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INFRASTRUCTURE

National Grid seeking approval for improvements to transmission line

By Marcelo Gusmão Staff Writer mgusmao@turley.com

PALMER – At the Town Council meeting on May 13, representatives from National Grid approached the Council about upgrades to the transmission line that runs through the town.

Jean Charles and Project Manager Mike Hager made a presentation on behalf of National Grid, as stakeholder specialists as the Palmer to Ware Improvement Project.

"The primary reason why we're doing this project is to address the

deteriorating condition of this transmission line that National Grid refers to as the O15N transmission line, which runs through this region and specifically in Palmer," Charles said.

Charles explained that part of the deterioration has been caused by woodpeckers.

"One of the components of the structures are wooden poles," Charles said. "The woodpeckers are damaging them, so what National Grid is intending to do is to replace those wooden structures with steel engineered structures, mitigating that damage."

Charles explained some of the different tasks for this project, which will include replacing these wooden structures, and upgrading approximately 10 miles of line with sealed wire and optical groundwire.

"We're going to be installing new grounding as well as signage, making sure that all of these structures are met up to modern standards," Charles said.

During the meeting, a map was provided that showed the areas where the work would be done, with Charles asserting that the majority of the work would be within the boundaries of the town. He explained that the 99 wooden structures would be replaced with 88 steel structures.

"The structure are going to be rather different," Charles said. "Existing structures are about, on average, 60 feet in height, and the proposed structures on average will be about 90 feet."

Hager then commented on further differences between the wooden structure as it compared to the proposed steel structure.

"In the current wooden structures, there are two poles with a cross-arm at the top," Hager said. "The new structures are going to be single steel monopoles, and they will be a little bit taller."

Hager said that vegetation has grown since the structures were initially installed, and hoped that there would be no visual impacts from the new poles. He and Charles both warned that there would be some tree removal associated with the project.

Councillor Karl Williams asked if the taller metal structures would be vulnerable to lightning strikes.

"They are subject to lightning strikes, yes," Hager said, "Not because they're taller, just because they're there standing by them-

Hager explained that the structures are designed with a "shield wire," which serves the dual purpose of offering protection from lightning by grounding it, as well as providing communication between two stations.

Another significant improvement to the line would be upgrading the lines to increase capacity from 69 kV of electrical voltage to 115

"The capacity of those lines will be improved, but they will

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Select Board's updates and approvals for local fundraising

By Marcelo Gusmão Staff Writer mgusmao@turley.com

MONSON - Last week, the Select Board made numerous approvals for fundraisers in the com-

The Board approved the Monson Together Committee's request for a Jail and Bail Fundraiser to be held on June 6 at the gazebo. This event will help the town raise funds for Wreaths Across America. A rain date was also scheduled for June 13.

Committee member Kim Davis said that there will be more fundraisers throughout the year to support WAA. She also updated the Select Board on Memorial Day cel-

"Memorial Day Parade is May 27, 10 a.m., with a small ceremony at Memorial Hall afterwards," Davis said. "Nothing huge like last year, but something a little bit toned down."

Davis told the Board that the police and fire departments have already been contacted, and encouraged anyone interested in participating in the parade to reach out to Monson Together's Facebook page.

Davis also took the opportunity to update the Select Board about Wreaths Across America.

"Out of 84 registered cemeteries in Massachusetts, we were num-

COMMUNITY

EDUCATION



Photos by Marcelo Gusmão

Juniors Allissa McKinney, Mya Welch and Alexander Ostrout were presented with awards at the 50th Annual Pathfinder Awards Night.

Pathfinder recognizes student achievements in 50th Annual **Awards Night**

By Marcelo Gusmão Staff Writer mgusmao@turley.com

PALMER - Last week, Pathfinder Technical Vocational School held its Annual Awards Night, a long-standing tradition designed to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of its students.

'This is always a special evening," said Superintendent Eric Duda. "It's an opportunity for 100s

to gather and recognize the outstanding accomplishments, hard work, and success of our talented students in academics, technical programs, and beyond."

The ceremony was held in the school's gymnasium, with Academic Director Dan Whalley, Vocational Director Amy Skowyra, and Interim Principal Brenda Turner presenting the awards to the

students. Each department presented awards to students of varying grade levels.

Duda shared that the May 16 event happened to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the Awards

"This evening in particular is special as this school opened in 1973, and the first Annual Wards Night was held at the conclusion of that school year in 1974, 50 years ago today," Duda said.

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HONORING VETERANS

Military Appreciation Day at Palmer **Motorsports Park**



Martha Cobb-Kelly stands next to one of the cars that service members tary Appreciation Day at Palmer Motorsports Park this past Saturday.

Giving back to those who serve

> **By Paula Ouimette** pouimette@turley.com

PALMER - Giving back to those who serve their country and protect our freedom is something that staff and club members at Palmer Motorsports Park look forward to every year. This past Saturday, 152 vet-

erans, service members, law enforcement personnel and their family and friends, made their way up to the Whiskey Hill track, to enjoy riding passenger-side in a variety of cars driven by a crew of volunteers.

'This is our gift back," PMP

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Paint and Sip Kicks Off Pulaski Park's Summer Season

By Scott Senecal Correspondent

THREE RIVERS - St. Stanislaus Polish Lyceum hosted a paint and sip at Pulaski Park in Three Rivers last Thursday. The event was the first of many for the park's summer season. Attendees enjoyed a relaxing night of guided painting with drinks available for purchase.

Danielle Ramos directed the event giving instructions and pointers, guiding attendees through the process of painting the example picture. Ramos has been painting for years and started the paint and sip classes out of a friend's house be-



fore being invited to venues across the area.

Arleen Matos said of the event, "my friends and I love to paint and drink, you lose yourself in the technique for a time.'

Zenobia McCray added, "it helps support a local establishment which helps the community."

Danielle Chapman, a member of St. Stan's, explained, "this is the earliest we've opened the park pavilion since I've been a part of St. Stan's, usually we don't open until June." She went on to say, "we're planning more events for this summer and we're trying to have more during the week, including plenty for families."

> Chapman explained that St. PAINT | page 3



Turley photos by Scott Senecal

Jessy Salsbury (right) starts to paint a wave while Arleen Matos (left) and Keila Morales (center) follow along with the lesson.

COMMUNITY



Photos by Marcelo Gusmão

Maddi Cutty (center) was given her Eagle Badge by her mom and dad, Monique and Paul Shipman.

Pride and Love at the Court of Honor held for Eagle Scout

By Marcelo Gusmao Staff Writer mgusmao@turley.com

PALMER - Last Sunday, an Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held for Beverly "Maddi" Cutty at the Second Congregational

Cutty has been a part of Troop #5164 since its inception, and was recently awarded her Eagle Badge after organizing a volunteer group to restore the softball scoreboard at the high school.

The ceremony was presented by Cutty's friend and fellow Troop member, Shannon Newsome, who recently celebrated her Court of Honor as well. Peter Izyk, the Chartered Organization Representative, led the Invocation, and Cutty's friend Sam Prouty ran the Presentation of Colors.

