbertville."

The WVNHA would then provide hospital grounds and buildings where the sick may properly be cared for at a reasonable charge.

On March 31, 1920, the board of directors of the WVNHA accepted the legacies

state-of-the-art hospital. The new hospital building was completed in September of 1924.

One year later in 1925, the WVNHA board voted to change the name of the association to the Mary Lane Hospital Association in honor of Mary Lane Gilbert.

#### The future of **Mary Lane Hospital**

In January 2021, Baystate Health announced they will close the Mary Lane outpatient center by 2023. Mary Lane Hospital served the town of Ware and neighboring communities for over 100 years.

Its history and story began with the generosity of the Gilbert Family and the Ware Visiting Nurse and Hospital Association. To remember this great institution, the Ware Historical Society made T-shirts with an image of Mary Lane Hospital displayed on the front. KM Graphics printed these excellent quality T-shirts and are symbols of remembering a unique piece of history of the town of Ware. T-shirt orders can be recorded on the answering machine at 413-967-6882. For those ordering a T-shirt please leave a name, address, telephone number, color and size choice. The cost is \$19 per t-shirt and sizes range from small to XXXL.



Wilson and a brother, Ted Zeiler. Arrangements

have been entrusted to Lombard Funeral Home of Monson. All services are private. In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial donation in Robert's

name to the American Heart Association. For online condolences visit www.lom-

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**Cemetery Memorials + Markers Granite Benches Religious Statuary + Outdoor Display RAY HALUCH INC.** 1014 Center St || Ludlow, MA || 583-6508 and benefits donated in Gilbert's will and authorized the association to take steps into carrying out Gilbert's wish to build Mary Lane Hospital on his property using the donated funds.

In 1922, Gil-

bert's home on

South Street was

demolished and H.P. Cummings

was engaged to

construct a new



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Commonwealth of

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**50 State Street** 

#### PALMER **CONSERVATION** COMMISSION **PUBLIC HEARING** NOTICE

In accordance with the Wetland Protection Act of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Palmer Wetlands Ordinance, Chapter 143, the Palmer Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 7:00 PM on the application of Marc & Linda Pelissier c/o Sherman & Frydryk Land Surveying and Engineering, of 3 Converse Street, Suite 203, Palmer, MA 01069.

The applicant has submitted a Notice of Intent for activities associated with the proposed construction of a 20'x30' accessory building. Work is proposed to occur within the 100-foot buffer zone and 50-foot No-Disturb Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

The project site is located at 1063 Ware Street, Thorndike, Palmer MA 01069. Assessor's Map 31 Parcel 22.

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

> Donald Blais, Jr., Chair, Palmer Conservation Commission

12/21/2023

#### PALMER PLANNING BOARD **PUBLIC HEARING** NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 11 M.G.L., the Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Town Administration Building, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA.

The applicant, Justin Dias, is seeking a Site Plan Approval as allowed under section 171-29 to demolish a portion of the existing building and expand portion of the building's existing face at the property located at 2022-2026 Main Street, Three follows: BEGINNING o the Southerly side of High

Street at a stone bound at the Northeasterly corner of land formerly of one Powell, thence

bounded and described as

SOUTHERLY on land formerly of said Powell 118.60 feet to a stone bound at land now or formerly of the Otis Company; thence

EASTERLY on line of land now or formerly of the Otis Company 72 feet to a bound; thence

NORTHERLY on land now or formerly of Joseph W. Cheney to said High Street 73 Feet easterly from the first mentioned bound; thence

WESTERLY

on said street 13 feet to the first mentioned bound; ALSO, a certain other tract of land situated in the Village of Three Rivers, in said Palmer, lying next Southerly on the tract above described, as follows:

BEGINNING a t bound at the Southeast corner of the tract above described and at the Southwest corner of land now or formerly of J. William Cheney; thence

S. 22° E. along land now or formerly of the Otis Company 33 feet to a stake; thence

S. 74° W. along land no or formerly of the Otis Company 72.17 feet to a stake in line of land formerly of one Powell: thence N. 23° W. 33 feet along last-named land to a stone

bound in line of above-described tract; thence along N. 74° E. last-named land 72.42 feet to the place of beginning.

Being the same premises conveyed to Mortgagor by Deed recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 24417, Page 498.

