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Stories that made an impression this past year

JANUARY 2023

Palmer Public Schools initiate superintendent search

PALMER - As the Palmer Public Schools celebrates the end of 2023 and prepares for 2024, December marks the district's one-year anniversary for the initiation of a superintendent search.

During the Dec. 14, 2022 School Committee meeting, Chair Bonny Rathbone shared with the committee that she met with a representative from the Massachusetts Association of School Committees to discuss the processes involved in hiring a new superintendent.

The committee members announced they would initiate efforts to recruit PHS community members who might be interested in joining a Superintendent Search Committee.

The SSC would be composed of two School Committee members, three parents, three teachers, two administrators, one paraprofessional, one Town Councilor, one community liaison and one student.

Applications to join the search committee were accepted from Dec. 14, 2022, until Jan. 17, 2023.

Director of Student Services Colleen Culligan served as Interim Superintendent throughout the search.

PHS Principal Sue North also recog-



for receiving the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship Award which provides students with free tuition to any state college or public university within Massachusetts for up to eight semesters.

nized 19 students before the committee

FEBRUARY 2023

Lake Thompson lakefront tax bills increase

PALMER - After receiving notice of a lakefront tax increase in January 2023, Lake Thompson residents shared many comments and concerns regarding their third quarter real estate and personal tax payments due Feb. 1, 2023.

Members of the Lake Thompson Civic Association met several times to commiserate since finding out the assessed value of their properties increased 120% or more from 2022 - 2023.

A pressing complaint shared by several residents was how much more lakefront property was valued at compared to the rest of the town, where the average increase in value of land and houses was in the 10-20% range.

While property values increased, tax rates did decrease from \$19.83 to \$17.93 a decrease of \$1.90 per \$1,000 of assessed value compared to last year.

Palmer's Principal Assessor, Keri-Ann Wenzel said that while the entire town's values increased, Lake Thompson's increase was more.

"According to the numbers we received for 2020 and 2021, properties were selling for approximately \$150,000 to \$200,000 above the assessed value," said Wenzel of Lake Thompson properties. 'It's market driven."

She said when she saw the 2023 val-

ues she anticipated complaints.

MARCH 2023

State Senators visit potential Rail Trail stop in Palmer

PALMER - While conversation has circulated around the addition of Rail Trail stops throughout "the town of seven railroads" for years, state Sen. Jake Olivera, D-Ludlow and state Sen. President Karen Spilka, D-Ashland visited the Steaming Tender restaurant in March to consider the location as a potential East/West rail line

The building, formerly the Palmer Railroad Station, was purchased by Blake and Robin Lamothe in 1987 and restored into the restaurant it is today.

"I think it would be an embarrassment if we didn't use this building here because of the passenger service that is available," said Blake Lamothe, "not only for East/ West but also for North/South down the

He pointed out the building has connections that can go north all the way to Vermont and South to New London, Connecticut.

Olivera shared he believes that Palmer should be considered as one of the stops along the East/West Rail.

"I call Palmer the gateway to Western

Massachusetts," said Olivera.

Palmer Station Steering Committee Chairman Ben Hood said the location would not only serve as a Palmer stop "but also a UMass stop," and an "east of Springfield stop."

APRIL 2023

PHS district announces Matthew Francis as new superintendent

PALMER - After a public deliberation process, the Palmer School Committee announced Chicopee Public Schools Assistant Superintendent Matthew Francis to take on the PHS Superintendent role.

The Committee unanimously elected Francis as the district's new superintendent during a special committee meeting held April 4, 2023.

"After getting to know him during the site visit and hearing from students and colleagues about the impact he has made, I think that Matt will make a wonderful superintendent," said School Committee Chair Bonny Rathbone.

"I very much look forward to working with him."

During the month of March Francis was interviewed for the position, along with William Metzger, Brian Ackerman and Susan North. They also attended individual meet-and-greet sessions with the community so members of the public could share their thoughts regarding each candidate and provide feedback.

Vice Chair Sandra Noonan compiled

a list of traits about each candidate to pres-

Noonan said teachers felt supported by Francis and students said Francis also helped struggling students get back on track.

ent during the meeting.

"He has worked with surrounding districts to collaborate on funding opportunities," said Noonan. "This struck me in particular because Chicopee is a city and yet he still found the time to meet up with other districts and work alongside them."

She added when students spoke of his character, they said he always put "kids

MAY 2023

Blue skies shine on **Special Olympics**

MONSON - Granite Valley hosted the annual Special Olympics for Monson and neighboring communities April 28th,

Attendees got a break from a week of rainstorms as the skies cleared up for a day

filled with athletic events. Students from Palmer, Monson, Lud-

low, Belchertown and Wilbraham participated in the annual event. Monson Schools Superintendent

Cheryl Clarke recognized Special Education Director Colette Bidus as the driving force behind the event's success.

"We have a great team that was put together from all of our service providers and a couple of our special education teachers," said Bidus. "It's a lot of moving

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Granite Valley School Holiday Concert



A surprise staff performance by the Granite Valley Jingles singing "Winter Wonder-



Grade one class began with a scarf dance to a song from The Nutcracker.



Grade two taking the stage at the Holiday Concert.

By Ryan Drago Staff Writer rdrago@turley.com

MONSON - The holidays were celebrated triumphantly at Granite Valley School during a holiday concert for grades one-three.

The school community came together to witness the talented students in grades one, two and three who enjoyed the experience of performing in music and chorus. It was a team effort consisting of the students, teachers, administration, custodial staff and parents that made this holiday concert possible.

Music and the arts are considered essential activities for students to enjoy and continuously partake in as they have fun and share their talents to friends and

"The music and arts are very important to us at our schools," said Superintendent Dr. Cheryl Clarke.

To kick off the holiday concert, the staff began the show with a surprise performance. Appearing on stage as the Granite Valley Jingles, the staff performed "Winter Wonderland" with jingle bells in hand.

It was a fun surprise for not only the

parents but the students as well. The staff got a nice round of applause for their performance.

Grade one appeared on stage next for the holiday concert. These grade one students are the students of Ms. Clark, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Prentiss, and Mrs.

The first performance by grade one was a scarf dance to go along with a song from The Nutcracker. The first-grade performance continued with performing a song called "Hot Chocolate". The song was originally composed by Stephanie

Grade one concluded their performance with singing "Mittens and Gloves". The song was originally composed by Anne Ellsworth and Teresa Jennings.

Up next on stage was grade two students of Ms. Arbogast, Ms. Ingerson, Ms. Scoville, and Mrs. Royce. The first song performed by the second graders was "Light a Candle for Peace." The song was composed by Shelley Murley.

Their next song was a song about a reindeer. Instead of Rudolph the rednosed reindeer, the second graders sang a song about Blitzen, the "Blitzen Boo-



Grade three performs "Hot Cross Buns" on their recorder



Grade three concluded the concert with a light show to "Carol of the Bells".

performance with the song, "Let's build a Gingerbread House".

The third grade students were next on stage for the Granite Valley Holiday Concert. These students are students of Mr. Donovan, Miss Carrington, Mrs. Simons and Mr. Cust. These students began their performance by bringing their recorders on stage. With their recorders, the students played "Hot Cross Buns" and "Gently Sleep".

In the finale of the Granite Valley

The second graders concluded their Holiday Concert, the third grade performed a light show to "Carol of the Bells". The version of "Carol of the Bells" that was played during the light show is a version arranged by Trans-Si-

> The families and friends who attended the concert gave the students and staff a standing ovation for their performance. A great way to celebrate the holiday season as the Granite Valley Holiday Concert showcased talented students in grades one-three.

Zonta Service Grants available for 2024

New Year's Steak Sale

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REGION — In keeping with Zonta's more-than-100-year tradition of improving the lives of women and girls, the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley is currently soliciting proposals from local non-profit organizations for projects that benefit women and/or youth. Since its inception in 1991, the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley has contributed over \$150 thousand in cash and in-kind donations to local non-profits.

The Zonta Service Grant Form application can be downloaded at www. zontaqv.org/service-grant/ or requested by contacting info@zontaqv.org. 2024 Grants ranging from \$100 to \$2000 will be awarded biannually, in May with a April 1 deadline and November with a Oct. 1 deadline. Proposals must include specific details of the project including the need that will be addressed with the funds. In reviewing completed applica-

tions the committee will give preference for a hands-on component that can involve Zontians and supporters, if appropriate. The club's efforts to raise funds for these grants included a Calendar Raffle, Golf Tournament and Poinsettia sales. Twothirds of all profits are used to fund local initiatives; one-third goes to the Zonta Foundation for Women to fund global projects with partners including UNFPA, UNICEF USA, Girls Not Brides, Coalition to End

> Violence Against Women and Girls Globand ally Women's Empowerment Principles.

2022grant recipients included: Girl's Inc of the Valley received grant help

programs Holyoke

Second Time's a Charm in Palmer received a grant toward the purchase of different-sized gowns in short supply for teens in need. Alianza DV Services, Inc. (formerly Womanshelter/Companieros) in support of a fall showing of the Clothesline Project, a visual display of violence statistics that often go ignored. Each shirt is made by a survivor of violence or by someone who has lost a loved one to violence.

Inquiries can be directed to the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley, Mary Knight the Communications Chair at info@zontaqv.org or 413-219-8260.

YWCA of Western MA received a grant to purchase gift cards for individuals in their network to purchase essentials. Safe Passage of Northampton to offset printing of a program booklet for Say Something - 8-hour skills-focused training program grounded in effective strategies of bystander intervention and empowerment self-defense. Food Share in Palmer in support of stocking personal hygiene products and other items in short supply for women

> participated." Winning submissions for students in grades five through eight include Melissa Forni, grade five of Burgess Elementary School in Sturbridge with her entry of "The

Snolar Express." For more information on the contest, please visit: https:// www.mass.gov/namea-snowplow-con-

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er. "Congratulations to the winners, and our appreciation to everyone who PHONE 413.283.8393

Brimfield to hold

BRIMFIELD—Brimfield residents, businesses, and surrounding community residents and representatives are invited to learn about and provide input on the Town of Brimfield Hazard Mitigation and Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Draft Plan on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at Francesco's Ristorante and Pizzeria, 45 Palmer Road. The meeting will include a discussion of natural hazards and

climate impacts in Brimfield, and the proposed mit-

igation actions. Municipal officials and PVPC staff will be available to answer questions and respond to input about the project. The meeting provides an opportunity for residents to share thier thoughts and

The purpose of the Hazard Mitigation Plan is to assess Brimfield's natural hazard risks and vulnerabilities, and provide an action plan to reduce the

This combined HMP-MVP plan is being completed by the Town with assistance from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission and is funded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. Upon completion, the plan will be submitted to EEA and to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency and Federal Emergency Management Agency for review and approval.

A FEMA approved HMP makes the community eligible for federal and state mitigation grant funding.

Upon completing the MVP Planning Grant, Brim-

field will become "MVP Certified" and be eligible to

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Mimi Kaplan at mkaplan@pvpc.org or Angela

Panaccione at apanaccione@pvpc.org, or call (413)

winners of 'Name

BOSTON - The Massachusetts Department of

The winning plow names are Flower Plower, Edward Blizzardhands, Glacier Gobbler, Polar Pathmaker, Snow B Wan Kenobi, The Snolar

This contest received entries from public school

The purpose of the contest is to celebrate the

"Keeping our roads across Massachusetts clear

Transportation announced the winners of the second

annual, "Name A Snowplow" contest for statewide

elementary and middle school students in Massachu-

Express, Sleetwood Mac, Snow Place Like Home, Snow-hemian Rhapsody, The Mayplower, Snow

classrooms from across Massachusetts. The contest

chose names for 12 MassDOT snowplows that will

snow and ice season and to help recognize the hard

work and dedication shown by public works employ-

and safe every winter is a tough job. We are glad to

see educators engage their students in a fun competi-

tion that pays tribute to this essential public service,'

said Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tib-

bits-Nutt in a press release. "I want to congratulate

the winning classrooms and look forward to seeing

to connect with the crews who perform vital road

work every year during New England's harsh win-

ters," said Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliv-

"This is a fun way for schools across the state

ees and contractors during the winter season.

all of the snowplows in the field."

be in service during this 2023/2024 winter season.

