

NORTHAMPTON

Florence Community Band performs April 19 at NHS

NORTHAMPTON – The Florence Community Band's 25th Anniversary will be an unforgettable musical experience on Sunday, April 19 at 2 p.m. at Northampton High School, 380 Elm St.

Florence Community Band is thrilled to present our much-anticipated 25th Anniversary Concert, entitled "Music for a Silver Celebration." This event promises to be an afternoon filled with fun performances and vibrant energy.

The band will play the following favorite band tunes: "Pop and

Rock Legends: Chicago," "An American in Paris," "American Riversongs," "Tiger Rag" and "The Lion King."

Tickets for this anniversary event are free and audience members are encouraged to bring along a canned food item to donate. "We're beyond excited to celebrate 25 years of the Florence Community Band and our connection with the Pioneer Valley community," said Band Director Priscilla Ross. "It's going to be an incredible afternoon filled with music, energy, and unforgettable

moments. We can't wait to see everyone there."

For more information about the concert, people may visit Florence Community Band on Facebook. Don't miss out on what's sure to be a fun afternoon of music and memories.

Florence Community Band has long-standing roots in the Pioneer Valley and has an active playing membership of 75 musicians. With a commitment to community and musical excellence, FCB continues to grow and flourish as a welcoming place for all.

Freedom Credit Union announces April Month of Giving charity

SPRINGFIELD – Freedom Credit Union announce its April "Month of Giving" campaign will benefit Griffin's Friends, a local non-profit that supports children with cancer and their families.

Donations will be collected at all Freedom Credit Union branch locations throughout April. Community members are invited to stop in and contribute, with all funds directly supporting Griffin's Friends and its programs.

"Supporting organizations like Griffin's Friends is an important part of who we are," said Glenn Welch, president of Freedom Credit

Union. "We encourage anyone in the community to visit a branch and help make a difference for local families."

Griffin's Friends provides experiences and services that bring comfort and support during treatment. These include holiday parties, outings and summer events as well as massage therapy to promote relaxation. The organization also supplies Baystate Children's Hospital and its outpatient Oncology and Hematology Clinic with toys, crafts and other recreational resources, and funds a program coordinator dedicated to enhancing

patient activities.

Donations can be made at any Freedom Credit Union branch throughout April.

Originally chartered in 1922 as the Western Massachusetts Telephone Workers Credit Union and renamed in 2004, Freedom Credit Union is a 9-branch, full-service financial institution. Freedom Credit Union has branches in Chicopee, Feeding Hills, Greenfield, Ludlow, Northampton, Turners Falls, West Springfield and two in Springfield, as well as a Loan Production Office in Enfield, Connecticut.

Hosmer Gallery hosts 'Bits and Pieces: the Fibeistas'

NORTHAMPTON – Forbes Library, 20 West St., present "Bits and Pieces: the Fibeistas" at the library's Hosmer Gallery April 2 through Wednesday, April 29.

This is a group show by Sally Dillon, Rebecca Fricke, Barbara Kline Martha May, Martha Robinson, Flo Rosemstock, Margaret Stancer, Eileen Travis and

Nancy Young. A reception will held on Saturday, April 18 from 1-4 p.m. The Hosmer Gallery is located on the second floor of the library and is accessible by stairs or elevator. Gallery hours are Monday to Thursday from 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and closed Sunday and holidays.

Alexa Pascucci receives Spotlight Award

NORTHAMPTON – Northwestern Assistant District Attorney Alexa Pascucci was honored recently with the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association Spotlight Award at the organization's 30th Annual Prosecutors Conference in Boston.

Pascucci has served with the Northwestern District Attorney's Office since September 2018 and has been the attorney in charge of Eastern Hampshire District Court in Belchertown since

September 2022. She is widely recognized as a dedicated and detail-oriented prosecutor who approaches her work with both professionalism and compassion for victims.

In her leadership role, Pascucci oversees one of the office's busiest courts, where she is known for mentoring newer ADAs and legal interns. Her guidance and support have helped strengthen the next generation of prosecutors while ensuring high-quality representation in the courtroom.

Pascucci also played a key role in designing and implementing the office's Adult Diversion Program, which she continues to oversee. The program provides young adults with no prior criminal record an opportunity to avoid a criminal record by engaging in education and rehabilitative programming. In addition, she serves as the designated ADA overseeing the office's restorative justice initiative for Hampshire County.

Pascucci was selected

for the Spotlight Award in recognition of her outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to justice. The award is presented annually by the MDAA to one prosecutor in each county who exemplifies professionalism, dedication, and excellence in their work. The MDAA is an independent state agency that supports the Commonwealth's 11 elected district attorneys, along with hundreds of prosecutors and victim witness advocates across the state.

MONTEREY

Knox Trail programs to celebrate 250th anniversary set for April 16

MONTEREY – The Monterey Historical Society, Monterey Library and the Bidwell House Museum will hold two final programs to celebrate the 250th anniversary of Henry Knox's Noble Trail of Artillery through the Southern Berkshires.