Parcel 3 75-77 Beaumont Street,

Springfield, Massachusetts The land in Springfield,

Hampden County, Massachusetts, situated on the easterly side of Beaumont Street in said Springfield and being known as Lot #21 (twenty-one} as shown on a plan of lots recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 530, Page 601; said premises are bounded as follows:

Beginning on the Easterly Massachusetts, by publishside of Beaumont Street at ing an attested copy of this the Southwesterly corner of land now or formerly of one Kirby: thence Southerly on Beaumont Street, fifty (50) feet; thence Easterly parallel to the southerly line of said least fourteen days before land now or formerly of said Kirby, one hundred (100) feet; thence Northerly parallel to Beaumont Street, fifty (50) feet: thence Westerly on written answers or other lawsaid land now or formerly ful pleadings to be filed in of said Kirby, one hundred the office of the Clerk of said (100) feet to the place of beginning. Subject to sewer rights granted the City of Springfield by instrument dated June 9, 1899 recordjudgment by default will be ed as aforesaid in Book 601. taken against them for relief Page 513 Being the same premisvided by Rule 13(a) your es conveyed to Mortgagor by Deed recorded with the answer must state as a coun-Hampden County Registry of terclaim any claim which Deeds in Book 24384, Page 285. The foreclosure sale action or occurrence that is meaning and excepting to exclude the premis-Plaintiffs claini or you will es described in said mortbe barred from making such gage as Parcel 1, 304-206 claim in any other action. Main Street, Springfield, Massachusetts. Premises to be sold and 12/07, 12/14, 12/21/2023 conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are Docket No. HD23A0152AD applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. Terms of sale: A deposit of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) by certified or bank check will be required to be adoption of said child paid by the purchaser at the and to the Department of time and place of sale. The Children and Families of said balance is to be paid by wire Commonwealth. transfer to Demerle Hoeger LLP, 10 City Square, 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02129 within thirty (30) days from Monson, MA the date of sale. Deed will

be provided to purchaser for Monson, MA

recording upon receipt in

said mortgage shall control.

be announced at the sale.

Probuilder Financial, LLC,

Present holder of said

Demerle Hoeger LLP

Boston, MA 02129

(617) 337-4444

10 City Square, 4th Floor

12/14, 12/21, 12/28/2023

**COMMONWEALTH OF** 

MASSACHUSETTS

HAMPDEN. SS.

SUPERIOR COURT

DEPARTMENT OF THE

**TRIAL COURT** 

CIVIL ACTION

NO. 2379CV00565

JOSHUA D. CASPER and

RICHARD A. HACKER,

dated December 29, 2020,

MAUREEN A. CASPER,

MONEY PURCHASE

and such persons, if any,

unknown, within or with-

unascertained, not in being,

out the Commonwealth, or

who cannot be served with

process, their heirs or legal

persons as shall become

their heirs, devisees or

representatives or such other

appointees, DEFENDANTS

ORDER OF NOTICE

heard upon the motion of the

Plaintiff, praying for an order

of notice and thereupon con-

that an order of notice

issue to said Defendants,

MAUREEN A. CASPER,

individually and as Trustee

of the DR. LEE S. CASPER

MONEY PURCHASE

PLAN dated August 1, 1978

and such persons, if any,

unascertained, not in being,

unknown, within or with-

out the Commonwealth, or

who cannot be served with

process, their heirs or legal

representatives or such other

persons as shall become their

heirs, devisees or appointees,

whose last known address

was 920 Union St. Duxbury,

demanded in the complaint.

you have against the Plaintiff

which arises out of the trans-

is the subject matter of the

Commonwealth of

Massachusetts

The Trial Court

**Probate and Family Court** 

Hampden Probate and

Family Court

**50 State Street** 

Springfield, MA 01103

(413)748-7758

In the matter of:

Jaxson Dominick Daley

CITATION

G.L. c. 210, §6

any unnamed or unknown

A petition has been pre-

Angela Edgerton of

Daniel Edgerton of

sented to said court by:

parent and persons inter-

ested in a petition for the

TO:

Eric Duval

Brian R. Dolaher

Asst. Clerk/Magistrate

Entered: 11/30/23

Unless otherwise pro-

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This cause came on to be

Ordered, and Adjudged

individually and as Trustee

of the DR. LEE S. CASPER

PLAN dated August 1, 1978,

Trustees of the

PLAINTIFFS

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CASPER-HACKER

REALTY TRUST

By its Attorneys,

mortgage,

requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this name of the child be changed publication, the description

Jaxson Dominick Edgerton of the premises contained in If you object to this Other terms, if any, to adoption you are entitled to the appointment of an attorney if you are an indigent person.