MassDOT lists

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The draft HMP-MVP Plan can be accessed

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High Schooler appointed Director of Music at First Congregational Church



17-year-old Orion Boyce played the organ after his performance of Carol of the Bells at Brimfield's First Congregational Church.

By Marcelo Gusmão Staff Writer mgusmao@turley.com

BRIMFIELD - 17-yearold Orion Boyce was recently hired as the Organist and Director of Music at the First Congregational Church, after a performance on Sunday, Dec. 17, of his original arrangement of "Carol of the Bells" for the congregation.

First Congregational has been without an organist for approximately nine months. Orion started playing the organ for Wales Baptist Church a few months before he turned 10, and has been performing for the church and writing music for patriotic events every year for approximately seven years.

'He grew up in that church," said Ed Boyce, Orion's father, who serves as a deacon at Wales Baptist.

Boyce described his son's performance in Brimfield as "epic and well-received." Though based on the familiar arrangement by Mykola Leontovych, which was itself based on the Ukrainian New Year's Song, "Shchedryk," Boyce composed his own arrangement, including 32 pages of sheet music, for the event.

"When he was younger he couldn't communicate all that clearly, but boy could he play music," Boyce said. "When he was three years old, we weren't sure if he would be able to speak or be verbal at all. Now he's killing it in a leadership role, and, in my opinion, he's just getting warmed up."

The fact that he's managed to find a way to be comfortable doing high-intensity music, that definitely had an invaluable impact of breaking him out of his shell," Boyce

A testament to Boyce's work ethic presented itself on Dec. 24, when he was asked to perform the Hallelujah chorus along with his choir.

"He first set eyes on sheet music 10 days before the performance," Boyce said. "To do that in a week was bonkers and insane, but he did it anyway."

Boyce said that any misgivings the 11th grader had about taking on this big responsibility were washed away by the success of these events.

"The number of reasons to say 'no, this is too big' floated

away like petals," Boyce said. "It felt destined, after a point."

In between his performances, Boyce is a straight-A student at Tantasqua Regional High School. His father said that he has never had so much

as an A-minus, and scored a

1510 on his SAT.

Orion Boyce is expected to be installed into his new position at a ceremony on Jan. 7. Pastor Gary Burdick of Wales Baptist has reportedly arranged to attend the ceremony

Boyce said that he intends to expand the choir and involve more kids in music, using his experience mentoring young musicians at Wales Baptist to usher in a new generation of church musicians for the congregation.

Boyce had a message that he wants to share with the congregation at the ceremony, which is that "he's here not to make music for the congregation, but to make music with the congregation.'

The ceremony to install Orion Boyce will happen during Sunday's 10:30 service on Jan. 7.



Holiday gifts for local seniors

For the fourth consecutive year, the team at J. Stolar Insurance Agency, Inc. located in Three Rivers has supported local seniors with gift bags for the Christmas season.

We started this effort to say thank you to our local seniors and appreciate them during the holidays" said Renee Niedziela, co owner. "The response of donations and support of our local businesses has been amazing and we are very grateful for all they offer to support this effort."

A team of a dozen volunteers, both youth and adults, spent an evening last week filling over 120 "joy bags" which were then delivered to three local senior housing complexes.

The bags contained a wide variety of items, ranging from toiletries to snacks and personal supplies.

Over 25 local businesses contributed to the contents of this year's joy bags. "A special shoutout to Life's Memories and More and the Labrie family for their devoted support every year" said Niedziela.

"Following the tradition of our father, John Stolar, we pride ourselves on giving back to the community that supports us" said Chris Stolar, co owner.



Area businesses and friends came together this Holiday season to create these bags and let you know that we are thinking of you this Christmas and wish you all the best for a Healthy and Happy New Year!

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HAMILTON ON **FOREIGN POLICY**

Kissinger left complex foreign policy legacy

By Lee H. Hamilton

Possibly no one had more influence on American foreign policy in the late 20th century than Henry Kissinger, who died last month at age 100. In his long and active career, he advised presidents, carried out policies and initiatives, and was a highly visible figure around

While it's early to pronounce judgment on his legacy, it's clear that his impact is deeply mixed. His accomplishments were both positive and negative. He was respected and he was

Kissinger is the only person to have served as national security adviser and secretary of state at the same time, positions he held in the Nixon and Ford administrations. He was brilliant and secretive, and he wasn't much focused on the human cost of his policies.

He was interested in strategy, not values.

He showed little interest in democratic governance or transparency. A creature of the executive branch, he seemed to almost scorn the idea of three separate and coequal branches of government.

You sometimes got the impression he had contempt for Congress.

I was not close to Kissinger, but our paths did cross on foreign policy matters. I served in Congress, and we approached policy from different perspectives. Coincidentally, we were both connected to the commission that investigated the 9/11 attacks.

Kissinger was the original pick to chair the group, and former Sen. George Mitchell was to be vice chair. Both stepped down because of perceived conflicts of interest.

Former New Jersey Gov. Tom Kean chaired the 9/11 Commission, and I was vice

Kissinger's view of the world, which he characterized as sober realism, may have been influenced by his background as a Jew who spent his childhood in Nazi Germany, before his family fled and settled in New York. He was a very talented man and, wherever he went, in academic, policy circles and government, he rose to power very quickly.

In the 1970s, Kissinger was widely praised for his diplomatic work. When he was named secretary of state in 1973, a Gallup Poll found him to be the most respected man in the world.

He engineered President Richard Nixon's historic visit to China in 1972, opening the door to improved U.S.-Chinese relations and ultimately reshaping the geopolitical map. He promoted détente with the Soviet Union, helping to reduce Cold War tensions.

In the Middle East, his tireless shuttle diplomacy improved relations between Israel and its neighbors. These were real accomplish-

Kissinger shared the 1973 Nobel Peace Prize for negotiating the agreement that ended the Vietnam War. His critics found that highly

During the war, Kissinger orchestrated the U.S. bombing and invasion of Cambodia, which expanded the conflict and fueled a civil war that eventually brought the Khmer Rouge to power, resulting in up to three million deaths. The Cambodia disaster was Exhibit No. 1 for critics who accused Kissinger of war crimes, but he was also tied to a brutal military coup in Chile, Indonesia's bloody invasion of East Timor, a violent civil war in East Pakistan and other foreign policy disasters.

Kissinger later had a lucrative career in consulting. He clearly enjoyed being a celebrity, rubbing elbows with rich and powerful people and being photographed with glamor-

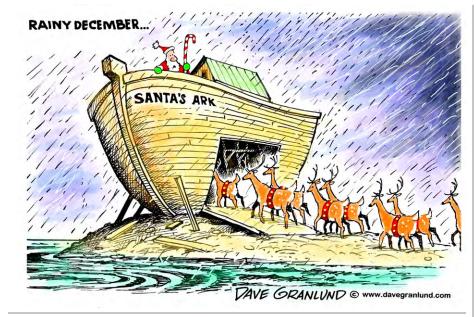
He became a great figure on the social circuit in Washington. Getting Kissinger to attend your dinner was a big achievement.

Henry Kissinger left quite a stamp on American foreign policy. He was a master of developing strategy and exercising power.

But American greatness isn't just about using force and gaining advantage. It also relies on our faith in democratic governance and our belief in human rights and the dignity of all people.

There's a place for sober realism, but American foreign policy should be grounded

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Are spousal benefits always a factor?

Dear Rusty

entire lives.

When we retire, will we both be entitled to full benefit amount each or will there always be a spousal factor in there? Also, how are those benefits calculated - based on your highest salaries throughout your career, or your ending salaries when you retire?

Signed: Looking Ahead

Dear Looking

Prior to retiring from work is a smart time to investigate how Social Security will fit into your golden years. To answer your second question first, each person's personal SS retirement benefit is based on the highest earning 35 years over their entire lifetime, with earlier years adjusted for inflation.

The person's Average Indexed Monthly Earnings, essentially the person's lifetime average inflation-adjusted monthly earnings amount, is first determined.

Using AIME, the person's Primary Insurance Amount is calculated using a special benefit formula which will yield a PIA of about 40% or less of the person's AIME. The PIA is the amount received if benefits start in the month full retirement age or "FRA" is attained, as you can see, paid. Social Security likes acronyms.

Since you and your wife were both born after 1959, FRA for both of you is 67. The age when you claim benefits, relative to your FRA, determines how much you'll get. Claim before FRA and your benefit is reduced; claim after your FRA and your SS retirement benefit will be more (up to age 70 when maximum is reached); claim at your FRA and your benefit will equal your PIA - the full (100%) amount you've earned from a lifetime of working.

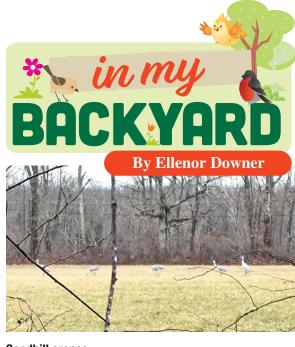
Spouse benefits only come into play if the PIA for one of you is less than 50% of the other's PIA. In that case, the spouse with the lower PIA gets a "spousal boost" to their own SS retirement benefit when claimed.

The amount of the "spousal boost' Both my wife and I have worked our will be the difference between the lower PIA and half of the higher PIA, but the amount of the "spousal boost" (as well as the person's own SS retirement amount) will be reduced if benefits are claimed before full retirement age. Any time SS benefits are claimed before full retirement age, those benefits are permanently reduced.

If one spouse is entitled to a "spousal boost" from the other, the spousal amount will reach maximum at the recipient's full retirement age. Thus, if the lower earning partner's highest benefit will be as a spouse, then that spouse should not wait beyond their FRA to claim. If, instead, the lower earning partner's own SS benefit at age 70 is more than their spousal amount, waiting longer than FRA to claim could be prudent, depending on life expectancy.

So, as you can see, deciding when to claim Social Security benefits should consider many things, including financial need, work status if claiming before FRA, marital status and life expectancy. But it is your lifetime earnings which determines your SS retirement benefit amount, and it is how your FRA entitlements compare to each other that determines whether spousal benefits will be

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Sandhill cranes

Rick Hendra of Oakham took this photo of sandhill cranes foraging in a field on Stone's Road in Oakham.

In his email, he wrote, "I took this picture this morning (Sunday, Dec. 17) about halfway up Stone Road. Their call was so loud it startled me from 50 yards away. And they were large, but oddly colored."

The sandhill crane is a tall bird about 45 inches, gray colored with a dark red patch on the forehead and a black bill. They have staining of feathers on their back and tail caused by the iron rich soil on its beak when it preens feathers. The immature crane lacks the red patch and has an orange bill. It also may have more rust colored feathers on the back and tail.

The sandhill crane summers on prairies and tundra and during winter feed on agricultural fields and roost in shallow water. For several years now, Hardwick had a pair of nesting sandhill cranes, who successfully raised chicks.

The female lays one to three olive eggs with dark marks in a mound like nest of marsh plants, grasses and weeds either placed on the ground or shallow water. Courtship displays are seen during migration and involve graceful jumps off the ground in a dancing manner.

Many years ago, Richard Jankauskas, saw some in a field on South Street in Barre. He commented about a pair jumping up and down and dancing.

Their voice is a low pitched "karoo, karoo, karoo." Rick Hendra mentioned their call in his email printed

Bird count

A Brimfield resident, who visits ponds in Warren, Brimfield, Holland and Sturbridge with his wife listed birds seen on Dec. 8. They included 210 Canada geese, 93 mallards, 70 hooded mergansers, three black ducks, two pied-billed grebes, one great blue heron, one bald eagle, two crows, one white-breasted nuthatch, two black-capped chickadees, three bluebirds, four house finches, one goldfinch, six white-throated sparrows, six dark-eyed juncos and three cardinals.