Alex Jaworski then described Cutty's "Trail to Eagle," during which Cutty made a procession down the aisle of the church, as

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OLIVER, JUDGEMENT, AND SMOOCH

This is Ashley Saccamando's bunny trio, Oliver, Judgement, and Smooch. We feature your pets here. Is your fur friend a dog, cat, chicken, lizard, horse, bird, mouse...you get the point. Is there a pet you're fostering and trying to re-home? All pets are welcome! Email a high-resolution jpg of your pet with a little information to journalregister@turley.com.

Top Floor basket raffle tickets available

PALMER— Top Floor Learning is holding their annual May basket raffle on the main floor of the Palmer Library. 45 wonderful baskets are on display, and participants can buy raffle tickets right there for just \$5/ticket or \$20 for 5 tickets. Pictures of all the baskets with content descriptions can be found at topfloorlearning.org. Top Floor learning provides oneon-one education for a very modest fee.



Sam Prouty shared stories about she and Maddi's time as the only Scouts in their troop.



Alex Jaworski described Cutty's "Trail to Eagle," where Monique Shipman spoke with pride about her daughter. he described each of the milestons that Maddi Cutty met as she worked toward her Eagle Badge.





Photos by Marcelo Gusmão The Scouts held a Scout Salute during the reading of the





Maddi Cutty thanked the many people who have supported her journey in the BSA.





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her fellow Troop members marked her accomplishments over the five years of training, earning badges and becoming an exemplary Scout.

Maddi Cutty gave a pin to Peter Izyk.

"One step away from Eagle," Jaworski said. "Then the going got pretty tough; junior year, her first Eagle Project fell through and she had to start up again."

Jaworski talked about the work Cutty did to restore the high school's softball scoreboard for her Eagle Project. Kathleen Voiland and Erin Chevalier then spoke about Cutty's time with the Scouts and how she had grown into a confident young leader.

Izyk then read the Eagle Charge. Cutty was pinned by her mother, Monique Shipman, and her step-father, Paul Shipman.

Following the pinning ceremony, Cutty had an opportunity to thank the many people who had helped her on her journey to Eagle Scout.

There was not a dry eye in the

pews when Cutty talked about her dad. She reminisced about the first Christmas that Paul spent with her family, and how much he had supported her scouting, getting some laughs when she mentioned a waffle iron he had gotten her for Christ-

"I love him so much, and appreciate how big of a role he played in my life," Cutty said, "Despite being a little late to the party.'

Cutty also thanked her mother. who has been heavily involved with the Troop and helped to present the ceremony. She talked about Monique's time as her Girl Scout Leader while living in Connecticut, and how much work she did to support Cutty in the BSA.

"My mom learned how to start her own troop," Cutty said. "She gave up countless nights and weekends working to learn how scout troops are supposed to run and taking countless trainings to make sure that we all got the most out of our scouting experience."

Assistant Scoutmaster John Newsome read the Presentation

of the Eagle Badge, and Assistant Scoutmaster Jeanine Wright read the Benediction.

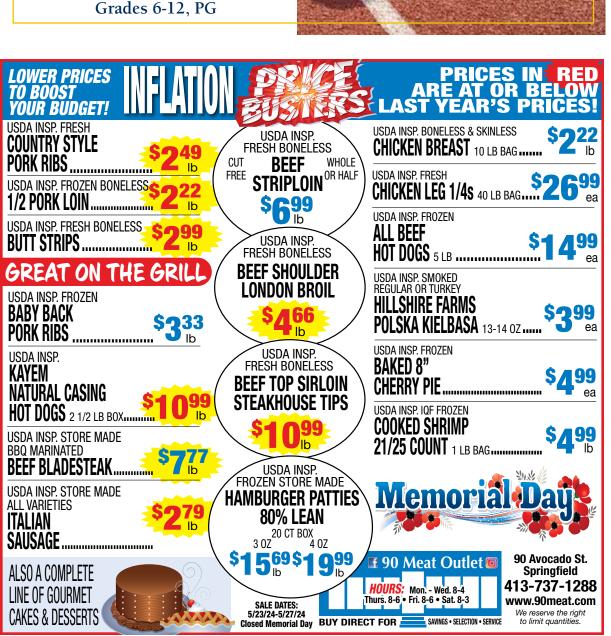
The ceremony could not finish without the attendees being given an opportunity to speak.

Kaylee Hotchkiss, who teaches Cutty's Spanish class at the high school, talked about a trip to Costa Rica where Cutty had to navigate speaking Spanish to buy supplies for her sick classmates.

in a neart-warming moment of earnestness, Sam Prouty, who had been friends with Cutty since joining the Scouts, confessed to Cutty that she had always admired her.

"I always looked up to you, I never told you that," Prouty said to Cutty in the front row. "It made me really happy, after realizing how great of a person she was, to be with her and being able to watch her grow."

At the close of the ceremony, friends and family and fellow scouts gathered to take pictures with Cutty, happy and proud to stand with an accomplished Eagle Scout.





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The Journal Register has changed its firm deadline for public submissions to Mondays. To get your submission in for that week's edition, email Editor at mharrison@turley.com or call the office at 413-283-8393 by noon on

We appreciate the cooperation of our readers.

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Stan's hosts events at both their hall and at Pulaski Park. These include paid events, like the paint and sip, and what she called give-back events, such as the book club and Christmas pancake breakfast, which are made free to the public.

For more information on upcoming events, such as the park's themed cruise nights, visit pulaskipark.com.

Palmer Town Election on June 11

PALMER— Palmer Annual Town Election Tuesday, June 11. Term to start on July 1. Nomination papers available at the Clerk's office for the available seats:

Councilor At Large, 1 seat, 3 year term Councilor At Large, 1 seat, 2 year term District Council Prct. #2, 1 seat, 3 year term

District Council Prct. #3,1seat, 3 year term

Planning Board, 1 seat, 3 year term School Committee,1 seat, 3 year term All nomination papers must be returned to the Clerk by April 23, or further information please contact the Town Clerk at 413-

Monson Town Elections on June 11

Nomination papers are now available in the Monson Town Clerk's office for the Annual Town Election to be held on June 11 for following slate of offices:

Select Board -3 years Board of Assessors-3 years School Committee-3 years (2 seats avail-

Highway Surveyor- 3 years. Water/Sewer Commission-3 years Cemetery Commission-3 years Parks and Recreation Commission-3 years Housing Authority- 1 year

The deadline to pick up papers is April 19. For inquiries contact the Monson Town Clerk's office 413-267-4115 or email us: townclerk@monson-ma.gov.

Monson candidates for office

SELECT BOARD 3 YEAR **VOTE FOR ONE**

*Patricia A. Oney *Candidate for Re-election **Roxanne Gunther Jeffrey Dennis Lord**

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR 3 YEARS **VOTE FOR ONE**

*Benjamin H. Murphy *Candidate for Re-election

BOARD OF ASSESSORS 3 YEARS **VOTE FOR ONE**

*Christopher W. Haley *Candidate for Re-election SCHOOL COMMITTEE 3 YEARS **VOTE FOR TWO**

*Alison Michele Morgan *Candidate for Re-election *Emily Rae Graves-Harrison *Candidate for Re-electionKaren A. OToole

> WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONER 3 YEARS **VOTE FOR ONE**

Peter Wiggins

Gilberto Ortiz

HOUSING AUTHORITY 1 YEAR **VOTE FOR ONE** Vacant

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER 3 YEARS VOTE FOR ONE

> *Sarah McNamara Pedder *Candidate for Re-election

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSIONER 3 YEARS — VOTE FOR ONE

*Jan Michael DeMaio *Candidate for Re-election

Christopher David Howard

BALLOT QUESTION:

"Shall the Town of Monson be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the

amounts required to pay for the lease between the Town and Siemens Public, Inc., to pay costs of replacing energy inefficient infrastructure elements of Town facilities, with energy efficient infrastructure elements, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto?" Yes or No

Keep Homestead concert to be held June 2

MONSON— The Keep Homestead Museum, 35 Ely Road, is presenting Sarah the Fiddler on Sunday, June 2, at 1:30 p.m. The concert will be held on the side lawn weather permitting. Please being a chair or blanket.