An indigent person is defined by SJC Rule 3.10. The definition includes but is not limited to persons receiving TAFDC, EACDC, poverty related veteran's benefits, Medicaid, and SSI. The Court will determine if you are indigent. Contact an Assistant Judicial Case Manager or Adoption Clerk of the Court on or before the date listed below to obtain the necessary forms. IF YOU DESIRE TO **OBJECT THERETO, YOU** 

OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT SpringfieldON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON: 02/12/2024.

WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 11, 2023 Rosemary A. Saccomani

12/21, 12/28/2023, 01/04/2024

Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and **Family Court** 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 In the matter of: Jesserica Rachel Daley CITATION G.L. c. 210, §6 TO:

any unnamed or unknown parent and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said

A petition has been presented to said court by:

Angela Edgerton of Monson, MA Daniel Edgerton of

Monson, MA

adopt said child and that the

to law, and to that end that a OF JANUARY, A.D. 2024, commissioner be appointed AT UNIT 5, 18 PALMER ROAD. MONSON. to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and MASSACHUSETTS. The conveyance of all, or any premises to be sold are more part of said land which the particularly described as fol-Court finds cannot be advanlows: tageously divided either at The property located in

private sale or public auction, Monson, Hampden County, and be ordered to distribute Massachusetts, commonly known as Unit 5, 18 Palmer Road, and being designated as Unit No. 5 (the "Unit") of Woodridge Place Condominium (the 'Condominium"), created pursuant to Master Deed dated October 30, 1990, and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds on appearance in said Court October 31, 1990, in Book 7579, Page 402. Said Unit is shown on the floor plans filed with the said Master Deed

The Unit is conveyed together with an undivided 17.05% proportionate interest in the Common Areas and facilities described in said Master Deed.

The Unit is conveyed subject to, and with the benefit of, the provisions of said Chapter 183A of the General Laws, as amended; the provisions, easements, agreements, restrictions, and covenants of the Condominium; the provision of the Master Deed (as amended) and the By-laws of said Condominium, as they may be amended from time

The Unit is intended for residential purposes and other uses permitted by the applicable zoning ordinance and as set forth in the Master Deed.

Subject to and with the benefit of, easements for encroachment, and maintenance, repair, replacement, and use of all common elements located within said Units, in common with all other Units and common elements.

Subject to and together with those rights, exceptions, takings, easements, and other encumbrances as referred to in the hereinabove Master Deed.

For Grantor's title see deed to AMANDA SAWICKI dated December 13, 2013 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 20135, Page 590.

In the event of a typosaid estate to serve Without graphical error or omission Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. contained in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said Unit Deed shall control. obtain a copy of the Petition

mortgages, liens, or encumbrances of record.

Brooks, PC, 45 Braintree

Hill Office Park, Suite 107,

Braintree, MA 02184, (781)

PLACE CONDOMINIUM

MARCUS, ERRICO,

45 Braintree Hill Office Park,

12/07, 12/14, 12/21/2023

Commonwealth of

Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Hampden Probate and

**Family Court** 

**50 State Street** 

Springfield, MA 01103

(413)748-7758

Docket No. HD23P2583EA

Estate of:

Jean Sinervo

Also known as:

Jean B. Sinervo

Date of Death: 12/03/2023

CITATION ON

PETITION FOR

FORMAL

ADJUDICATION

Probate of Will with

**Appointment of Personal** 

Representative has been

filed by Beverly R. LaRose

of Prescott, AZ requesting

that the Court enter a formal

Decree and Order and for

such other relief as requested

that: Beverly R. LaRose of

Prescott, AZ be appointed as

Personal Representative(s) of

**IMPORTANT NOTICE** 

You have the right to

The Petitioner requests

in the Petition.