He also emailed in late November, "I checked the ponds in Warren and there were 14 hooded

mergansers very actively feeding and a very cold looking great blue heron that looked like it was not enjoying the 36 degree temperature.

Christmas bird count

For over 120 years the Audubon Society has been doing a Christmas bird count and this year is no different. People can participate in an organized count or just do one on their own in their backvard

Decline in bird numbers

I received an email on Wednesday, Nov. 29 from a long time birder. He said, "[I] regularly feed them but have noticed a steep drop off of the number and type of birds since around September. Right now we have a loyal troop of blue jays and that's about it. Usually we have copious amounts of starlings, chickadees, grackles, crows, titmice, cardinals, juncos, etc.'

He said he asked many people about this phenomena and "they have noticed the same thing but can't explain it either. We are all aware of some birds heading South but the sheer volume has dropped dramatically.'

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Pre-planning this year's vegetable garden

It's so exciting to think about planning my vegetable garden; all kinds of possibilities await.

Right after Christmas is usually when I get started. There are less paper catalogs arriving in the mail lately, but it is still my preferred method of shopping.

I like to peruse the pages, "starring" items and bending the corners of the pages so that I know to come back and consider whatever vegetable variety I think I must have. It's here in the early stages that I dream big.

I save the tailoring to later, once I've inventoried my seed stash and know exactly

But before I even get out the blue container that contains all of my seeds, I have some thinking to do. What did I have too much of last year? Too little? What consistently performs well in my garden? What doesn't do well? Am I ready to simplify by paring back or do I like the challenge of a big garden?

So many things to consider. What did I have too much of? Roasting peppers come to mind.

I roasted and roasted some more. In between roasting I was giving them

"Carmen" is grown specifically for that purpose, and last year I grew eight plants more than normal. Maybe I'll cut back this year.

My "Picnic" peppers did well, too. They were great to eat right from your hand, and in yellow, orange and red, they certainly made



my husband's salads colorful.

I was pretty well spot on with 12 total Sadly, I struggled with tomatoes last year.

I didn't have anywhere near enough! This was the year that the girls grew to love my roasted tomato sauce, too. I couldn't

make very much of it because the tomatoes pe-

tered out early. Oddly enough, I enjoyed tomatoes that self-sowed in different spots of my yard much later into the season. It gave me an idea that I ought to make a couple of indoor sowings. One the third week of March as always, and maybe

another two weeks later. Regardless, now that the sauce is a hit, I'm going to increase the number of transplants I grow, and definitely improve the soil where the tomatoes are planted. Something that probably went unthought of is that the buckets of rain we had last summer likely leached nitrogen from the soil.

I had best remember to fertilize at planting then supplement after the first month or so.

Another area where low nitrogen may have been a factor is with my winter squash. My harvest wasn't just disappointing, it was embarrassing!

The Garden Lady better figure this one out, especially with the squash habit she has. Soups, breads, lasagna, and more all require that amazing orange flesh; and if you don't grow your own it can certainly get expensive.

I definitely want to grow butternuts in abundance again.

On the flip side, I didn't need as many cabbage or broccoli plants. The sauerkraut is taking up lots of space in the fridge, but hasn't made its way into our bellies for some reason, and as far as broccoli goes, I just can't seem to freeze it in a way that is palatable.

Someone told me to give up blanching it. Just cut it up and throw it in bags in the freezer. After all, it worked well for kale, and they are cousins, right?

I tried a stalk that way, then thawed it out and ate it the next day. I thought it worked great, so I froze the rest of my harvest that way. A month or so later I steamed some up and

it was the most inedible thing that ever popped out of my freezer. Silly me, if this was the preferred preservation method it would have been touted as such long before I hit the gardening scene.

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parts so it's definitely great to see it all come together and everyone working as a group."

Palmer Schools Director of Special Education Colleen Culligan led a parade of students through Old Mill Pond School to the bus for the Special Olympics.

"We have a proud tradition of going to the Special Olympics," said Culligan. "We have had this collaboration with Monson for many years. I have never been in a district so welcoming of our high needs students in the challenges they demonstrate.

She added they are "so proud of all the students and what they've achieved."

Bidus said most of the event volunteers are other high school students and the district appreciates that the event offers students "a lot of different leadership opportunities."

"We love to see the environment, the energy and just the inclusiveness of the day," said Bidus.

Clarke shared one of her favorite aspects of the Special Olympics is the bonds that athletes form with one another.

"The support they give each other is just so heart-warming," said Clarke.

Holly-Beth Riopel named OMP principal

PALMER – After consulting with a board of Old Mill Pond teacher representatives and parents within the community, the PHS School Committee announced the promotion of Interim Principal Holly-Beth Riopel to OMP Principal during the May 17, 2023 meeting.

Riopel received a round of applause from students, parents and teachers upon announcement.

Director of Student Services, Colleen Culligan said the process for selecting the new principal was extensive and contained no biases.

"We really appreciated the input of the representative panel," said Culligan. "It was made up of a cross-section of teachers from several grade levels and it also included members of the PTO.

Riopel has served under several leadership positions within the Palmer School system including Assistant Principal of OMP prior to serving as interim principal.

"She has managed curriculum, team meetings, instructional lead facilitation, budget development and strategic planning," said Culligan. "Holly has successfully lead her current school community through a significant period of comprehensive change.'

Riopel said she is "beyond honored and excited for this opportunity," and "can't thank everyone

JUNE 2023

GRADUATION TIME

Monson High graduation ceremony held at Granite Valley

MONSON – The graduation ceremony for Monson High School's senior class of 2023 was held in the Granite Valley School auditorium to avoid the rain.

The superintendent of Monson schools, Dr. Cheryl Clarke, led the ceremony.

'You began high school in 2019, you were so inflated for what was ahead," said Clarke. "However, just a few months later, your freshman year was rudely interrupted by a March Madness like no other."

Clarke praised the students' resilience and ability to adapt to the changing situations of the last few

Maybe I should grow three or four different vari-

I always analyze if my vegetable garden is too big

What I have to accept is that it may become a jun-

As you begin planning this year's garden there are a lot of things to consider. But maybe for now, make a

Enjoy dreaming! Reality doesn't really have to

eties of broccoli with different days to harvest, so that

the majority of the harvest can be enjoyed fresh over a

for my lifestyle these days. I really don't want to pare

back because it is important that I grow a good amount

gle. I will keep up until I can't anymore. Someday there

will be time for more order, but these are not the days,

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longer period.

of our family's food.

at least for me, and that's okay.

play a part until the order

graduated from the Stock-

bridge School of Agriculture at the University

of Massachusetts. For 31

years she has held the po-

sition of staff horticulturist

at Old Sturbridge Village.

She enjoys growing food

as well as flowers. Have a

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lot of "stars" and bend those corners.

McQuaid

Domenick Romeo, in his speech as valedictorian, spoke of the ways that his classmates' flaws made each of them unique, and encouraged the class of 2023's

"There's a chance most of us will never see each other again. For some, that's horrible news; for some, great news," said Romeo, to laughs from the audience.

Maddie Milne, in her speech to the Class of 2023, talked about the importance of change.

"When I was a freshman, change scared me to death," Milne said. "I felt that everything had to stay the same, and all would be good. That my 10-people friend group would last until the end of high school, that I would never receive a bad grade in my life, and I would simply never change, and that's how I wanted

"But these last few years of high school, I've learned that change makes the world a better place,"

Palmer High Seniors sing "The Climb" for graduation

PALMER – Graduating seniors from Palmer High School were treated to sunny skies and a huge crowd during their graduation ceremony.

Principal Susan North led the ceremony, giving each graduating senior a hug as they received their diploma. Interim Superintendent Colleen Culligan quoted poet Mary Oliver by asking, "What is it you wish to do with your one wild and precious life?'

"There are indeed many things that society promises," Culligan said, "But I want to tell you today, on this very special occasion, that what you are looking for is already inside of you."

"If you plant seeds and do something good, you will see the fruits of that further on," Culligan said.

Gwen Duggan, in her speech as Salutatorian, said, "If there's one story or book you have to write, it's yours. You are the author of your own story.'

Duggan's speech quoted the Scorpions, saying, "If you know where you come from, you know where you're going. Just because you're a child of your time, you back down for no one. Just be true to yourself, it's your life."

Evan Hershowitz, in his Valedictorian speech, told of how he was crowned the Meatloaf King during a trip to Iceland, relating his perseverance to eat ten slices of lamb to facing challenges to meet one's goals.

'We all have challenges that face us on a daily basis," Hershowitz said, "Whether it be something small, or even something like eating a frankly unholy amount of meat loaf in one sitting.'

"We may not want to, or feel strong enough, to pick up that fork and eat that last piece of (metaphorical) butter-soaked meat loaf, but I promise you, after you overcome whatever it may be, you will feel that much better," Hershowitz said.

Chris Beaudry conducted the school band in what is expected to be his final graduation ceremony, as he is retiring this year. Along with the school song and the national anthem, the band played "The Climb" by Miley Cyrus, with the senior class of 2023 coming together to provide the vocals.

Weather cooperates for Pathfinder graduation

PALMER - Pathfinder Technical Vocational Saturday, after moving the outdoor ceremony from Friday due to the weather.

Superintendent Eric Duda led the ceremony, where the class was praised for their resilience, having been attending high school at the height of the COVID-19 lockdown and having to adapt to changes in how the school is run, such as remote learning and masking.

"We, as a class and as a community, have struggled," said Laura Hastings in her Valedictorian speech,

"Especially these last few years, with almost every other moment in some way shaking our society."

Hastings pointed out that this is the last class to have attended Pathfinder prior to the pandemic, "But we the Class of 2023 made it here, standing before you all, stronger and wiser, some wounded, but not broken," Hastings said.

Salutatorian Emily Gosselin talked about the anxieties surrounding choosing a path after high school in her speech. "I find one fact very important; you don't have to commit to your choice. You may pick a path to pursue, and realize years down the line that you don't enjoy it, or prefer another path."

Class President Stephanie Kozlik asked her classmates for their favorite memories from their time at

"The most popular one was 'meeting my second family in my shop," said Kozlik, "and with that I hope all of you continue to keep these memories and friendships for life no matter where it takes you."

Julie Quink, the Committee Chairperson, representing the town of Hardwick, opened her speech by saying, "I think the weather challenges that we have all likely been following closely in anticipation of today's ceremony has perhaps been the cap on a very challenging four years in your academic and personal

"No meaningful journey is easy," Quink continued, "You've existed in a world of uncertainty over the last few years, and an uneasy world filled with happiness and sadness, great triumphs, and successes, and heartbreaks – and here you all are, stronger, more resilient, and prepared to continue your journey onto

"The past four years have been quite the ride, to say the least, from a seemingly normal freshman year to the COVID disruption in the middle," said Duda. "It has been quite the adventure for each of you."

"Over the past four years, you have each decided, when faced with challenges and unknowns, to persevere, rise above, and to do what was needed to adapt,"

JULY 2023

Pathfinder announces Brenda Turner as interim principal

PALMER - Pathfinder Regional Technical Vocational High School district announced alumna and long time staff member Brenda Turner as the district's interim principal this past July.

"Working in this building in any capacity is just heaven to me," said Turner. "I'm a graduate as well so I feel like my connection and commitment to this building is at the highest level."

She said her high school experience was "phenomenal," and "to give back to an environment that gave so much to (her)," is something she "really treasures.'

PRVTH Superintendent Eric Duda described Turner as "a tireless advocate for kids."

He added he admires her for her leadership style and ability to inspire students.

"Her vast background in mental health as a counselor, Director of guidance and her most recent position are ideal experiences and attributes of a princi-

Turner said her experience working at the Juvenile Courthouse in Springfield heavily influenced her decision to pursue guidance counseling.