The moment Sarah's bow touches the strings, her passion for music is evident combining her influences of classical, bluegrass, and Celtic music to create a unique style and sound. Sarah has performed with numerous orchestras, bands, and theater groups. Sarah began classical violin lessons at the age of four studying with the Suzuki method and at age six she began fiddling lessons. In 1994 she was concert master of Springfield's Young People's Symphony. She also participated in the Holyoke Civic Symphony and Westfield State Orchestra. During her 20 year career, she has won over 300 contests.

The program starts at 1:30 p.m. and is open to the public free of charge, though donations are always welcome. Shuttle service will be available from the parking lot at First Church on High St. from noon to 1:00 p.m.

This event is funded in part by a grant from the Monson Cultural Council, a local agency of the Mass. Cultural Council. For more information about the KHM visit www.keephomesteadmuseum.org.



Veterans' Services shares Memorial Day celebrations

REGION - Ahead of Memorial Day Weekend, Director of Veterans' Services Tina Brohman shared information on the celebrations for the towns she services, Palmer and Monson.

Palmer

On Saturday, May 25, there will be a meet to replace flags at the AMVets Post in Three Rivers at 11 a.m. On Sunday, May 26, the Field of Flags program will

be held at AMVets at noon. On Monday, May 27, the Memorial Day Parade will

start at St. Thomas Church in Thorndike. The line-up will begin at approximately 10:15 a.m., with the parade stepping off at 10:45 a.m. The parade will continue to Main Street and turn left to get to Central Street, and then straight across to Converse Street, with the parade ending at the memorial by Converse Middle School.

Monson

The Monson parade will be on Main Street on Monday, May 27, at 10 a.m., with a ceremony to follow at Memorial Hall.

Brohman thanked American Legion Post 241 and the Patriotic Celebration Committee for their work in organizing the events.

Memorial Day service in Brimfield

BRIMFIELD — The Town of Brimfield will hold its annual Memorial Day Services on Sunday, May 26 at 2 p.m. on the Town Common. The committee extends an invitation to everyone to join and a special invitation to all area veterans, enlisted service members, and reservists.

"Brimfield has held services for Memorial Day as a town tradition that goes back beyond the memories of its oldest residents. As a committee, we believe it is important to take time to honor those who sacrificed everything." said Committee Chair Cindy Skowyra.

Brimfield has a proud history of sending its citizens to fight for our country and is home to many brave military members who have served our country since the Civil War. This year marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day on June 6. Local historian Mike DeFalco will speak about that significant date in our country's history. The committee will also recognize local 100 year old WWII veteran Richard Stanton as Honorary Parade Marshal.

Ceremonies will begin with the



Veterans at the last Memorial Day ser-

drum roll and the Veterans call to order. The ceremony will feature music and readings reflecting on the day, remembrance of current and former town residents who have passed away in the last year, and the ringing of the historic Brimfield Town Hall bell. There will be musical performances by the Brimfield Elementary School Band and vocalist Chelsea Saunders. State Rep. Todd Smola will be present and will share

A parade immediately follows the ceremony, and all are invited to participate. A wagon is available for veterans and others who want to join the parade but are unable to march courtesy of Village Green Campgrounds. Children are encouraged to decorate their bikes and doll carriages in patriotic themes.

The parade stops at the cemetery and war monuments in town to pay respects with an invocation, ceremonial gun salute, the laying of wreaths donated by Green Thumb

Florist, raising of the flag and the playing of Taps.

During the American Civil War, citizens placed flowers on the graves of those who had been killed in battle. In recognition of that tradition, geraniums have been planted at the town monuments with help from 4- H. During the parade, red carnations will be given

out to place on veterans' graves that are marked with flags previously placed by scouts and additional volunteers.

The committee wishes to thank all who worked behind the scenes to make this possible and extends a special thank you to the Champeau-Vilandre American Legion Post 109 for their support.

Following the parade all who marched are rewarded with Hoodsie ice cream cups. Be sure to join in on this Day of Remembrance in honor of those who have sacrificed so much for the freedoms that citizens enjoy.





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Viewpoints



Medicare increase results in loss of **Social Security** benefits

Dear Rusty

My wife and I have taken a Social Security "Cut," no 3.2% raise for us, due to something called Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount, based on our income.

We actually took, together, a \$400 a month cut. As far as I can tell from what they told me, we are means tested and were too successful, so our Medicare premiums were much higher, which resulted in our reduced Social Security for 2024. Have you sorted this out? And, if so, can I appeal this disgusting situation?

Signed: Baffled Senior

Dear Baffled

We're very familiar with the Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount, not so affectionately called "IRMAA." IRMAA catches many Social Security beneficiaries by surprise, not only higher earners such as you, but also those who make large withdrawals from a tax-deferred account, who sell property, or who have any other kind of sudden large bump in their taxable income. Essentially, if your income is over certain thresholds for your IRS filing status, you pay a higher IRMAA premium for your Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient services) and your Part D (prescription drug coverage). And since your Medicare premium is automatically deducted from your Social Security payment, your net monthly Social Security payment goes down.

Any COLA added to your Social Security benefit is often consumed by an IRMAA increase to your Medicare premiums. And, to further complicate matters, your Medicare premium for the current year is determined by your income from two years prior, which means your 2024 Medicare premiums were determined by your 2022 income.

The IRMAA thresholds are different depending on your income tax filing status, but assuming you file your taxes as married/jointly, your combined 2022 income had to be more than \$206,000 to cause IRMAA to apply in 2024. With income between \$206,000 and \$258,000, each of your Part B premiums would be \$244.60 instead of the standard \$174.70 and your Part D premium, if you have Part D, would incur another \$12.90 on top of your regular Part D premium amount.

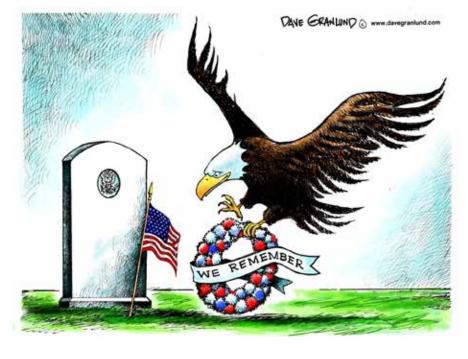
IRMAA premiums further increase on a sliding scale and those with income of \$750,000 or more would pay a maximum Medicare Part B premium of \$584/month and would incur another \$81 per month added to their normal Part D premium. Thus, as you have noted, Medicare premiums are, indeed, "means-tested."