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal

Dean T. Lennon, Esq

Braintree, MA 02184

BBO#668031

(781) 843-5000

Suite 107

THE WOODRIDGE

843-5000.

ASSOCIATION,

EMMER

For the Trustees,

By its Attorneys

& BROOKS, PC

is"

7. No representation is or shall be made as to the Hampden Probate and condition of the Premises or the Condominium. The Premises shall be sold "as Springfield MA, 01103

Docket No. HD18P0339PM 8. Other items, if any, shall In the matter of: be announced at the sale. Sally Walsh of Monson, MA

8. The sale is subject to Protected Person/Disabled and in accordance with the Person/Respondent Judgment and Order, a copy **CITATION GIVING** NOTICE OF of which may be obtained CONSERVATOR'S from the seller's counsel, Attorney Dean T. Lennon, ACCOUNT Marcus, Errico, Emmer & Τо the named

> Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the Second through Fifth and Final account(s) of Alison Bartlett-O'Donald of Holyoke, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 01/11/2024. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).

Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.

You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the account(s) at no cost to you.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE** The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person

Court.

Register of Probate

Commonwealth of **Probate and Family Court** Docket No. HD23A0153AD

Eric Duval

Commonwealth.

requesting for leave to name of the child be changed to

Jesserica Rachel Edgerton

citation. Witness, BARBARA M. HYLAND, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this 17th day of November 2023. Rosemary A. Saccomani 12/07, 12/14, 12/21/2023

**TOWN OF PALMER INVITATION FOR BID** The Town of Palmer, Massachusetts, acting through its Director of Public Works, will receive sealed bids for: **Route 181 Culvert** 

**Replacement over Scott's Brook** Estimated Cost: \$450,000 Bidding procedures will

be in accordance with the latest edition of M.G.L. Chapter 30 §39M. Said bids will be addressed to the Director of Public Works, Town of Palmer Department of Public Works, 1015 Bridge Street, Palmer, MA 01069. These bids will be received

until 2:00 P.M. January 19, 2024, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids

received after the specified time will not be accepted. All bids will be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "SEALED **BID ENCLOSED** 

ROUTE 181 CULVERT **REPLACEMENT OVER** SCOTT'S BROOK". All general Bidders may obtain complete sets of plans and specifications from mmorse@townofpalmer.com after 12:00 Noon December 20, 2023.

The Town of Palmer's Director of Public Works reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or to waive any informality in

the bidding. Bids shall be

valid for 30 business days

after the bid receipt date.

Also reserved is the right to

reject, for cause, any bid in

part or whole, if it is judged

by the Director of Public

Works that the best interests

of the Town of Palmer will

be served thereby. Wages

are subject to the prevailing

wage requirement of M.G.L.

Chapter 149, §§26-27F,

inclusive. Attention is called

to the "Equal Opportunity

Clause" and the standard

Federal Equal Employment

**Opportunity** Construction

contract specifications. All

Bidders will receive con-

sideration without regard to

race, color, creed, age, sex,

**COMMONWEALTH OF** 

MASSACHUSETTS

AMANDA SAWICKI, ET.

AL. establishing a lien pur-

suant to M.G.L.c.183A:6

on the real estate known

as UNIT #5, 18 PALMER

ROAD of the WOODRIDGE

PLACE CONDOMINIUM

for the purposes of satisfy-

ing such lien, the real estate

is scheduled for Public

Auction at 12:00 O'CLOCK

NOON ON THE 5TH DAY

Director of Public Works

Matthew Morse

religion, or national origin.

12/21/2023

to time.

#### the net proceeds thereof after full adjudication of the equitable claims contained in said petition and supplemental memorandum filed with the If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney, should file a written

at Springfield before ten o'clock in the morning on the seventeenth day of January **2024**, the return day of this

Register

Rivers MA. This parcel is also known as Assessor's Map 70 Lot 86.

A copy of the application may be inspected at the Planning Department office in Administrative Building from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Thursday.

Anyone interested in more information or wishing to be heard on the application can contact the Planning Department at 413-283-2605 or appear at the time and place designated above.

This notice shall also be posted on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association's (MNPA) website (http://masspublicnotices.org).