"What I got to see day in and day out were families and young people coming in and out of the courtroom with a myriad of issues going on," said Turner.

"I would see children come in; six, seven, eight years old and want nothing more than a family to love them... and then, five minutes later, a teenager would come through who wanted nothing to do with any of the adults in their life."

Turner said the experience made her want to figure out how that change could happen and if there was anything she could do to "help that young person process through the struggles of life."

Turner worked in the Guidance Office as a counselor and administrator.

"Once you're a counselor, you're kind of always a counselor," said Turner. "It's kind of hard not to wear that hat and bring some of that skillset to everything

"Even as a principal, it's a very different role (and) my duties will be different, it's still going to be very person-centered because that's just how I operate."

AUGUST 2023

Remembering David Peritz, special education teacher with a lasting impact

PALMER - With his love for friends, family and the simple things in life, David Peritz leaves a lasting impact on the Palmer community.

A beloved family man and special education teacher of over 20 years, Peritz, 50, was an advocate for the underdog.

'He was a very unique person... A very respected and loved teacher," Palmer High School Principal Sue North, a colleague, said.

North said Peritz "was always there to support students and help them achieve greatness.'

Peritz was known affectionately as "Dooey" and "Doo."

"Dave really wasn't a stranger to anybody... He made friends with everybody," said Ivy Peritz-Smith,

Peritz was involved with the Special Olympics and valued teaching students life skills.

When remembering her father, Dave's daughter, Morgan Peritz, said "living life to the fullest and really doing everything you want to do," is what she thinks

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PHS enrich student's life-long skills



Turley Photos by Dallas Gagnor Special Education teacher Paul Holloway aids student Andy Robare in determining where the address should be written on the newspaper before delivery.

PHS Girls Soccer host annual Car Wash



Turley Photos by Dallas Gagnon Fallon Lynch is shown washing a red car to raise funds for the school soccer program.

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"He was always encouraging and always gave the best advice," Morgan Peritz said.

Peritz is remembered by many for his positivity, free-spirit and love of the outdoors.

"We would go camping a lot," said Morgan Peritz. Peritz long-term partner, Hodgdon, remembers him as "always smiling, telling jokes and being a great

Peritz-Smith said the four siblings Bob, Ivy, David and Holly, would camp at Mount Greylock every summer.

A special memory Peritz-Smith cherishes was a moment in 2021 when all four siblings hiked to the top and met their parents Pat and Bob Peritz Sr.

The six of them talked and enjoyed sharing each other's company. "Certain days and memories you don't realize how

special they are until after... We knew how special it was in that moment," said Peritz-Smith. In light of Peritz's free-spirit motto, those who

knew Dave or the family are sharing "#DolifelikeDoo," on social media and signs around town to honor Dave.

#DolifelikeDoo

Dedicated staff makes Kids Corner a great place



The Kids' Corner staff "love(s) each other like family," said Samantha Herring. (Back row) Ali, Derrick, Julia, Cathy Les, Samantha, Francesca, Megan, Lainey, Jessica, Heather (Front row) Vinnie, Alannah, Stephen, Emma, and Kylie.

Girls on the Run



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

AUGUST 2023

High school's new principal excited for upcoming school year

MONSON (Aug. 8, 2023) - The high school's new principal, Art Murphy, aims to keep it "R-E-A-L" in the upcoming school year, with an emphasis on "Respect, Empathy, Accountability, and Leadership."

"That was started in the seventh and eighth grade last year, but brought to nine through 12," Murphy explained.

Murphy is no stranger to small communities, comparing Monson to his current town, Rutland, describing it as "a small, prideful community." He described visiting the school while class was still in session, which

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OMP principals meet students, **families**



Turley Photos by Dallas Gagnon **Old Mill Pond Elementary School Assistant Principal** Penny Manteria and Principal Holly-Beth Riopel smile while spending time with students at the park.

OMP welcome students back



William Brown III is ready to return to class.

wgave him the opportunity to meet students and staff in

"I was actually a finalist in another district," Murphy said, "and after meeting the kids and talking with them, and meeting their families, I just dropped from the other position, because [Monson] just seemed like a place that I wanted to be."

Murphy originally went from teaching to administration at the recommendation of a mentor, so that he could get to know the students better and make a bigger impact on the school.

"Teachers are our biggest asset. I think teachers need to feel respected and need to feel that they have a voice," Murphy said. "What I miss most about teaching is having that time with students in a classroom. You're literally doing the best work you can to get them to where they need to be academically and socially.'

Murphy had nothing but praise for the school system and the process of coming into the district, speaking highly of the School Committee and the staff that have been helping him to acclimate to the school.

"Listening, having tough conversations when needed, facilitating conversations between people who might have a hard time doing that, being visible, letting people know that I'm here, and building trust with the community," Murphy cited as the qualities he wants to exude as a leader.

PHS Drama Club is 'IN' again presents "You're a Good Man, **Charlie Brown**"



Snoopy bursts from a swarm of Woodstocks as part of Rylee Santiago's solo.



The cast (from left) Jonas Toutant, Grace Stafford, Juli Delaney, Adeline Leissner, Rylee Santiago, Maddy Rathbone, and July Delaney.



Maddy Rathbone as Schroeder and July Delaney as

Pathfinder recognizes First Class of Evening Students



The plumbing cohort, (from left) Program Coordinator Lindsey Tracy, Aidan Thompson, Instructor Randy Dimitropolis, Jacob Pont, Pedro Esteves, Victor Figueroa. Colby Genest, Luis Morales, Elizabeth Sullivan, and **Instructor Steven Lopes.**

demolish the "House of Art," during the construction process for renovating the town Fire Station.

During the initial vote, Fire Chief Brian Harris requested that the board allow the Fire Department to temporarily use the Town Hall Annex during the station renovation project as it would save \$200,000 from the project's cost.

Harris said the use would have eliminated costs for temporary housing units including water, sewer and HVAC hookups. He also requested the demolition upon completion of the project as it was suggested in 1978.

Building Commissioner Justin Larivee said bringing the Town Hall Annex up to code would cost approximately \$300,000.

During the Sept. 26th meeting, the Art Council was joined by more than 30 supporters as they went before the board asking they rescind the vote, which was de-

"I noticed the Arts Council was devastated when they left the room on September 26th," said Select Board Vice-Chair John Morrell.

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Board rescinds vote to demolish Town Hall Annex

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The board's decision to the vote comes weeks after community uproar regarding the initial decision to

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Schools in 2023

John & Abigail Adams Scholarship winners



Photo submitted by Amy Herring

Students from Palmer schools were photographed at the high school after Principal Susan North announced the winners of the John & Abigail Adams Scholarship at the Dec. 14 school committee meeting.

Students recognized for athletic, academic achievements



PHS Golf Coach Greg Koss and Ethan Beauchemin pose with the banner that showcases Ethans' school record

Standing Room Only at Pathfinder's Plant Sale



Horticulture students (from left) Jack Mahan, Bryant Bressette, Nicholas Pfister, Anthony Clark, and Jacob Longo, pictured in the greenhouse. Horticulture students (from left) Jack Mahan, Bryant Bressette, Nicholas Pfister, Anthony Clark, and Jacob Longo, pictured in the greenhouse.

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"Monson is a special place where we all know each other and live together. I don't want this to come between us as we move forward."

Board member Peter Warren said when he cast his vote he "looked at this from a financial standpoint with a real focus on taxpayers," as residents had previously shared their concerns that "taxes were too high," al-

After receiving emails, phone calls and text messages from residents following the Sept. 12th vote, Warren said it became "abundantly clear (he) had made

Board Chair Patricia Oney said "people went into really thoughtful and heartfelt messages," adding "it's clear there are people in town and even in the region who feel how important art and culture is to the fabric of Monson.'

She said the board and the council are working together to acquire grant money for capital planning and improvements to the building as well as establishing a lease.

OCTOBER 23

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BODY

Palmer Public Library bequeathed \$3 million fortune

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

The late Thomas P.

on Special Olympics

Blue skies shine



Staff photos by Marcelo Gusmao Paul Holloway, Special Education teacher from Palmer High School, encouraged students during the running

Cuddle Therapy for mental health at Pathfinder



Pathfinder Senior Jenna Matthews snuggled a baby

Old Mill Pond students pie the principals



Student Elizz Cobbins is shown laughing as she puts a plate of Cool Whip in Kerry Lynch's face.

Budnick, a Ludlow native who died in 2022 left more than \$3 million and several parcels of land to the Palmer Public Library.

McNutt said Palmer Police Lt. Erin Sullivan hand delivered him the paperwork after he received notice of Budnick's passing in his Holyoke apartment in May

McNutt was named the representative of the estate in April 2023.

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

Pathfinder students win regional cosmetic contest



Pathfinder Tech students (from left) Shayla Orodi, Giana Santana, and Xavier Lagimoniere each won prizes for their cosmetics.

Granite Valley School chess club attracts over 70 members



Turley Publications photos by Rebecca Wehner Liam Atkins and Jacob Morgan pondering the board.

The Signs Say It All



OMP 5th grade students part of their grad ceremony holding up "goodbye OMP we will miss you" signs.

She said he often called to ask for reference help, do research in the library and would half-jokingly tell the library staff he planned to leave them in his will.

"He claimed to own a stake on the moon," said Maher. She added the staff would joke and say "if he leaves us in his will, we'll have a piece of the moon."

According to Maher, Budnick had actually left a copy of his will while a different director was in charge, though "no one was pinning their hopes on dreams," on

'The will didn't look very official," said Maher."-Clearly, he had done it himself."

McNutt said the first check was cut in September for \$3,032,276.48 and additional checks have since been received amounting to a total of \$3,063,598.51.

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

NOVEMBER 2023

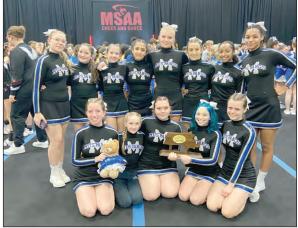
Peterson scores pair for Mustangs in Western Mass Championship win

MONSON - Over the past decade, Monsoon High School girls soccer has overcome any turnover it had

Monson Mustangs cheerleaders win first place in regionals



The Mustangs show off one of their routines.



A group shot of the Monson Mustang cheerleaders after winning first place in the regional competition.

contended with and has been a perennial powerhouse to deal with each year.

This past November, MHS girls soccer coach Eric Degnan was able to raise that championship arm in the air once more as Monoson defeated Mt. Greylock 4-0, capturing the Western Mass C Championship.

'The girls are a very special group," said Degnan. They work hard and they practice hard.'

With the state tournament looming, Degnan shared how well-composed his team was in handling missed calls and continuing to play their game despite some fouls committed by Mt. Greylock.

"Many of the girls have played in a number of big games in the past few years," said Degnan. "They know what they are doing and how to handle themselves."

Addie Peterson had a big game for the Mustangs, with two of Monson goals.

Goalie Emily Provost picked up another shutdown. With the championship win, Monson's record is

DECEMBER 2023

Interim Town Manager shares experience about first days on the job

PALMER - Earlier this month, Robert Reed stepped into his position as interim Town Manager, superseding former Town Manager Ryan McNutt and interim manager Police Chief Christopher Burns.

"It's always going to be busy," said Reed. "There will be a certain amount of time where you're just catching up and trying to find out what the issues are." Reed said his priority is to ensure the town does

not miss any deadlines or projects and to learn about the town's needs through Town Council meetings.

Reeds has experience serving as town administrator in several other communities, including Leicster. "I just enjoy the work," said Reed." I find the work challenging.

He said he finds serving as an interim town manager very rewarding, adding that communities seem to value town employees as "that's where the work is done."

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Around the Community 2023

Seniors celebrate with masquerade party



The mysterious masked party guests of the New Year's Eve party at the Palmer Senior Center.