Can you appeal "this disgusting situation?" Well, you can always appeal any Social Security determination, but appealing IRMAA will only be successful if you can prove that the income they used to determine your 2024 Medicare premium was incorrect or if you can convince them to use a more recent year with a lower income to calculate your Medicare premium. If you believe you can be successful, you should call Social Security (1-800-772-1213) to formally appeal the IRMAA premium, or you can submit form SSA-44 to appeal based on a "life-changing event."

I know that understanding how IRMAA works won't soften your dismay, but I can only explain the rules and how they work. Your 3.2% COLA increase for 2024 was used to offset some of the IRMAA Medicare premium increase caused by your higher income and it is IRMAA which caused your net Social Security payment to go down. FYI, your Medicare premiums are recalculated each year, so if your income goes down to below the IRMAA threshold for your tax filing status, then your Medicare premium will revert to the standard amount for each year.

I hope this clarifies why your Social Security payments went down and why you didn't see your COLA increase, but the AMAC Foundation is always available to answer any questions you may have about Social Security.

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Three of the eight areas of incompletion

There is a lot going on in my yard. That is a true statement.

Every fall I say I am going to be smarter about what I take on and then spring hits and I am obsessed with gardening. It is all I think about, and it has been this way since I was a teenager.

I guess I could get myself into worse

Presently I am adding to the front border, redefining a perennial garden, making a permanent spot for dahlias, and waking up the raised

beds and vegetable garden. Read on for a taste of what I've been up to. I'd been on

the hunt for a Pink Flowering Dogwood; and this year, because I wanted one, I seemingly saw them ev-

erywhere. What a year for the dogwoods!

My husband determined that said tree would be my Mother's Day gift if only we could find one. I made the acquisition early last week and had it planted in the front

Cornus 'Rutger's Stellar' is a hardy, disease and borer resistant hybrid, with gorgeous pink bracts.

To plant the tree, I dug a hole bigger than the rootball and amended with nearby soil mixed with moist peat moss. I planted it at the same depth it was in its pot and I'll be careful not to let mulch build up around

Now, what can I add to the part sun understory? Astilbe? Japanese painted fern? Hostas? Hmmm. Much to think about in terms of texture and color.

I have lots of perennial gardens here and there. There is a big one in my front yard, left from the original blueprint of the

For some reason it was made deep, very deep. Half of this bed is backed by a stone retaining wall, the other half by a white picket fence. I'd like to narrow it up a bit, only keeping a couple of specimen plants and some edgers on the side with the picket fence.

I have one gorgeous Peony plant seems incredibly happy there. It is staked in an extra large tomato cage and for the most part it's doing the trick to hold up what appears to be dozens of potential heavy blossoms.

To use the cage I had to put it in place when the plant was emerging from the soil – to do so now would be disastrous!

If you need to stake your peony and haven't yet, try this method. Insert bamboo or wooden stakes into the ground on the outer edge of the plant to three-quarters of its height. Run two rows of twine or jute at one third and two thirds up the stakes,

respectively.

Simply start by tying a knot on one stake, wrapping around the next and tightening as you go. If green bamboo and jute are used the staking will hardly be visible, especially if you don't tighten so much that it looks unnatural.

The search goes on for exactly what plants will finish up that half of the bed.

Dahlias will make their home in the other half. My collection is still fairly small – I think I have seven varieties, but I

> can feel the fever building.

They are just such an amazing group of plants in so many gorgeous variacolor tions and sizes. teenie From pom-poms to "dinner plate" and every size in between, I

am in awe. It's exciting to finally have an area devoted entirely to my collection and I can't wait to get them in the ground.

Plant dahlias in full sun, in fertile soil amended sparingly with compost and organic fertilizers. Most tubers are planted about 3 inches deep and 1 to 3 feet away from one another, depending on plant size.

Providing enough air circulation between plants will help keep diseases at bay.

Most gardeners install a stake at planting time and attach the dahlia to it as it grows, beginning when it is a foot tall. Subsequent ties are made every 18 inches or so depending on variety.

Without the use of stakes, large flowers will likely topple in the wind and rain, sometimes taking a good portion of the plant with it.

Pinching dahlias is another good practice. When the plant has three sets of leaves gently remove its growth tip. This will encourage more branching and inevitably more flowers.

Once blooming starts it is important to cut away spent blooms on a regular basis; tubers will grow stronger because of it. Dahlias thrive on sufficient moisture, especially since they are shallow rooted.

Furnish them with one inch per week during active growth.

Well, there is more incomplete, but you get the gist of my adventures. Chances are you have your own as well. Enjoy now; they'll be time to sit later.

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

Mobile Blood Donation Team holds drive June 5

PALMER - The community is in- can make a lifesaving difference. Blood vited to join the Baystate Health blood drive held on Wednesday, June 5, at Baystate Wing Hospital, from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Additionally, Blood Drives will be held every other month on Wednesday throughout the year at Baystate Wing on Aug. 7, Oct. 9 and Dec. 11.

"The need for blood donations never takes a break. When you donate blood to Baystate Health, your precious gift remains in our local communities," said Nicole VanZandt, MLT III, Supervisor, BRL Blood Donor Services in a press release. "Please help us to ensure a safe and adequate blood supply is available by donating blood with the Baystate Health Blood Donor Program."

There is no substitute for human blood, VanZandt said.

"Every donation is critical, and you

donations take approximately one hour to complete, including the interview, donation, and refreshments. To donate blood, you must be at least 17 years old; weigh at least 110 pounds have a photo ID; be in good health (no colds, or sore throat); and have not donated blood within the past eight weeks."

Blood drives will be held at Baystate Wing Hospital, 40 Wright St., in Snow Conference Room C. In appreciation, all eligible donors will receive a \$10 gift card.

For more information or to book an appointment to donate blood please call the Blood Donor Center at 413-794-4600. Please be sure to note the Baystate Health hospital location where you would like to make your donation when you make your appointment.



Why your adult child needs a HIPAA form

Research indicates that the brain doesn't fully mature until around age 25, but nonetheless: In Illinois (as in most states), 18 is the age at which a child is considered to be a legal adult. And it's when parents lose

their right to that child's medical

information.

That's why - if you want to be involved in your young adult's health care once they hit that magic age - you need their authorization under the Health Insurance Privacy and Accountability Act, better known as HIPAA.

HIPAA required the creation of national standards to protect sensitive patient health informa-Frykenberg, RN tion from being disclosed without the patient's consent or knowledge. The

law doesn't care if your young adult is on your insurance and you're responsible for the bills. It also doesn't care whether your child is an 18-year-old college freshman or a 45-year-old out on their own.

Or maybe they were out on their own, but came back to the nest. Thanks to the pandemic and associated job losses, the share of adults ages 25 to 34 who lived with their parents reached historic highs in 2020, according to the U.S. Census: 22 percent of men and 13.4 percent of women.

The numbers aren't quite as high now, but they're still significant. In 2022, 19 percent of men and 12 percent of women in the 25-34 demographic cohabit with their parents. Young adults who are disabled or have mental or emotional disorders also tend to live with mom and dad.

Health issues arise unexpectedly – the young adult could be involved in a car accident, diagnosed with cancer or need an emergency appendectomy. You know my mantra: Be prepared with documentation so that health care can proceed according to your child's wishes.