On Thursday April 16 the Knox Trail 250th Anniversary walk and lec-

ture begins at the Bidwell House Museum, 100 Art School Road and the talk will be held at the Monterey Library, 452 Main Road. Admission to both programs is free.

Beginning in December of 1775 from Fort Ticonderoga in New York, twenty five year old Henry Knox led an expe-

dition to move 60 tons of captured British artillery to the Continental army in Boston in order to force the British to evacuate the city. Knox's journey took three months and came through the Berkshires in January of 1776, during the depths of winter, using little more than ox and horse-drawn sledges and manpower.

On Thursday April 16 at 7 p.m., people can attend the final talk in this series about the Knox Trail where Tom Ragusa will discuss how he has traced and marked the route of the old road for eight miles, and his effort to list the road on the National Register. This is the longest undisturbed stretch of the historic road in Western

Massachusetts. Tom Ragusa has spent almost twenty years researching and documenting the location of the old "Great Road" road through Sandisfield and Otis. This talk will be held at the Monterey Library and will also be available to watch on Zoom. To register, people may visit <https://www.bidwellhousemuseum.org/event/ye-trodden-path-2/>.

The exhibit and programs are sponsored in part by grants from Housatonic Heritage and the Friends of the Monterey Library. Both programs are free and open to the public. Parking for the Monterey Library is limited and visitors can also park in the public lot behind the Monterey Town Hall.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Town of Williamsburg Planning Board Legal Notice

The Williamsburg Planning Board is herewith giving notice that it will hold a public hearing on **Monday, April 27, 2026 at 6:00PM** at the Town Office Building, 141 Main Street, Haydenville, MA. The hearing is to consider proposed changes to Zoning Bylaw Section 9.1 on the topic of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). The changes are to align Williamsburg's zoning with Chapter 150, Section 7 and 8 of the Massachusetts Acts of 2024. These minor changes will clarify parking requirements and non-conforming lot situations to follow state law. The full text of the proposed changes will be available after April 10 in the Town Clerk's Office and on the town website www.burgy.org

Stephen Smith
Planning Board Chair
04/09, 04/16/2026

TOWN OF BLANDFORD PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter

40A, Section 5, the Blandford Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing at the Blandford Town Hall, 1 Russell Stage Road, Blandford, MA 01008 at **6:00 PM on April 24, 2026**. The purpose of this hearing is to present and discuss the proposed replacement of the Blandford Zoning Bylaws pertaining to Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic and Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) installations. The proposed new by-laws will include Section VIII 8.1 – 8.15 and Section XVI 16.1 – 16.13.

Section V111 - Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations

8.1 Purpose and Intent, 8.2 Definitions, 8.3 Applicability and Permitting, 8.4 General Requirements for all Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations, 8.5 Dimension and Density Requirements, 8.6 Design, Site, and Operational Standards, 8.7 Safety and Environmental Standards, 8.8 Monitoring and Maintenance, 8.9 Special Permit Criteria, 8.10 Outside Consultant Fees, 8.11 Severability, 8.12 Enforcement Remedies, 8.13 Appeals, 8.14 Effective Date and

Applicability, 8.15 Waivers.

Section XVI - Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)

16.1 Purpose and Intent, 16.2 Definitions, 16.3 Applicability and Permitting, 16.4 General Requirements, 16.5 Application Materials and Submittals, 16.6 Design, Site and Operational Standards, 16.7 Special Permit Criteria, 16.8 Decommissioning and Site Restoration, 16.9 Safety, 16.10 Severability, 16.11 Enforcement and Remedies, 16.12 Appeals, 16.13 Effective Date and Applicability.

Copies of the proposed By-law changes will be passed out at the hearing on April 24, 2026.

Greg Garfield, Chair
Blandford Planning Board
04/09, 04/16/2026

Town of Blandford Conservation Commission Legal Notice

At its regularly scheduled meeting on **Tuesday, April 28th, 2026 at 6:00 PM** at the Blandford Town Hall, 1 Russell Stage Road, the Blandford Conservation Commission will consider a Request for Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) to confirming

jurisdictional resource areas on North Blandford Road and 79 & 103 North Blandford Road in the Town of Blandford. The Commission will make its determination in accordance with the provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. c 131, Sec. 40 (as amended).

Plans and additional information are on record in the Office of the Conservation Commission.

Richard Gates, Chair
Town of Blandford
Conservation Commission
04/16/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampshire Probate and Family Court
15 Atwood Drive
Northampton, MA 01060
(413)586-8500
Docket No.
HS26P0128EA
Estate of:
John Peter Peros
Also known as:
John Peros, John P. Peros
Date of Death: 12/26/2025
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 **Michael M. Peros of Enfield, CT** 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 M. Peros of Enfield, CT** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** in 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 04/29/2026. 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 writ-**

ten 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. **Diana S. Velez Harris**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 31, 2026
Mark S Ames,
Register of Probate
04/16/2026

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