The red, white and blue flying high at Palmer Senior Center



Pictured here are (State Senator Jake Oliveira, Marlene Johnson, Executive Director; Cindy Jasak, Outreach Coordinator; Lisa Jacques, Program Coordinator and State Representative Todd Smola.

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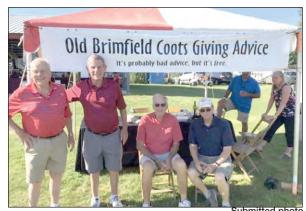
"I think it's important that people, whether it's through the budget process or whether it's on a day-to-day basis, feel that they're valued," said Reed.

He told the Town Council he wants to make sure town employees know they can talk to him, and his management style relies on open communication.

"I try to be flexible, whether it's a citizen or a business, or what have you," said Reed.

He added that he expects to be involved in the hiring of the next town manager over the next few months.

Brimfield Old Home Days, family fun for everyone



Old Coots ready to give advice at last year's celebration.

Fun and laughs at Senior Center Picnic



Picnic attendees enjoyed the music and got out on the

Palmer Public Library hosts summer scavenger hunt



Ethan, Nolan, Julian and Tiffany Martinez are shown standing in front of the fish tank before participating in the scavenger hunt.

Crafternoon at the Monson Library



Sisters Alanna and Adaline from Monson built paper

Reading with rats Monson hosts interactive summer reading program



Turley Photos by Dallas Gagnon Teen Library Coordinator Sarah Thomas smiles as a rat climbs on her shoulder.

"The Town Council has hired Community Paradigm, I've worked with them before," said Reed. "I will try to link up with them and see what I can do to assist and to to move the process along.

Mini-Golf kicks off Summer Reading Program



Turley photo by Marcelo Gusmao Sara Menard brought her daughters, Lily, age 8, Autumn, age 7, and Violet, age 4.

Monson Parks and Rec. launches Summer Swim Camp



Turley Photos by Dallas Gagnon Shown are students Molly Mushenko and Calli Allen swimming in the Quarry Hill School pool during a Summer Fun program.

"To varying degrees, this has been my responsibility (as interim town manager,) so I will be giving them a call to coordinate that."

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BASKETBALL



Colin Beaupre makes his way down the court.



Trey Dillahunt makes a pass on the run.



Austin Meacham fakes before heading into the paint.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli Jake Beaupre takes a drive to the hoop.

Mustangs can't complete comeback

the Mustangs were unable to come all the way had a big game with 22 points. Colin Beaupre

MONSON - Last Monday evening, the to a tie, falling 74-71 at Southwick Regional added 10 points in the loss. Monson is 4-2 head-Monson High School boys basketball team got School. In the defeat, Jake Beaupre had a huge off to a tough start. Despite a valiant comeback, performance with 26 points. Trey Dillahunt also

ICE HOCKEY

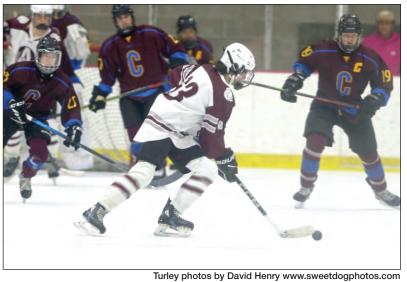
Amherst hockey perfect to start season



Liam Flynn looks to flick the puck up the ice.



Ethan Nompleggi sends a backhand pass away.



Sawyer Ferro makes his way up the ice.



Josh Goodhind chases down the puck.

AMHERST – Last Monday night, Amherst to 4-0 for the season. Jack Dyjack had two goals hockey welcomed Chicopee to Orr Rink on the campus of Amherst College. The Hurricanes got

and Benjamin Remensnyder also added a pair of goals. Pathfinder's Ethan Nompleggi had a pair a great offensive effort in a 6-1 win to improve of assists in the matchup. Amherst has vacation

week matchups with Taconic and on Saturday, Dec. 30 against Agawam at Olympia Ice Center at 6:30 p.m.

BASKETBALL

Rams hand Panthers first loss of season



Dylan Doherty takes the open shot



Andrew Menard comes with the



Angel Torres reaches out to get the tip on the hoop.

PALMER - Last Thursday night, Palmer boys basketball suffered its first loss of the season, falling 53-41 to Granby. Palmer faltered late in the matchup, limited to just nine points in the fourth quarter while Granby score 16 to pull away. Palmer got 11 points from Taydem Haley. Dylan Doherty score nine points. Palmer is 3-1 and has a rare boys basketball matchup at Pathfinder on Thursday, Dec. 28 at 7 p.m.



Taydem Haley crosses midcourt.

Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

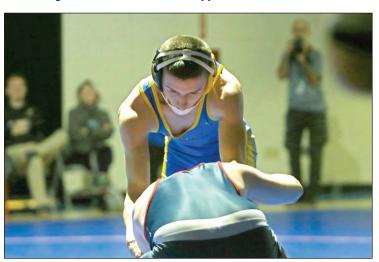
Gavin Smola goes for the put-back.



Bruno Medionero gets the leverage.



Max Alinegena tries to turn over his opponent.



William Burke locks up in his match.



Gustavo Vega tries to break down his opponent.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Taran Prak gets the tackle takedown.

Forfeits help lead Pioneers to win

PALMER – Last Wednesday night, there were few matches, but Pathfinder was able to pick up the 41-30 win over visiting Frontier Regional. Taran Prak got a big win at 113 pounds with a technical fall by a 16-1 score. Pathfinder faced Northampton earlier this week. The Pioneers head to Mohawk on Jan. 3 at 7 p.m.



Monson

Beaupre had a big performance in a close game with Southwick last week, scoring 26 points to lead the Mustangs.

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





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Nikki Vejak slings a pass away.



Maya Gidopoulos lifts a long jump shot.



Sophie Webb gets a rebound.



Sophie Ezzo attempts a three-pointer.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Riley West tries to overcome a block before shooting.

Warriors win OT thriller over Comp

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

FISKDALE — In the middle of the 2022-23 regular season, the Tantasqua girls' varsity basketball team made the trek west on the Mass. Pike to Chicopee Comp's Herbert H. Curry Gymnasium where they lost a heartbreaker in overtime.

When the two squads battled each other in the Tantasqua Regional Fieldhouse on Dec. 22, the outcome of the non-league contest was once again decided in overtime.

This time, it was the Lady Warriors players doing the celebrating following a thrilling 67-64 victory over the Lady Colts.

"This is our best win so far this season," said Tantasqua head coach Andrew Haley. "We lost to them on a buzzer beater in overtime at their place last year. Tonight's game was very similar, but it ended up in our favor. They're a very good basketball team and we had this game circled on our schedule since the beginning of the season."

The home victory improved

Tantasqua's overall record to 4-1. It was also the Lady Warriors' second win of the season against a Western Mass. opponent. They posted a 57-35 win at Holyoke High School in the season opener. They were scheduled to play at Minnechaug Regional on Wednesday afternoon and will be hosting Longmeadow at the end of the regular season.

The trio of senior point guard Gabby Scanlon (20 points), sophomore center Sophie Webb (20 points), and junior forward Maya Gidopoulus (17 points) combined to score 57 of Tantasqua's 67 points.

"Those three players are capable of scoring from anywhere on the court," Haley added. "Sophie is a very good young basketball player. She plays inside and outside. Maya made a couple of big shots, which kept us in tonight's game. Gabby is one of our leaders. They really don't care who scores the points.'

Scanlon, who's a tri-captain, along with senior's Riley West (2 points), and Nicki Vejack (4 Points), scored 13 of her points before half-

Webb and Gidopoulus picked up the scoring slack in the second

half with 15 points apiece. 'We really wanted to win tonight's game more than anything," said Gidopoulus, who made a couple of huge 3-pointers late in the fourth quarter and during the four minute overtime period. "We lost to them in overtime last year and it just feels great to beat them. We're hoping to qualify for the Division 3 state tournament again."

It was the first time that Chicopee Comp (3-2) played a regular season game at the Fieldhouse.

"Even though we didn't come out on top, it was still a cool experience getting an opportunity to play a game here," said Comp head coach Tony Couture. "We did make a couple of big shots in the fourth quarter, which pushed the game into overtime. Then they made a few more shots than we did in overtime."

Tantasqua is the only team from outside of Western Mass. listed on the Chicopee Comp's regular season

schedule. The Lady Colts four double figure scorers were junior guard Taryn cit down to 65-64 with 41.7 seconds Carriveau (20 points), junior guard Kaitlyn Gilhooly (15 points), senior forward Alyssa Caney (12 points), and junior guard Eliza Burger (11

Carriveau scored 24 points in last year's contest, including the game-winner at the buzzer in over-

In this year's meeting, Carriveau made two free throws with 7.8 seconds remaining in regulation, which sent the game into the extra session tied at 57-57.

The Lady Colts took a 60-58 lead with 2:45 remaining in OT following a Caney steal and fast-break lay-up. The Lady Warriors scored the next seven points.

West began the run with an inside hoop. Webb hit a pull-up jumper from the right side of the key and

a 3-pointer from the left corner by Gidopoulus increased Tantasqua's advantage to 65-60 with 1:43

Then Comp made one final comeback, as a pair of free throws by Carriveau and Caney cut the defiremaining on the scoreboard clock.

With 7.5 seconds left, Gidopoulus made a wide open lay-up, which turned out to be the difference maker for the home team.

Following a Comp timeout, Gidopoulus stole the inbounds pass and was fouled with 1.3 seconds remaining. She missed both free throws and a long shot attempt at the buzzer by Gilhooly rattled off the back iron ending the action packed

Both teams had impressive runs in the opening half.

The Lady Colts put-together a 19-5 run between the last four minutes of the first quarter and the first four minutes of the second quarter.

Carriveau, who hit a buzzer beater at the end of the first quarter, hit another long bomb from beyond the arc with 3:46 left in the first half, which increased the visitors lead to

It was the high water mark for the Lady Colts, as the Lady Warriors

ward Maggie Johnson (4 points) knotted the score at 21-21.

The Lady Colts, who played their final game of 2023, headed into the locker room holding a slim 26-24 lead after Burger hit a jumper just

before the buzzer sounded. Led by Scanlon, Webb, and Gidopoulus, the Lady Warriors outscored the Lady Colts, 19-9, in the third quarter.

Trailing 43-35 entering the fourth quarter, the Lady Colts battled back with a 10-0 run.

The visitors made seven foul shots before taking a 45-43 lead with 5:20 left when Gilhooly hit a 3-pointer from the top of the key.

The score was tied several more times in regulation before the Lady Warriors outscored the Lady Colts, 10-7 in overtime.

It was the only game of the regular season between the two teams. They won't be meeting in the postseason tournament either because they're in different Divisions.

responded with an 11-0 run. An inside basket by junior for-

Candlepin League News

By Ryan Drago Staff Writer rdrago@turley.com

Tuesday Night Commercial Elks League

PALMER - It was a night of celebration as the Commercial Elks League participated in a fun night and Christmas party.

The Standings as of Dec. 19 shows Acres as the #1 seed with a record of 12-4. Life is Good, who held the #1 spot since the start of round two is now the #2 seed with a record of 11-5.

The Champs R Here and Team BK are tied for third place with a 10-6 record. Compression stands in fifth place, Blue B's in sixth place and Last in Line in sev-

In celebration of the holiday season, the Commercial Elks took a break from regular league play and had a fun night. The league voted a week earlier to decide what kind of bowling formatted game they want to play during their Christmas party. The popular went to ran-

Each bowler would bowl a total of two games and would bowl with a fellow league bowler. Prize money was paid out to the top three finishers. After a fun tournament on the lanes, the league moved to the dining hall and enjoyed a catered meal and dessert.