Verbal authorization can take the place of a signed HIPAA release. Your child only has to tell health-care providers, "I authorize my parents to receive my medical information and be involved in my health-care de-

That works if the patient is awake and alert. But what if every parent's nightmare comes true? You get a phone call in the middle of the night that there's been an accident and your child is unconscious. Now what?

A spouse is considered by default to be authorized to receive medical information. If the partners are separated, though, does your child want their soon-to-be exspouse involved in their health care? If not, they need a HIPAA authorizing someone else. Your child may be single and not have anyone to designate.

If your child does end up in the hospital, the HIPAA authorization will come in handy. Because hospitals do not want to be fined for violating HIPAA, most will err on the side of caution and refrain from disclosing any information to family members without the properly executed documentation. Without this exchange of information, families can left out of the loop and doctors may miss important family medical history.

As a companion to the HIPAA authorization form, it is also important for young adults to have a Health Care Power of Attorney so that someone will have the authority to make medical decisions on behalf of your child if they are incapacitated. Without this document, you may have to go to court in order to have someone appointed to make crucial medical decisions.

These aren't necessarily easy conversations to have with an adult child because no one - particularly a young adult who is healthy - wants to think about the possibility of illness or injury. And as parents we need to be careful that we're not acting like mother hens and intruding on their privacy.

It might be worthwhile to have a trusted family member or advisor suggest your child should consider executing a HIPAA authorization and health care power-of-attorney, designating you or another individual of their choosing to be an authorized recipient of medical information and make decisions on their behalf.

HIPAA authorization and health care power-of-attorney forms are available on the Illinois.gov website, or an attorney can help you execute them. The signed forms should be shared with your child's health-care providers and kept in an accessible place in case they're

We buy insurance and hope we never have to use it. Encourage your child to prepare a HIPAA authorization and health care power of attorney, and then hope they're never needed.

Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN, is a board-certified patient advocate and Monson resident. A critical care nurse for 30+ years, she is founder of NShore Patient Advocates, (www.NorthshoreRN.com). Her book, "How to Be a Healthcare Advocate for Yourself & Your Loved Ones is available on Amazon. She is offering a free phone consultation to Turley Newspaper readers. Contact her at Teri@northshorern.com to set it up

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editor at 413-283-8393.

Campaign news As part of its election coverage the newspaper plans to print stories about contested races for Congress, state Senate, state House, district attorney and Governor's Council during the weeks leading up to the election voters guide. In order to ensure fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed, nor will reporters cover political rallies or fundraisers.

Candidates who wish to further publicize their candidacy, beliefs and events may contact advertising, 413-283-8393 about paid advertising in

Monson consumer confidence report

The Monson Water & Sewer Department enclosed the 2023 consumer confidence report in the mailing of the April 22, 2024 bills. Anyone who did not receive a copy can access it on the town's website at www.monson-ma.gov, or pick one up at the Water & Sewer Department 198 Main Street, the Town Office Building, 110 Main Street or the Monson Free Library, 2 High Street.

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continue to be operated at the current operation standard," Charles said, explaining that National Grid is investing in potential future increases in demand for energy in the area.

"In the case that in the future there's increased demand, National Grid will have the infrastructure prepared to address that demand," Charles said.

Hager added that this upgrade would also coincide with a slight increase in cost.

"It's minimal, given the overall cost of this project," Hager said. "The only difference between those two standards is how far apart those arms are, where the conductors are."

"Looking forward, although we don't see any large growth in the near term here that will need that extra capacity, the minor incremental costs to the project to build it to the 115 standard and give us the capability instead of having to come back and do it again in the future is why we're doing that," Hager

Charles went on to say that National Grid is still involved in securing approval from the Energy Facility Siting Board, in addition to various environmental and local permits.

"That process is estimated to take about three years, so it begins in July of 2024 and will continue to July 2027," Charles said.

The representatives did not seek any action from Town Council, but wanted to share information on the ensuing project with the town and the public.

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ber 12," Davis said. "Nationwide, we were #348 out of 2,281. So we did a really good job, thanks to everybody in the town and everybody who supported us."

Davis said that the committee has already started to work on the town's participation in WAA for this year, and has already started purchasing wreaths.

"Wreaths are \$17," Davis said. "For each wreath, we get \$5 back, and that's what we use towards next

year to get us a good head start." Davis said that \$18,000 were raised for Wreaths Across America last year, and that the committee had

approximately \$5,000 back to buy wreaths this year. "That's why it's so important that we make sure anybody who's going to donate money goes into that group for Monson Together," Davis said.

Select Board Chair Pat Oney asked Davis to share with the public how best to donate to Monson Together.

Davis said that there is a designated Facebook page at "Wreaths Across America Monson MA", but donors can also write a check to Wreaths Across America and get it to a representative from Monson Together, as well as apps like Venmo and Zeffy.

Caitlin Walker, a teacher from the high school, approached the board with a request for a gift of \$1,000 for the Disney Learning Through Experience program.

"A year ago, we initiated a new experiential learning group centered around bringing the sciences and the arts together, and what better way to see the resulting beauty of such a combination than Walt Disney World?" Walker said.

Walker talked about her experience as a cast member with Disney and seeing the park's engineering, detailing, and imagination from a behind-the-scenes

"I began this program with the hopes that our students could benefit from seeing how what they learn in the classroom is not only practical, but can be successful," Walker said, "and that science can become even more incredible when considered creatively."

Disney's Learning Through Experience program costs students \$1,500, but Walker said that she was determined to offer the program without this financial barrier. The school has been holding fundraisers to help offset the costs, with hopes to hold more after summer vacation.

After checking with Town Administrator Jennifer Wolowicz on the balance of the town's accounts, Select Board Member John Morell raised the gift to \$1,500.

"When I first read this before tonight, I thought, 'here we go with another trip," said Select Board Member Peter Warren. "What impresses me is that you have hustled, your kids have hustled, to do fundraising in all these different directions, and I appreciate that."

The motion to gift \$1,500 towards the high school's Learning Through Experience fund passed unanimously.

"If you find a way that you can take donations, come back in and we'll let everybody in town know,"

The Board also made some routine re-appointments of town officials to positions that were set to expire. These included Marie Bren and Maryann Brazas to Council On Aging, Marilyn Fils Gorman to the Planning Board, Karen King and Jeannie Quaglietti to the Community Preservation Committee.

The Board also approved the Town-Wide Tag Sale to be held on August 31 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

During Public Comments, Robert Caddy approached the Select Board to complain about vandalism to a political sign on his property. He said that a sticker was added to a sign endorsing political candidate Donald Trump.

"When someone lies to you 30,000 times to you in four years and you still believe him, you're in a cult,"

Caddy worried that if this type of vandalism is not addressed, it will get worse. He stated that he contacted the police about scanning for fingerprints.

'We're going to have more problems in this town if we don't clip these small things right away," Caddy said. "Keep your eyes open and stay vigilant."



Palmer Senior Center

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

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

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR JUNE: Monday, June 3

No yoga today. Therapy dog from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m, 1 p.m. take and bake PB bars for two.

Wednesday, June 5 Wii bowling at 1 p.m.

Thursday, June 6 Rice's Fruit Farm Ice cream trip at 1 p.m. Friday, June 7

Monday, June 10 Marathon Bingo 10 a..m. and Therapy dog from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m Tuesday, June 11

Yoga rescheduled at 9 a.m.

