

PVPA accepting applications for 2024/2025 School Year

SOUTH HADLEY – The Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School is announcing that application for the 2024-2025 school year opens on Nov. 1. Applications are available in English and Spanish on the PVPA website, www.pvpa.org/admissions. To request a paper application or for more information, email admissions@pvpa.org or call 413-552-1580 ext. 228.

Eligibility to apply is limited to those students currently in grades six through eleven who are applying for the 2024-2025 school year. Online applications must be submitted by Feb. 11, 2024. Paper applications must be

postmarked no later than Feb. 11, 2024. Late applications will not be accepted. The lottery will be held on Friday, February 16, 2024.

Enrollment in PVPA is free and open to all Massachusetts students in grades 7-12 on a space available basis. Priority is given to students from Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire counties, as well as Brookfield, Peterborough and Sturbridge. All students are welcome, and students who are passionate about the Arts are strongly encouraged to apply.

For more information, and to apply: admissions@pvpa.org.

Obituary

Alice M. Barber



Alice M. Barber, 72, died Friday, Oct. 27, 2023 in Baystate Medical Center. She was born on Jan. 13, 1951 in Springfield to Helen and William Cygan. She graduated from Commerce High School in Springfield. She was one of 4 children. Alice worked at Heritage Hall Nursing Home for 20 years. She leaves her husband Richard D. Barber of 52 years who were married on Nov. 20, 1970, her children Serena Lichwan of Westfield and Justin Barber of

Agawam.

She was most proud of her grandchildren, Devin Lichwan of West Springfield and Ethan and Sofia Lichwan of Westfield. She leaves her siblings John Cygan of Ludlow and Irene Ruel of Chicopee. She was pre-deceased by her brother William "Sonny" Cygan. She loved cooking for her family and was an amazing artist and painter. The funeral and burial are private and at the convenience of the family.

Public Notices

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division Docket No. HD23P2184EA Estate of: FRANK KORONA Also Known As: FRANK S. KORONA; FRANK J. KORONA Date of Death: August 16, 2023 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of

Petitioner **MARY JANE SOBINSKI-SMITH of SUFFIELD, CT**

Petitioner **JOHN KORONA of SPRINGFIELD, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

MARY JANE SOBINSKI-SMITH of SUFFIELD, CT

JOHN KORONA of SPRINGFIELD, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

the Petitioner. 11/09/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD23P1558GD In the interests of Nicole Elizabeth LaRock of Agawam, MA Minor NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 07/21/2023 by **Brent S Spruill** of Agawam, MA will be held 12/08/2023 08:30 AM **Guardianship of Minor Hearing**. Located: 4th Floor, 50 State Street, Probate and Family Court, Springfield, MA 01102

2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and

Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. Counsel for Parents: If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be

made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

Date: November 3, 2023
Rosemary Saccomani
Register of Probate
11/09/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD23P2258EA Estate of: Dennis A. Letendre Date of Death: 08/26/2023 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 **Shannon M. Wallace of Chicopee, 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: **Shannon M. Wallace of Chicopee, 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 11/30/2023.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 02, 2023
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
11/09/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division Docket No. HD22P2116EA Estate of: Clifford J. Prestia Also Known As: John Clifford Keilar Date of Death: August 16, 2022 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Courtney J. Prestia of Agawam, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate. **Courtney J. Prestia of Agawam, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 11/09/2023

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EARLY DEADLINE

In observance of **THANKSGIVING**
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Place your public notice no later than
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OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

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