Following their meal, the league bowlers participated in a 50/50 raffle for a chance to win some neat prizes and early holiday gifts. The league gave a round of applause to league president Steve Manolakis and treasurer Dino Tessicini for putting on a great party for

The Tuesday Night Commercial Elks will return to Diamond Junction Bowling Lanes for regular league play the first Tuesday of 2024, Jan. 2.

Thursday Night Mixed League

The Thursday Night Mixed League had a fun night instead of regular league play to celebrate the holidays with each other.

Many bowlers brought in homemade meals and desserts to enjoy while participating in fun bowling games. The games included one ball, two ball and a regular game of candlepin bowling.

The standings as of Dec. 14 have Team Six as the #1 seed with a record of 34-22. In second place is Team One at 31.5 wins and 24.5 losses. Team Three is in third, Team Two is in fourth, Team Five in fifth and Team Four in sixth.

The Thursday Night Mixed League wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday season and will return to regular league play on Thursday, Dec. 28.

Visit Diamond Junction Bowling Lanes at 1446 North Main St. The alleys can be reached by calling 413-289-0013.

Granite State announces Pro Stock Series 2024 schedule

WALPOLE, N.H. - Granite State Pro Stock Series officials announced Friday the schedule of events for the 2024 racing season. The series slate includes a nine-race championship battle spread from May to October, with the championship event taking place at Lee USA Speedway's Octoberfest weekend.

The Granite State Pro Stock Series will visit five different tracks in 2024: Lee, Star Speedway, Claremont Motorsports Park, Riverside Speedway and Speedway 95. The schedule begins with the annual 100-lap spring event at Star Speedway in Epping, New Hampshire, this year on Saturday, May 4 with a Friday night practice on May 3. From there, teams will roll to Claremont Motorsports Park for the Memorial Day weekend, with a main event set for Sunday,

On Saturday, June 8, the series will make the first of two visits to Lee USA Speedway. That will be followed by the first of two races at Hermon, Maine's Speedway 95 on Saturday, June 16. After a few weeks off, the schedule continues with a return to Claremont for Independence Day weekend on Friday, July 5 with a special event.

The high-banks of Hudson International Speedway will host the series again on Sunday, July 14, while Riverside Speedway returns to the schedule with an event on Saturday, August 10. The final two events of the year will take place at Speedway 95 on Sunday, September 15 and Lee's Octoberfest weekend, where the champion will be decided, on Saturday and Sunday, October 5-6.

"Our 2024 schedule is shaping up to be one of the best in our history," Mike Parks, President of the Granite State Pro Stock Series, said. "Return trips to places like Star, Speedway 95, Lee USA and Riverside, mixed with us getting back on the high-banks of Hudson, will produce an exciting championship battle for fans to follow during the summer of 2024."

Additional information regarding the 2024 Granite State Pro Stock Series schedule including event registrations, rules and more will be available soon. For the latest news, fans and teams are encouraged to visit gspss.net and follow the series on social media.

2024 Granite State Pro Stock Series Schedule

Saturday, May 4 - Star Speedway - Epping, N.H. Sunday, May 26 - Claremont Motorsports Park - Claremont,

Saturday, June 8 - Lee USA Speedway - Lee, N.H. Sunday, June 16 - Speedway 95 - Hermon, Maine Friday, July 5 - Claremont Motorsports Park - Claremont,

Sunday, July 14 - Hudson International Speedway - Hudson,

Saturday, August 10 - Riverside Speedway - Groveton, N.H. Sunday, September 15 - Speedway 95 - Hermon, Maine Saturday/Sunday October 5-6 - Lee USA Speedway, Lee,

T-Birds coach gets call to NHL, named interim coach of Blues

Daniel Tkaczuk will take over as interim head coach in Springfield

SPRINGFIELD - On Dec. 13, St. Louis Blues President of Hockey Operations and General Manager Doug Armstrong announced the team has relieved Craig Berube of his coaching duties and named Springfield Thunderbirds head coach Drew Bannister interim head coach. Bannister will travel to St. Louis on Wednesday and serve his first game behind the bench on Thursday when the Blues host the Ottawa Senators.

Bannister, 49, has spent the past three seasons with the Blues' AHL affiliate in Springfield, leading the team to a 93-58-19 regular-season record. The Belleville, Ontario, native has also guided the Thunderbirds to consecutive playoff appearances, including 2021-22, when they won the Eastern Conference and reached the Calder Cup Final.

Bannister began his coaching career in the Ontario Hockey League (OHL), where he spent three seasons as an assistant with Owen Sound and three as head coach with the Soo Greyhounds. He also served as head coach of the AHL's San Antonio Rampage and as an associate coach with the Utica Comets. As a player, Bannister's career spanned over 20 years and included 164 NHL regular-season games between the Tampa Bay Lightning, Edmonton Oilers, Anaheim Mighty Ducks, and New York Rangers.

In addition, Thunderbirds general manager Kevin Maxwell has announced that Daniel Tkaczuk will take over the head coaching duties in Springfield on an interim basis.

Tkaczuk, 44, joined the St. Louis Blues organization in 2016 as an assistant coach with the club's AHL affiliate, the Chicago Wolves. After spending the 2017-18 season as a Skills Coach with the Blues, he rejoined the AHL affiliate as an assistant coach under Bannister in 2018, a role he has held ever since, including a promotion to Associate Head Coach in 2022.

The Toronto, Ontario native began his coaching career in the OHL as an assistant coach with the Owen Sound Attack from 2011-15 before spending the 2015-16 season with the Kitchener Rangers. Tkaczuk and Bannister were co-assistant coaches with Owen Sound from 2012-15.

Tkaczuk was the sixth overall draft pick in the 1997 NHL Draft by the Calgary Flames and played 12 professional seasons in both North America and Europe. As a member of the Saint John Flames, Tkaczuk captured a Calder Cup championship in 2000-01. He was tied for second among Flames skaters with 10 goals in the Calder Cup Playoffs that season.

In 286 AHL games with Saint John, the Worcester IceCats, Bridgeport Sound Tigers, Charlotte, Syracuse, Rochester, and Hartford, Tkaczuk posted 59 goals and 109 assists for 168 points. He was a career point-per-game performer in the playoffs, scoring 14 goals and adding 17 assists in 29 career Calder Cup playoff contests. Tkaczuk also skated in 19 NHL games with Calgary, putting up 11 points (four goals, seven assists) in the 2000-01 season.

Healey-Driscoll Administration announces \$24 million for trail projects

Administration recently announced in a press release an investment of \$24 million to expand and maintain the state's network of trails in environmental justice communities across the state.

Massachusetts has an ever-expanding network of trails that create connections between communities, promote tourism and economic growth, provide opportunities for transportation that help reach the state's climate goals, and give residents access to the Commonwealth's natural, recreational, and cultural re-

"This funding is an investment in the well-being of our residents and our economy," said Governor Maura Healey. "Already, outdoor recreation contributes \$11 billion to our economy. By investing in our trails system, more people will look to Massachusetts for their next vacation in nature, and we can get our own residents moving out on our trails, whether to work or just to appreciate Massachusetts' natural beauty. We're grateful to the Biden-Harris Administration and our Congressional delegation for making this transformational funding available through the American Rescue Plan Act."

"Investing in our trails pays off for cities and towns. During my time as mayor, I saw firsthand how enhancing the trail system can improve public health and bring in new revenues," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "By leveraging the power of our state's trail network, we are uniting communities and creating opportunities for tourism, sustainable transportation, and exercise.'

"Trails are a key piece of our sustainable transportation infrastructure that many residents depend on to commute to work. It's important that this infrastructure can withstand the impacts of climate change," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. "This investment is a matter of equity. The

BOSTON – The Healey-Driscoll trails system belongs to all of us, and this funding demonstrates our commitment to clean and healthy spaces for our environmental justice commu-

"DCR manages a vast trail network that helps us build healthy families through outdoor recreation and support sustainable transportation, tourism, and economic opportunity across the state," said Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner Brian Arrigo. "These ARPA investments in our trail systems will enable us to create a more connected, accessible, and vibrant Massachusetts.'

The \$24 million investment, funded through the American Rescue Plan Act, will make possible projects in environmental justice communities that otherwise might have waited years. Of the total investment, \$15 million will be used for the construction of major trail systems within the DCR trail network, including the Charles River Greenway in Waltham, the Mystic River Clippership Connector in Medford, the Blackstone River Greenway, and the Massachusetts Central Rail Trail in Waltham.

Additionally, municipalities, through the MassTrails Grant program, will receive \$6 million to support the creation and upkeep of municipally owned trails in West Springfield, Agawam, Clarksburg, Wendell, Ashland, Boxford, Leominster, Beckett, Granby, Dorchester, Milton, and Mattapan, Waltham, Medford and Blackstone.

The MassTrails Grant Program is an inter-agency grant program through the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, EEA, and DCR, that provides matching grants, technical assistance and resources to individuals, municipalities, non-profits, and other public entities. These funds go toward the design, construction, and maintenance of diverse, high-quality trails, including hiking trails, bikeways, and shared-use paths.

The program supports projects

that build public-private partnerships and provides essential funding for project development, design, and construction of shared-use pathways, facilitating connections to where people live, work, and recreate. In June, the Administration announced \$11.6 million in funding through the grant program to support 68 trail improvement projects across the state.

Additionally, \$3 million will be used for the upkeep of the DCR trails, ensuring their longevity and quality for years to come.

"The last few years have highlighted how important it is to have access to safe trails and outdoor recreational opportunities, especially for those in environmental justice communities," said Senator Brendan Crighton, Senate Chair of the Trails Caucus. "This investment will make a tangible difference to our state's expansive trail network, which benefits us all."

"Shared-use trails are a key tool for connecting our communities and bolstering public health," said Representative Michelle Ciccolo, House Chair of the Trails Caucus. "They are a particularly important transportation and recreational resource in underserved areas of our state where residents may not otherwise have access. I'm thrilled that the Healey-Driscoll Administration is prioritizing this important financial investment which will provide numerous benefits across the state.'

All existing trails are expected to remain open to the public while maintenance and construction take place, ensuring the continued enjoyment of these important pathways.

This announcement is part of the Administration's ongoing work to connect environmental justice communities across Massachusetts with access to open space for recreation, economic development, and environmentally friendly transportation.

JHPL January events

STURBRIDGE—JHPL is hosting multiple events in January.

JANUARY FILM SERIES Join the Library, at the temporary Senior Center, Thursdays at 1 p.m. for movies based on the theme "The Things We Do for Love". Screenings will be held in the basement of the Federated Church. The movies are: Jan. 4 - Notting Hill; Jan. 11 - Love Actually; Jan. 18 - Moonstruck; and Ian 25 - When Harry Met Sally

THE TWO NERDY HISTO-RY GIRLS RIDE AGAIN - Virtual, Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. Authors Loretta Chase and Susan Holloway Scott will be here to answer all of our

burning questions about women in history. How do they find interesting tidbits of historical lore, which libraries of the world have they visited, and how do they avoid the inescapable "rabbit hole"? We can't wait for what we know is going to be a fascinating conversation between these two friends and researchers. Registration is required for this virtual presentation. Go to our website at sturbridgelibrary.org

STEWING OVER MYSTER-House. Join the Friends of the Joshand a discussion with author Edwin Hill. Dinner will be served starting at 6:30pm and will include beef stew, rolls, coffee, and dessert. Discussion

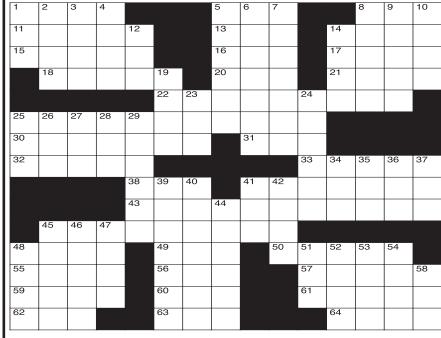
with author Edwin Hill will begin at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$16 each and are available at the Library or online https://www.sturbridgelibraryfriends.org/stewing-over-mysteries-1

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE The library building remains closed as they continue to work on the HVAC system. There is a temporary mini-library set up in the Town Hall IES – Jan. 25, 6:30 p.m. at the Public on the second floor for anyone getting books from other libraries. You ua Hyde Public Library for dinner may also call the library at 508-347-2512 to request materials or for any questions you may have.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

E-mail items to journalregister@turley.com or mail to Calendar Editor, Journal Register, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, for receipt by Monday of week for publication.