1 p.m. Trip to McKinstry Market Garden, they accept snap benefits. Wednesday, June 12

Lunch and learn Careforth at 11:15

Thursday, June 13

10 a.m. Massage by appointment, 1 p.m. Sunshine Village craft.

Friday, June 14 1 to 3 p.m. Brown Bag pickup,

12:30 showing movie "August Rush" and 9 a.m. yoga rescheduled. Monday, June 17

Therapy dog from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m, and 1 p.m. Father's Day. Wednesday, June 19

Closed for Juneteenth. Thursday, June 20

Memory Café 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Sunshine Village Paint at 1 p.m. Friday, June 21

11:30 a.m. Book signing "Shadows

on the Hearth". Monday, June 24 Therapy dog from 10:30 to 11:30

a.m and 10:30 a.m. Mass EDP. Wednesday, June 26 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. foot care by appt.

and 1 p.m. Wii Bowling. Thursday, June 27 10 a.m. Massage by appointment and cake.

and 1 p.m. Sunshine Village Craft.

Friday, June 28 12:30 p.m. showing movie "Playing

with Fire".

Breakfast is served every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:15 a.m. and is \$3. Lunch is served every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon and a suggested donation is \$2. Please call before 10 a.m. the day before to reserve a meal at 413-283-2670. Individuals must sign up for breakfast, otherwise a meal will not be ordered for them.

Monday, June 3

American chop suey, brussels sprouts, wheat roll and chilled apples.

Tuesday, June 4

Waffle and sausage. Wednesday, June 5

Traditional egg salad, three bean salad, broccoli slaw and hamburger bun. Thursday, June 6

Ham and cheese roll Friday, June 7

Meatloaf with mushroom gravy, steamed peas, mashed potatoes, WW

bread and pudding with topping. Monday, June 10 Mac and cheese, stewed tomatoes,

WW bread and Jello with topping. Tuesday, June 11 Egg, bacon, cheese croissant.

Wednesday, June 12 BBQ pulled pork, celery salad, baked potato, hamburger bun and fresh

Thursday, June 13 Banana chip French toast.

Friday, June 14 Rose chicken, parslied carrots, penne pasta, WW bread and mandarin oranges.

Monday, June 17

Beef stroganoff, roman blend veggies, egg noodles, multigrain bread and fudge round cookies.

> Tuesday, June 18 Blueberry muffin and sausage. Wednesday, June 19 Closed for Juneteenth. Thursday, June 20

> > Friday, June 21

Spaghetti and meatballs, tossed salad with ranch, garlic toast and raisins.

Monday, June 24

Shepherd's pie, steamed peas, mashed potato topping, 12 grain bread and spiced peaches.

Tuesday, June 25

Wednesday, June 26

Tuna salad, tossed salad with ranch, marinated cucumber salad, half a WW pita pocket and fresh fruit.

Thursday, June 27 **TBD**

Friday, June 28

Chicken corden bleu, herbed green beans, roasted red potatoes, dinner roll

May events at OSV

STURBRIDGE—As spring blooms across New England, Old Sturbridge Village invites families and friends to experience "May at the Village," with special celebrations throughout the month that honor cultural heritage and celebrate military service and history.

Beginning in May, Old Sturbridge Village will proudly build a "Field of Flags" as a reminder of the service and sacrifice of the brave men and women who serve and have served in the U.S. Military. Each flag represents a loved one who has dedicated their life to protecting our freedoms, ensuring their contributions are never forgotten. As a proud partner of the Blue Star Museums program, Old Sturbridge Village is pleased to extend a warm welcome to military families, providing complimentary admission to the museum. To donate a flag in honor of a loved one, please visit https://www.osv.org/field-of-flags/.

On May 18, Old Sturbridge Village will commemorate the spirit of Muster Day, a cherished tradition that dates to the early 19th century when farmers and craftsmen dutifully answered the call to supplement the modest armed forces by joining local militia units, which laid the groundwork for today's National Guard. Twice a year, these citizen-soldiers were "called to muster" for a day of intensive training in their town, preparing to defend their communities in times of need. Visitors will have the opportunity to witness firsthand the training and camaraderie of these citizen-soldiers, from

marching drills to musket and cannon firing and target practice.

Highlighting the significance of the militia in early 19th-century America, Derek Heidemann, director of Collections and Research at Old Sturbridge Village, said, "the militia was an important civic institution in the early 19th century and Old Sturbridge Village is one of the only places in New England where you can come to see a recreated muster. It's important to note that militia training days were not just about citizen soldiers practicing military maneuvers, but were really town-wide celebrations. Since most men of military age were required to serve in the militia, other townspeople celebrated with picnics, music, and even dancing, which will all be recreated as part of the muster day program on May 18." For more information and to purchase tickets for Muster Day, please visit https://www.osv.org/event/musterday-may/.

From May 25 through May 27 (Memorial Day), Wool Days invites guests to discover the intricate world of wool production in early New England. Costumed historians will guide visitors through transforming raw wool into textiles, from shearing the sheep to dyeing and spinning the yarn. Wool Days offers guests a deeper understanding of the essential role that wool played in the daily lives of 19th-century farmers and craftsmen. For more information and to purchase tickets for Wool Days, please visit https://www.osv.org/event/wool-days/.

WARE PUBLIC SCHOOLS **SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

School Choice openings for the 2024-2025 school year: Grade 1.....

The School Choice application can be downloaded at www.wareps.org or picked up at Central Office 239 West Street, Ware, MA 01082

> Deadline to submit applications is May 31, 2024

The selection of non-resident students for admission will be in the form of a random drawing, when the number of requests exceed the number of available spaces. The drawing, if needed, will take place on June 3, 2024.

The Ware Public School District strives to work with parents and the wider community to educate all students in an environment that supports high academic achievement, instills respect and fosters civic responsibility. We believe that the ultimate goal of education is to support students as successful lifelong learners.

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This opportunity allows juniors and seniors to enter an unpaid, educational work experience with an individual, company, or community organization. The purpose of the Work Based Learning Experience is to gain meaningful work skills and practices as related to the student's future career interests.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

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Superintendent Eric Duda, Interim Principal Brenda Turner, and Vocational Director Amy Skowyra stood in front of the awards that would be presented to students.



Ed O'Connor wore a pineapple suit to present the Hospitality award to Edilyaris Mariani Lopez with Rebecca King.

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Duda talked about how the school has grown in the half-century since its opening, expanding from four to nine towns serviced by the vocational acad-

"Though a lot has changed over the past 50 years, one constant is that in this very gymnasium, we have consistently gathered each year to honor the high achievement of our students," Duda said. "Many of the past award recipients have become pillars of our society as parents, business owners, teachers, police officers, elected officials, members of the military, and much more; countless former award recipients at this very event over the last 50 years have gone on to do amazing things.'

The Highest Achievement awards for students with the highest GPA for the school year were awarded as follows: Ouinn Richardson for Grade 9, Adin De-Carlo for Grade 10, Evelyn Shilosky for Grade 11, and Hanna Hurtado for Grade

English

The award for highest achievement in English Language Arts went to senior Nevin Pelchat.