Michael Marciniec, Chairman 12/21, 12/28/2023

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

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Alycar Investments, LLC, to Probuilder Financial, LLC. dated March 17, 2022, and recorded with the Hampden Registry of Deeds in Book 24455 at Page 592, 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 10:00 A.M. on the 5th day of January 2024, at 75-77 Beaumont Street, Springfield, MA 01108, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, To wit:

### Parcel 2

2041-2043 High Street, Palmer, Massachusetts

The land with the buildings thereon situated at 2041-2043 High Street, Palmer, Hampden County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

A certain tract of land, with the buildings thereon situated in the Village of Three Rivers, in said Palmer, order once each week for If you object to this three consecutive weeks adoption you are entitled in the Journal Register, a to the appointment of an newspaper published in attorney if you are an indithe County of Hampden, at gent person.

An indigent person is the eleventh (11th) day of defined by SJC Rule 3.10. January next, and that said The definition includes but Defendants do cause written is not limited to persons receiving TAFDC, EACDC, appearance to be entered and poverty related veteran's benefits, Medicaid, and SSI. The Court will determine Court at Springfield in said if you are indigent. Contact County of Hampden on or an Assistant Judicial Case before the said the eleventh Manager or Adoption Clerk (11th) day of January next. of the Court on or before the If Defendants fail to do so, date listed below to obtain the necessary forms.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Springfield ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON: 02/12/2024

WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 11, 2023

**COMMONWEALTH OF** MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT HAMPDEN, Div. **Probate & Family Court** Dept. HD23E0053PP

To Mona L. Rock of Palmer, in the County of Hampden, and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Gilbert Ocasio, of Belchertown, in the County of Hampshire, representing that they hold as joint tenants in an undivided part or share of land lying in Palmer, in the County of Hampden, setting forth that they desire that all of said land may be sold at a private sale or public auction for not less than Three Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand (\$347,000.00) Dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according

TERMS OF SALE:

1. A non-refundable deposit payable in cash, certified or bank check in the amount of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars for the unit shall be payable at the Auction.

1. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid within thirty (30) days of the auction.

2. An Auctioneer's Release Deed will be issued to the purchaser, upon payment of the balance of the purchase price, within thirty (30) days of auction. The Deed shall convey the premises subject to, and with the benefit of, all restrictions, easements, improvements, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens, or claims in the nature of liens, and existing encumbrances of record senior to the lien, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

3. Additionally, and not by BOARD OF DIRECTORS way of limitation, the sale OF THE WOODRIDGE shall be subject to and with PLACE CONDOMINIUM the benefit of any and all ASSOCIATION against tenants, tenancies, and occupants, if any.

> 4. No representation is or shall be made as to any amount of taxes due and outstanding.

5. The successful bidder shall pay the future condominium common charges commencing with the date of the auction.

6. No representation is or shall be made as to any other

from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/16/2024.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

> UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION **UNDER THE** MASSACHUSETTS **UNIFORM PROBATE** CODE (MUPC)

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

Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 19, 2023

Rosemary A. Saccomani Register of Probate 12/21/2023

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has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. Witness, Hon. Barbara

M. Hyland, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 07, 2023 Rosemary A. Saccomani Register of Probate 12/21/2023

**COMMONWEALTH OF** MASSACHUSETTS **The Trial Court Probate** and Family Court Department HAMPDEN, Division

Docket No. HD22P0769PM To all persons interested in the estate of William Lequin of Belchertown, in said County,

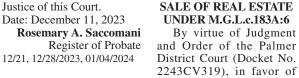
A petition has been presented to said Court for license to sell at private sale certain real estate of said William Lequin for his maintenance.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at 50 State Street, Springfield, MA before 10:00 in the forenoon on the 12th day of January, 2024, the return day of this citation.

Register

Witness, BARBARA M. HYLAND, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this 8th day of December 2023. Rosemary A. Saccomani,

12/21/2023



Town of Warren, MA

Town Accountant

**JOB POSTING** 

Full-Time – Town Benefited Position

The Town of Warren is actively seeking a qualified professional to fill the position

of Town Accountant. The Town Accountant oversees the proper expenditure of

all Town funds and the proper recording and maintenance of financial records,

approves all financial payments and audits financial records and transactions.

description can be found on the Town's website www.warren-ma.gov.