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

INTERESTS

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

KEEP HOMESTEAD MUSEUM: Lo-

cated at 35 Ely Rd., Monson, nature trails Dues are \$55 a year. For more information, are open daily until dusk for hiking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Trail maps can be found in the parking lot. The Phillips Sculpture Garden is open yearround (handouts in box on one of the signposts). For more information call 413-267-4137, email khm@keephomesteadmuseum. org or visit keephomesteadmuseum.org.

QUABOAG VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD: Members meet at 1 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month in the Amvets post at 2150 Main St., Three Rivers. The Guild is a no-pressure group with varying degrees of accomplishments, from novice to Big E "Best In Show" winners.

contact Barbara Beaulieu at 267-4044 or Merry Mombourquette at 283-7577. Follow them on Facebook for more.

ONGOING

BINGO IS BACK at Amvets Post 74, 2150 Main St., Three Rivers, on Mondays. The kitchen opens at 4:30 p.m. Early Bird starts at 6:25 p.m. Call the Post at 413-283-4518 for further information.

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

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

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

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

Rep. Ashe's office hours

MONSON— A staff member to 11 a.m. Monson Library on 1/17, from State Representative Brian Ashe's office will be available to meet with residents at the following

Monson Senior Center every 3rd Wednesday of the month from 10 2/14, 3/13, 4/10 from 12:30 to 1:30

If you are not able to attend and have an issue or concern, please contact Chief of Staff, Robin Frechette, at 413-272-3922 for assistance.

American Red Cross spotlights Michelle Sefchik

PALMER— The American Red Cross UK puts its spotlight on Michelle Sefchik, a dedicated MSW intern. Sefchik not only meets her internship requirements with unwavering dedication but actively participates in multiple programs, including Hero Care Casework/

Contingency, Disaster Action, Hospital Outreach, and Red Cross Club/ Youth programs. Sefchik plays a crucial role in the office support, infusing every task with positivity and

As a military spouse pursuing a master's in social work, Sefchik

works as an activity's coordinator at a rehabilitation center for women with personality disorders in England. Her choice to intern with the American Red Cross is rooted in shared values and ethical standards. Sefchik's commitment embodies the ethos of ARC, enhancing her understanding of the services and needs of the military population through a community outreach perspective. Sefchik has ties to the local area with Mother Nancy Slowick a resident of Palmer and Father Micheal Dean is a resident of

Public Notices

Town of Monson **Legal Notice**

In accordance with Section 7.4 of the Monson Zoning Bylaws the Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing, Tuesday, January

16, 2024 at 7:10 P.M. in the Select Board meeting room at the Town Administration Building,110 Main Street, Monson to review a petition for Site Plan Approval from Ryan & Lindsy Richard. The petitioner proposes to reuse the existing building as a childcare facility located at 17 Palmer Road, Map 112, Parcel 92A. The property is zoned General Commercial. A copy of the application is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, Planning Board Office and is available for viewing during regular office

Craig Sweitzer, Chairman 12/28/2023, 01/04/2024

LEGAL NOTICE MONSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Under the requirements of M.G.L. Chapter 131 § 40, the Monson Dias, is seeking a Site Plan Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 7:10 PM in the Large Meeting Room, Town

Office Building, 110 Main Street. Under consideration is a Notice of Intent for the reconstruction of a deck and proposed dumpster pad within the Riverfront Area and buffer zone of a Bordering Vegetative Wetland for the commercial property located at 17 Palmer Road, Monson, MA, identified as Assessors Map 112, Parcel 092A, is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act. The applicant is Ryan Richard. The property owner is Englewood Properties LLC.

Submitted by Monson Conservation Commission 12/28/2023

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 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 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

To wit: Parcel 2

2041-2043 High Street, Palmer, Massachusetts

described in said mortgage,

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, bounded and described as

BEGINNING o

the Southerly side of High Street at a stone bound at the Northeasterly corner of land formerly of one Powell, thence SOUTHERLY on land formerly of said Powell

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

118.60 feet to a stone bound

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

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;

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 N. 74° E. along 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

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 fol-

Beginning on the Easterly side of Beaumont Street at 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 land now or formerly of said Kirby, one hundred (100) feet; thence Northerly parallel to Beaumont Street, fifty (50) feet; thence Westerly on said land now or formerly of said Kirby, one hundred (100) feet to the place of beginning.

Subject to sewer rights granted the City of Springfield by instrument dated June 9, 1899 recorded as aforesaid in Book 601. Page 513.

Being the same premises conveyed to Mortgagor by Deed recorded with the

Hampden County Registry of **FORMAL** ADJUDICATION Deeds in Book 24384, Page

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Floor, Boston, MA 02129

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Massachusetts.

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Suzanne A. Phifer of Brimfield, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested

in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Suzanne A. Phifer of Brimfield, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administra-

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition 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.

said mortgage shall control. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. Probuilder Financial, LLC,

Present holder of said mortgage, By its Attorneys, Demerle Hoeger LLP 10 City Square, 4th Floor Boston, MA 02129 (617) 337-4444 12/14, 12/21, 12/28

Commonwealth of

Massachusetts The Trial Court **Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street** Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD23P2591EA Estate of: Jacqueline M. Boudriault Date of Death: 09/13/2023 **CITATION ON** PETITION FOR

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 20, 2023

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DEATH NOTICES

Dennis Alan Miller Died on Dec. 18, 2023 Services Dec. 30, 2023 Beers and Story Funeral

Homes

Lawrence J. Sweetman Died on Dec. 23, 2023 Beers and Story Funeral

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Dennis Alan Miller, 1949-2023

Dennis Alan Miller family-man, husband, grandfather, friend, engineer, carpenter and avid sportsman, passed away on Mon., Dec. 18, 2023, at the age of 74, after a long battle with cancer. He was surrounded by his beautiful, loving family.

He is survived by his wife, Janice, and three children; Nathan, Katelyn, Christopher and his partner Jonna, as well as his 3 grandchildren; Tulsi, Jazz and

Dennis was born in Middletown, Connecticut to Arthur William Henry Miller and Luella Cora Miller (née Hayes). He lived there his entire childhood with his brother, Richard, and sister, Carol.

After graduating Woodrow Wilson High School, he went on to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, graduating with a degree in Civil Engineering and as a True Gentleman, with Sigma Alpha

After graduating college, he started work for what would become a 52-year career at the Brunalli Construction Company as their Chief Engineer and Estimator. He worked on over 250 roads and bridges during his life, up and down the I-84, I-91 and I-95 corridors, throughout Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey.

It was at Brunalli Construction Company where he met his wife in 1985. They married soon after in 1987. Janice had Nathan, who at 11 years old quickly became a loved son, recognizing and calling him Dad for the rest of his life. In 1988 and 1990, Dennis and Janice were blessed with 2 more children, Christopher and Kate-

Throughout his life, with all 3 of his children and many of their friends, he is widely remembered as a loving, dedicated family man. He did as much work as he could

around his house, and the homes of others, in order to make things easier and more comfortable for those he loved and cared for.

In his adulthood, Dennis had a love of all things building. After moving from Chicopee to Palmer, Massachusetts in 1994, he spent a lot of his free time working on and modifying the house he designed for his family.

He loved to create things alongside his family which included starting several businesses and developing properties. From designing harvesting systems for algae to building greenhouses or renovating homes, he was happiest when solving problems and spending time with his loved ones.

Dennis also loved sports (basketball, golf, baseball, tennis, football, Connecticut State Champion racquetball player) and was actively involved in his children's sports and activities. He was present at nearly every practice and never missed a game. Often, he was the coach. Dennis was known for being passionate, often giving lots of feedback during and after the games. He loved all things math or word puzzles. He loved blackjack, practiced often in his youth, and ended up playing in over 40



casinos throughout the world with friends and family.

Dennis was a humble, disciplined, loving and selfless man, who was modest and intentional in just about every aspect of his life. He kept track of everything, whether

it was what casinos he went to, meticulous budgets, or records of every phone bill and pay stub for 20 years.

He loved to travel the world with his wife, take walks in nature, explore new waterways with his kayak, and in retirement, was a budding nature photographer with his first smartphone, acquired this year in 2023.

Dennis was a true model husband; from lovingly bringing Janice coffee every morning to driving straight home from work every night to spend time with her and the family they created together. They were best friends and laughed together everyday until he passed.

To know him was to love him and if you didn't love him, you simply didn't know him.

Dennis will never be gone, he lives in the everyday thoughts, prayers and actions of his loving family and friends.

We love you. Memorial Service: Beers and Story Funeral Home; 1475 N Main St, Palmer, Mass., Dec. 30, 2023; 11-1pm - Reflection;

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Jimmy Fund - https://www.jimmyfund.org/

1-2pm - Memorial Service

Lawrence J. Sweetman

PALMER — Lawrence J. Sweetman, 92, passed away Dec. 23, 2023. Born in Worthington, MA on Nov. 9, 1931. he was the son of Timothy Sr and Bessie (Hersh) Sweetman. Larry was a heavy equipment operator and mechanic for Goldstein & Gurwitz Construction for many years. During his time as a heavy equipment operator and mechanic and after his retirement, he also owned and operated Park Street Used Trucks. Larry also enjoyed finding old

the past 22 years, Larry and his wife Sharon have lived in Belchertown. He will be greatly missed by his wife of 49 years, Sharon A. (Kenyon) Sweetman along with his children, Sherri Coronado of Santa Rosa, CA, Janet Sweetman of Denver, CO, Carol Sweetman of Las Vegas, NV, David Sweetman in Delaware and Laurie Guvette of Chicopee. Sharon's children, Darlene Pacocha of W.Springfield and Peggy Daley Demers

tractors and restoring them. For of Fontana, CA as well as seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren also survive him. Larry was the last surviving of his siblings and is also predeceased by his parents. Services have been omitted and Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations in his memory to either the American Cancer Society or American Heart Association. Please visit www. beersandstory.com

Police/Fire

Fire Logs

Palmer

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

Dec. 19

12:30 p.m. CO detector activation, Bennett Street, Back in service at 12:42 p.m.

1:13 p.m. Motor vehicle accident (injury), North Main Street, Back in service at 1:32 p.m. Dec. 20

10:51 a.m. Detector activation, Fox Street, Back in service at 11:07 a.m.

12:09 p.m. CO detector activation, Bennett Street, Back in service at 12:39 p.m.

6:28 p.m. Structure fire, Osborne Road (Ware mutual aid), Back in service at 7:38 p.m.

Dec. 24

9:29 a.m. Motor vehicle accident (injury), Ware Street, Back in service at 10:07 a.m.

NOTICE

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Three Rivers

The Three Rivers Fire Department responded to three calls for the week of Dec.17-23.

Monday, Dec. 18

The Department responded to a person in distress on Belanger Street.

Thursday, Dec. 21

The Department responded to a lockout on Ma-

That same day, the Department responded to an emergency medical service call on Belchertown

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Journal Register

Local nurse dedicates career to patients in their home

PALMER — Roxanna Harper MSN, RN, is celebrating 31 years since she began her nursing journey as a visiting nurse.

Getting into her car each morning, Harper, who is interim executive director of Baystate Home Health, Hospice, and Palliative Care, knows she has a busy day ahead. Each day is different, and a single phone call can change the order of the day. What doesn't change is her commitment to taking care of patients in their own homes.