The English Language Arts department recognized freshmen Cameron Delamere, Annalise Delrosario, Morgan George, Luke Longacre, Makayla Patrick, and Quinn Richardson; sophomores Adin DeCarlo, Matthew Kenyon, Noel Plumadore, Destiny Rodriguez, and Cyris Ziemba; juniors Madyson Burns and Mya Welch; and seniors William and Zion Magee, Heather Martin, and Cameron Webber.

The department also presented an award for Most Improved to juniors Dalton Coto, Kyle Larrivee, and Landen

For Academic Excellence in AP English Language Arts, the school recognized Zander Auffrey, a junior, and Alexander Hastings, a senior.

The award for Academic Excellence in Creative Writing went to senior Mackenzie Fulton.

Math

The award for highest achievement in Math went to senior River McMana-

The Academic Excellence awards for Algebra I were presented to freshmen Cameron Delamere, Anna Farmer, Alex Foss, Luke Longacre, and Christopher Mittler. For Algebra II, awards were presented to Ethan Bernashe, Harmonie Garcia, Ethan Shepard, Matthew Vanasse, Branden Hnitecki, and Alissa

For Algebra II Honors, sophomore Zachary Bera and juniors Anthony Foisy, Isabella Perez, Evin Reardon, and Tyler Rondeau were all recognized.

For Geometry, awards were presented to sophomores Matthew Kenyon, Zoey Murphy, Noel Plumadore, and Dayne Shanley; and to freshmen Autumn Nagle and Quinn Richardson.

For Probability & Statistics, seniors Zachary Kenyon and Heather Martin were awarded, and for Financial Algebra, seniors Sara Davenport and Aiden Lucia were awarded. Seniors Mason Cardin and Edilyaris Mariani Lopez were presented awards for Accounting.

Professional Skills

The award for highest achievement in Professional Skills went to sophomore Jannah Leclerc

Awards were presented for Professional Skills I to freshmen Derek Aldrich, Julianna Andrejack, Autumn Brunette, Gabriel Cardenales, Christopher Mittler, Autumn Nagle, and Camren Trimboli. Awards for Professional Skills II were awarded to sophomores Harold Black, Jr., Dustyn Cook, Dennis Ladue.

Leeann Murdza, and Autumn Pierce. **Science**

The award for highest achievement in Science went to junior Madyson Burns, who received the O'Donnell Science Award.

The students recognized for Academic Excellence in Biology I were freshmen Morgan George, Luke Longacre, Ashtyn Pietrowski, Quinn Richardson, Xavier Safford, and Ian Sauri Nieves. Freshman Derek Aldrich received an award for Most Improved in Biology I.

For Academic Excellence in Biology II, sophomores Natalie Aparviz, Addison Doktor, Madison Robare, and Cyris Ziemba were recognized. Sophomores Julianna Lovejoy, Nicholas Pfister, and senior Spencer Skowyra were recognized as Most Improved in Biology II, and sophomore Tianna St. Marie was recognized as Most Improved in AP Bi-

Other students that were recognized included Isabella Staiti for Anatomy and Physiology as well as Principles of Biomedical Science, Zander Auffrey for Chemistry, and Jordan Wetherell for AP Environmental Science.

Junior Ethan Shepard and senior Jade Libera were both awarded for Academic Excellence in Earth Science. Senior Hanna Hurtado received the award for Physics, senior Cody Balckwell received the award for Chemistry, and senior Jack Leighton received the award for Computer Science.

Social Studies

The award for highest achievement in Social Studies went to senior Toby

The students recognized for Academic Excellence in World History were freshmen Autumn Brunette, Luke Longacre, Timothy Marciniec, Ian Sauri Nieves, Camren Trimboli, and Carlo Zolla. Freshman Anna Farmer received the award for Most Improved in World

For U.S. History I, sophomores Zachary Bera, Philip Brault, Alex Kularski, Cheyenne Menard, and Noel Plumadore were recognized, and the awards for Most Improved went to sophomores Julieana Nykiel and Olivia Talbert.

The Academic Excellence awards for U.S. History II went to juniors Madyson Burns, Ryleigh LaRocque, Allissa McKinney, Mya Welch, Alexander Ostrout, and Tricia Murdock.

Awards were also presented to Anne Antoine for Law, Jordan Wetherell for AP U.S. History, and Breanna Towlson for AP Psychology.

Zachary Kenyon and Autumn Patruno were both recognized for Academic Excellence in Holocaust & Human Behavior; Toby Bernard and Jonathan Harris were recognized for History of War. Nevin Pelchat was recognized for Museum Studies, and Morgan Brown was recognized for AP Government & Politics.

Fine Arts

The award for highest achievement in Art went to senior Hanna Hurtado, who received the Golden Paintbrush Award.

The award for highest achievement in Music went to senior Adam Slonka,



People attending the ceremony were treated to a jazz performance by teacher Dan Friedman and senior Adam Slonka.



Assistant Principal Patrick Boudette (left) congratulated a student, seated with IT Director Cole Rogers, , and Interim Principal Brenda Turner.



The gymnasium at Pathfinder Tech was packed with students, families, and faculty present to celebrate the accomplishments of this year's students.



Having just received their certificates for CAD/Pre-Engineering, (from left) Cody Blackwell, Thomas DeWitt, Parker Rasys, Leeann Murdza, and Mia Keegan posed for a picture with Professors Bren and Mastalerz.

who also played guitar alongside instructor Dan Friedman for the

Awards for excellence in Art Design were presented to juniors Mason Cardin, Tricia Murdock, and Landyn Russo.

Awards for excellence in Drawing and Painting were presented to seniors Precious Dias, Mackenzie Fulton, and Lily La-

Foreign Languages

The award for highest achievement in Foreign Languages went to senior Morgan Brown.

Awards for Spanish I Honors were presented to freshman Cameron Collis and junior Jordan Wetherell. For Spanish II, sophomores Gage Desabrais, Madison Robare, and Yenziel Rosario were recognized.

The award for Spanish I Junior went to Mya Welch, and the award for Spanish I Senior went to Edilyaris Mariani Lopez.

The students recognized for Edgenuity were junior Adrianna Andrejack and seniors Hunter Belanger and William Burke.

Automotive Technology

The award for highest achievement in Automotive Technology went to senior Emmet Eichacker, who received the Top Technician Award.

The awards for excellence in Automotive Technology went to sophomore Jason Benmahidi, juniors Matthew Allen and Jason O'Keefe, and senior Jack Normandeau.

Business Technology

The award for highest achievement in Business Technology went to junior Braydon Mega.

Senior Spencer Skowyra was awarded for excellence in Business Technology. Awards for Most Improved went to sophomore Jinx Ripley and junior Amor Jones.

CAD/Pre-Engineering

The award for highest achievement in CAD/Pre-Engineering went to senior Cody Blackwell.

The awards for excellence CAD/Pre-Engineering went to freshman Quinn Richardson and sophomores Thomas DeWitt, Mia Keegan, Leeann Murdza, and Parker Rasys.

Carpentry Freshman Gabriel Cardenales, sophomore Emily Prouty, junior Kyle Larrivee, and senior Reide Mansfield were all recognized for Excellence in Carpen-

Collision Repair

The award for highest achievement in Collision Repair went to senior Victor Rodriguez.