The Town Accountant is responsible for maintaining and improving the efficiency

and effectiveness of all areas under his/her direction and control. A complete job

Recommended minimum qualifications include graduate of a four-year college with a bachelor's degree in finance or accounting with three years of related work

experience; or any equivalent combination of education, training and experience

which provides the required knowledge of the position. Preferred experience with

Vadar accounting module and municipal accounting. The anticipated salary range for this position is between \$56,000.00 to \$66,000.00 based on relative education

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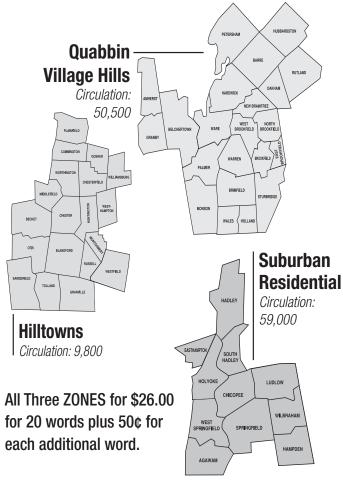
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Turley Photos by Ryan Drago The Granite Valley Holiday Concert featured a band performance from students in grades four through six.



The Granite Valley Chorus prepares to take a bow after their performance in the holiday concert.



Principal Joe Trivisonno introducing the band during the Granite Valley Holiday Concert.





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The band gets ready to perform their first song of the Holiday Concert. Joining them on stage is Director Megan Martin, left.

#### **CONCERT** | from page 1

cialists," said Hudak.

The school community is very thankful for the teachers who helped with the program and also thankful for the custodial team for their help with setting up and tearing down for rehearsals. A special thanks was given to the parents for their support of the arts.

The artwork on the programs was created by Emily DeCarli, Shyenne Leach and Charlotte Wurm.

During the performance, the band started off the concert after being introduced by Principal Joe Trivisonno. In between songs, many students shared a brief historical fact about each holiday song performed and how they have evolved over the years.

The songs performed by the band were the "Dreidel Song", "Jolly Old St. Nicholas", "Up on the Housetop" and "Ode to Jingle Bells". The chorus performed "Sleigh Ride", "It's the Most Wonderful Time" and "Jingle Bell Rock".

For the band, on strings were Ariya Kenyon, Carly Pixley, Rylee Sherman and Amelia Soucy; flutes, Vivienne Kowalik and Shyenne Leach; saxophone, Jacob Morgan and Lukas Morgan; brass, Jacob Dubois-White, Connor LaCroix, Mariah Porth and Memphis Rocketfield.

On percussion/keyboard were Liam Atkins, Declan Chaffee, James Dubois-White, Sebastian Groleau, Brady Mackiewicz, Max O'Connor, Emily Ostrander, Jackson Pignone, Catriana Pixley, Aiden Raymond, Hayley Strom, Naara Sauri Nieves and Jack Wnuk.

The chorus featured Calli Allen, Anna Almeida, Rylee Amsden, Layla Baj, Veruca Battige, Mia Cancel, Audrey Caswell, Maddi Donovan, Bobby Esposito, Kaylee Fusco, Bryson Gainey, Dakota Glidden, Lyla Gonyea, Maggie Gow, Kailyn Graves-Harrison, Vivienne Kowalik, Khalessia Laviolette, Shyenne Leach, Lucy Maziarz, Fiona McManus, Aleksa Mengel, Maddy Morales, Zoe Nimtz, Emma Pelletier, Audriana Perkins, Carly Pixley, Catriana Pixley, Chrissy Reed, Charles Rodriguez, Makaila Rodriguez, Heinalis Sanchez, Kaylani Santaniello, Naara Sauri Nieves, Callie-Marie Purcell, Hayley Strom, Maddie Strom, Hanna Szymanski, Olivia Theriaque, Emily Wilke and Shayleigh Wright.

The students did a phenomenal job during the performance and look forward to having more shows with the band and chorus of Granite Valley School. The concert was a very joyful way to enjoy the holiday season.

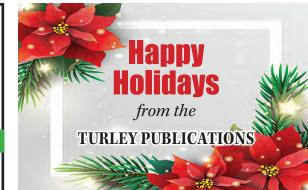
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