"Never would I have imagined that three decades later I would find myself leading and working with an outstanding team dedicated to providing care, education, and support to patients in their homes. The care we provide allows patients to come home from the hospital sooner, avoid stays in healthcare facilities, and learn to manage a newly diagnosed illness or disease," said

"As a new nurse, I worked one year at Baystate Medical Center providing inpatient care and then decided to take a position in home care and after one visit I was hooked. I immediately experienced the unique richness of a nurse-patient relationship as I helped patients heal in their own homes. In the case of hospice care patients who have end-of-life care in their homes, these nursing experiences were like no other. In a patient's home, we are exposed to what is important to them, the supports that are present or absent, and the tranquility or chaos that defines their lives. All of that information plays a role in the design of our patient's care plans and the outcomes we hope to have for them," said Harper.

Access to home health services is important for people with chronic conditions or disabilities, and those who need short-term medical help after being discharged from the hospital. Many rural people depend on home health services to retain a degree of independence, and to avoid or delay hospitalization or a move to a nursing home or assisted living facility. This type of care is less costly than hospitalization, improves recovery and well-being,



Roxanna Harper MSN, RN, is celebrating 31 years since she began her nursing journey as a visiting nurse.

and eliminates the need to travel for additional services.

The care team consists of a dedicated group of professionals including nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists, social workers, and home health aides, who work together as a team to provide the best care possible for every

Harper noted people are often surprised at the level of care the Baystate team can provide at home.

"We care for a wide range of patients, from ages 18 to 100, with several comorbidities including heart failure, diabetes, and renal failure. We also care for patients recovering from surgery, actively fighting cancer, and managing chronic diseases that need specialized care. We assist patients transitioning to palliative care, enhancing their quality of life, advocating for them, and helping to provide the resources needed to make the decisions that are important to them to ensure that each patient's wishes are respected during end-of-life care," Harper said.

Harper's experience as a home care nurse has allowed Harper to provide care for a diverse patient

population throughout Baystate Health's Eastern Region and in the town of Ware where she grew up, raised her family, and where she

"I find it very rewarding when I run into patients and their family members that I have cared for when I'm out in the community, who come up to me and still remember and are grateful for the care I provided to them or their family members. Being able to restore a sense of dignity to each patient is an incredible and unforgettable experience. It is a wonderful feeling seeing your patients recover and progress, whether it's helping them take their first steps or helping them take their first shower in days, every moment is special and important," Harper

Many changes have happened in healthcare over the last 31 years from technology, like cell phones and computers, to breakthroughs in science, and a pandemic that shut down the world for three years. One thing that remains is our team's commitment and passion to care for patients in the comfort of their own homes," Harper said.

Nugget's second chance

EAST BROOKFIELD-Nugget, formerly known as Natty, faced unimaginable pain and adversity when he arrived at Second Chance Animal Services with a severe leg injury. The dedicated team at Second Chance worked tirelessly to save his leg, but ultimately, the decision to amputate was made to ensure Nugget's comfort and quality of life.

In a heartwarming twist of fate, Nugget caught the attention of Matt and Nellie Zarif, the generous owners of Timberyard Brewing Company and longtime supporters of Second Chance. The brewery, known for its commitment to the community, had not only donated to Second Chance but also hosted events and provided storage for a large donation.

Nugget's story resonated with the Timberyard team, who had just started hosting popular puppy yoga classes to benefit Second Chance, led by the talented yoga instructor Audrey Martinez. The classes, held monthly, include a visit from friendly adoptable dogs available at Second Chance, who romp around the taproom while attendees work on their yoga moves.

Nugget, now thriving after his surgery, found his forever home with the Zarifs, joining a loving pack that includes three young boys and another three-legged dog, Lucy. Nuggets dog-sister wears a pros-



Submitted Photo

Nugget, once known as Natty, came to Second Chance with a severe leg injury and is now the Timberyard Brewery dog.

thetic leg and goes to work with her dog mom, Nellie Zarif, a prosthetist at Hanger Clinic in Worcester, where she helps to inspire people with limb loss.

Nellie considered making a prosthesis for Nugget but quickly realized that he did not need one due to the nature of his amputation and his young age. "He is so fast on three legs that four legged

dogs have a hard time keeping up with him." said Lindsay Doray, chief development officer at Second Chance, who expressed admiration for Nugget's resilience. "We were in awe of his determination."

As a proud member of the Timberyard family, Nugget comes to work with Matt Zarif every day and has become a local sensation. The staff from Second Chance, including the veterinarian that performed his surgery, stop by the brewery from time to time to visit him. "Nugget is the smartest dog that I have ever met," said Matt Zarif. "Like-Lassie level smart; when you talk to this dog, he understands you. He's the perfect brewery dog, so well behaved, sweet, and friendly. He loves being a part of the action. Nugget has embraced his role

as a dogfluencer, delighting visitors at Timberyard and stealing the spotlight in social media posts. His favorite gig? Greeting attendees on puppy yoga mornings. He's even been spotted auditioning with Santa for a chance to be a reindeer, sitting patiently next to Santa for hours during his visits to the brewery, posing for photos with happy families, and helping to fundraise for a local charity. Nugget's journey from pain to fame is a testament to the power of love, resilience, and a community that cares.

Foster care information meeting

LUDLOW— Children who are removed from their birth family due to neglect or abuse can be in multiple foster situations for a long time before being reunited or adopted by another family. Due to a severe shortage of foster homes and volunteer advocates, many of these youth are placed in any home with the space, whether or not it is the best match.

While the experiences of foster children vary widely, some common themes emerge during this critical, formative stage of their lives: trauma, instability and uncertainty, emotional and psychological challenges, and educational disruptions.

We can't protect foster children, or any child, from challeng-

es in life, but we can equip them with resilience and prepare them for those hardships. Children need structure, responsibility, and opportunities to see that they can do and learn new things. There is something every one of us can do to help. Details and Resources: zontaqv.org/

The Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley will hold a panel discussion and dinner on Monday, Feb. 12 at the Ludlow Country Club for anyone interested in learning more about the realities and opportunities in the Foster Care system in Western MA.

The program will be facilitated by Andrea Bordenca, founder of Lead Yourself Youth and will

include representatives from Family Justice Advocates, Department of Children and Family Volunteer Case Review Program and Family Resources, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and other organizations that provide services to foster children and families.

Ludlow Country Club on Monday, Feb. 12. At 5:30 p.m. Socialize, 6 p.m. Buffet Dinner, followed by the Program. Dinner \$28 is payable by cash, check, or credit card the night of the event, but RSVP to info@zontaqv.org by 2/7 for the caterers. Contact info@zontaqv.org for information on sliding scale fee.

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(413)748-7758 Docket No. HD23P2616EA Estate of: Charles H. Jasak

Date of Death: 10/31/2023 CITATION ON PETITION FOR **FORMAL** ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Michael J Jasak of Palmer, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Michael J Jasak of Palmer, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition 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 01/18/2024.

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WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Date: December 11, 2023 Justice of this Court. Date: December 21, 2023

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street** Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD23A0152AD In the matter of: Jaxson Dominick Daley **CITATION** G.L. c. 210, §6

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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 Commonwealth.

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

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts **The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street** Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD23P2539EA Estate of: **Ernest E Leonard** Date of Death: 10/18/2020

CITATION ON PETITION FOR **FORMAL** ADJUDICATION To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal **Adjudication of Intestacy** and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Dorothy** E Leonard of Palmer, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests

that: Dorothy E Leonard of **Palmer, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

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Commonwealth of

Massachusetts **The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street** Springfield MA, 01103 Docket No. HD18P0339PM In the matter of: Sally Walsh of Monson, MA

Protected Person/Disabled Person/Respondent **CITATION GIVING** NOTICE OF **CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT** $T\,o\qquad t\,h\,e\qquad n\,a\,m\,e\,d$

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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 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.

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HFD hosts eight

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Turley Photos by Dallas Gagnon Liliana O'Connor, Patrick Mullen, Celia Beecher, Natalie Mullen and Norah Beecher are all smiles as they explore the different vehicles in the Fire Department.

Police and community join together at National Night Out



Daisy and James Jianaces, of Palmer, sport their face paintings while posing for a photo in front of the Palmer Police station.

Granite Valley School says Thank You to Veterans



Turley Photos by Dan Flynn Granite Valley students present the Veterans Apprecia-



Veterans in attendance stand to be recognized .

HWBSL offers family fun at annual Fall Fest



Holland Wales Baseball Softball League members shown here are from left to right, in the back row, are Andy Saksa, Matthew Greene, Nathan Canty, Stephanie Canty, Maddy Saksa, Brianna Breor and Michael Breor. Front row, from left to right, are Ryder Saksa, Kelcie Greene, Carter Breor, Gavin Canty, Jameson Canty and **Landon Breor.**

Hitchcock presents restored recreational courts



Hitchcock Free Academy Board of Trustees are shown smiling on the newly-repaired pickleball/tennis courts. Back row, from left to right, are Joe Ballour, Greg Majewski, Mark Carron, Joshua Skowyra and Chris Bolte. Front row, from left to right, are Sarah Majewski, Genise Jackson, Cindy Skowyra, Christina Mealey and Sue Gregory.

Veterans Day Parade makes its way down Main St. in **Bondsville**



Photos by Marcelo Gusmão The Boy Scouts carried flags for the parade.

Light Up Palmer



Photos by Marcelo Gusmão The train from Roaming Railroad did a loop around Main

27th Memorial Classic Road Race to benefit cancer research



Turley photos by Dallas Gagnon Participants from all over Massachusetts were in attendance at Sunday's event, including those from neighboring communities such as Ware, Warren, and others from as far away as Dalton and Boston.

Monson celebrates annual **Food Truck Festival**



Lions Glub members Remo and Ginny Pizzicnemi, President Kristine Duval, Ann Marie Decoteau, District Governor Curt Jameson, Karen King and Michael Turgeon are all smiles at the annual Monson Food Truck and Music

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Turley Photos by Dallas Gagnor Cedric Daniel, Nora Daniel, Christina Mealey, Tilly Taricano, Kathy Taricano, Ivy Taricano and Scout Taricano gathered on the lawn to enjoy the evening's festivities.

Street and Walnut Street.

Turley photos by Dallas Gagnon Light Up Palmer Chair Chris Smith is joined by volunteers Betty Koss, Audrey Barone, Elf on the Shelf, Olaf and Rudolph at the 2023 annual community celebration. More photos on page 7 & 8.

Monson Parks and Rec. hosts fun in the sun



Hunter Walker, Logan Derouin, Madelyn Moreau and Kailyn Graves-Harrison are shown sitting in the grass after playing field games Tuesday morning.

Monson Public Safety Night Out builds community



Monson Police Chief Stephen Kozloski shares a photo with Monson Fire Department members Stephanie Golas, Amber Duby, Monson Fire Chief Brian Harris, Lisa Hamill and Samantha Shrewsbury.

Erika, Luke, Warner, Grant and Hadley Paull participate in the annual Public Safety Night Out and share a family

photo in front of a K-9 cruiser.



Cindy Lou Who and the Grinch were making their rounds at Saturday's event. Shown here are Ashley Mundell, **Teagan Champagne and Mike Champagne**

Teacher hosts 30th and final Pathfinder car show



Turley Photos by Dallas Gagnon Shown from left to right are Debbie August, Michael Plouffe, Craig Sankey, Jason Bushey, Lauren Sankey, Tom Cote, Jeanine Sankey, Kris Spaulding, Mason Washington, Bonnie Spaulding, Marta Carrey, Glenn Sinon, Jeff Ovitt, Adam Holst and Ron Bushey.



Dori Dagenais and Rick Matzko share a photo while stuffing a care package for Matzko's daughter, Hannah Matzko.

Adams Market Mural expected to stand the test of time



Turley Photos by Marcelo Gusmão Town residents and officials cut the ribbon, officially unveiling the mural's completion.

Turley Photos by Dallas Gagnon

Robots battle at Pathfinder's summer program



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