Excellence in Collision Repair awards were presented to freshman Antonio Caputo, sophomores Emily McNeaney, Cheyenne Menard, and Jayden Otto, juniors Madyson Burns and Natalie St. Marie, and senior Owen

Cosmetology

The award for highest achievement in Cosmetology went to senior Toby Bernard, who received the Golden Shears Award.

Awards for excellence in Cosmetology were presented to freshmen Osmarie Lopez and Jaden Olson, sophomores Ariana Beaulieu, Sophia Cessarini, and Emily Forcier, junior Tricia Murdock, and senior Mackenzie Peterson.

Culinary Arts

The award for highest achievement in Culinary Arts went to junior Samantha Lowe,

who received the Toque Blanche Award.

The students recognized for excellence in Culinary Arts included sophomore Jacob Chartier, juniors Mylee Croak, Alissa McKinney, Isabella Perez, and seniors Joshua Batungbacal and Carly Velez.

Awards Excellence Electrical went to freshman Nicholas Martel, sophomore Brady Noonan, junior Anthony Foisy, and senior Jordan Parsons.

Christopher Moura was recognized for Outstanding

Achievement.

Electronics Technology The award for highest achievement in Electronics Technology went to senior Morgan Brown.

Juniors Zander Auffrey and Riley Olden were both recognized for excellence, and Seniors Aiden Lucia and Kyle Spear were both recognized for Achievement in Mechatronics.

Health Assisting

The award for highest achievement in Health Assisting went to senior River McMana-

Juniors Gabriella Bergeron and Breanna Towlson were both awarded for Excellence in Health Assisting, and Senior Kyra Mercier was recognized as Most Improved.

Horticulture

The award for highest achievement in Horticulture went to junior Alexander Mann.

Awards for excellence in Horticulture were presented to freshmen Ciara Green and Xavier Safford, sophomores Nicholas Pfister and Madison Robare, and seniors Emma Chevalier, Mackenzie Fulton, and Tyler Doran.

Senior Evan Foskit-Nulph was recognized as Most Improved in Horticulture.

Hospitality The award for highest

achievement in Hospitality went to senior Hanna Brooke, who was presented with the Golden Pineapple Award.

Excellence in Hospitality were Dog Ever went to the school's freshman Anna Farmer, sophomore Kasey Dwyer, and junior Genasis Rodriguez.

The award for Most Im-



Superintendent Eric Duda opened the ceremony by an-



Photos by Marcelo Gusmão Heather Martin walked up to receive an award for Academic Excellence in Probability and Statistics.

proved in Hospitality was presented to senior Edilyaris Mariani

HVAC

Lopez.

The students recognized for Excellence in HVAC were freshman Christopher Mittler and sophomores Harold Black, Jr. and Trent Desotell. Senior Ethan Nompleggi Hawk was recognized as Most Improved.

Plumbing

The award for highest achievement in Plumbing went to

senior Zachary Kenyon. For Excellence in Plumbing sophomore Amais Kowalik and junior Maya Welch were recognized, and for Professionalism in Plumbing, senior William Magee was awarded. Senior Benjamin Flebotte was recognized as Most

Improved. **Programming and Web**

The award for highest achievement in Programming and Web went to senior Victoria

Watkins. For excellence in Programming and Web, freshman Dylan Sutherland, sophomore Noel Plumadore, junior Evelyn Shilosky, and senior Thomas Roblinski were recognized. Shilosky also received the award for AP Computer Science, while junior Benjamin Juda received an award for Excellence at the IT Help Desk.

Additional Awards Interim Principal Turner presented the last awards of the eve-

Senior Megan Bly was recognized for outstanding achievements through the Cooperative Education Program.

Seniors Victoria Stephens and Hunter Griswold were recognized as Athletes of the Year.

The Outstanding SkillsU-SA awards were given to seniors Hanna Hurtado, River McManaman, Bruno Medianero-Rubio, and Maeve Warren.

Of the four annual Book Awards, Salem State presented to Breanna Towlson, St. Michael's presented to Zander Auffrey and Jordan Wetherell, and Western New England presented to Alissa McKinney.

The Rensselaer Medal was presented to junior Evelyn Shilosky. This award is given by the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute to "promising secondary school students who have distinguished themselves in mathematics and science.'

Finally, at the end of the cer-The students recognized for emony, the first award of Best therapy dog, Scout.



Academic Director Dan Whalley presented the awards for Academic Excellence.



Students were called to walk up in front of the audience to receive awards for the respective departments.



Jack Leighton was presented with the award for Com-



The award for Academic Excellence in Algebra II was awarded to juniors (from left)

Ethan Shepard, Branden Hnitecki, Matthew Vanasse, and Harmonie Garcia. (Not

Hanna Hurtado received the Golden Paintbrush award, the ceremony's highest achievement in Art.



Senior River McManaman was recognized for **Highest Achievement in** Mathematics.

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Photos by Marcelo Gusmão **Director of Student Services Marina Latourelle (center)** got Scout to pose for his picture alongside Superintendent Eric Duda and Interim Director Brenda Turner.



Senior Sara Davenport was recognized for Academic Excellence in Financial Algebra.



Junior Mya Welch displayed her certificate for Excellence in Spanish I.

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Quaboag Hills Summer festival

PALMER— Come down to the Quaboag Hills Summer Festival happening on June 1, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Pulaski Park. The admissions fee for this event is \$5. There will be live music from bands like Wicked Biscuit, a five person group who plays rock covers of songs from the 70s to today. Alongside the live music will be delicious food from five different food trucks like Potato Potato, a family run vendor selling loaded tater tots and french fries. And if shopping peaks an interest, lovely crafts from over 70 local vendors like Hobbit Hollow Herbals, an all natural product vendor, will be there too. The Quaboag Hills Summer Festival is also supporting two charities, Top Floor Learning, a school helping adults further their education, and Foster MA, a group focused on teaching people about the foster system.

Second Chance to host golf tournament at Cold Spring Country Club

EAST BROOKFIELD— Second Chance Animal Services will be hosting their 12th Annual Charity Golf Tournament, set to take place at the world class Cold Spring Country Club in Belchertown on Monday, July 15. This event promises a day of exceptional golf while championing the cause of providing essential care to pets in need.

Proceeds from the tournament will directly support programs that assist pets in underserved communities through Second Chance Community Veterinary Hospitals located in Springfield, Worcester, Southbridge, and North Brookfield.

officer at Second Chance, encourages golfers to register early to secure a spot. "This is a fantastic day of golf for an even greater cause," said Doray. "In today's climate, offering accessible veterinary care is crucial in keeping beloved pets where they belong-with their families. Our Community Veterinary Hospitals serve as a critical resource in furthering this mission, ensuring that pets receive the care they need while alleviating strain on shelters. We urge golfers to stand with us in this mission."

day filled with excitement, including a

Lindsay Doray, chief development box lunch, banquet dinner, a bucket of by supporting access to veterinary care. range balls, and a commemorative gift. The tournament will feature various challenges, including prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive, closest to the line, a yellow ball contest, and more. Attendees will also have the chance to win \$4,000 toward a pool or spa from Teddy Bear Pools in the hole-in-one contest. There will also be raffles and a silent auction that will launch online one week prior to the tournament, to add to the day's festivities.

Second Chance extends a warm in-Participants can look forward to a vitation to local businesses to partner in the effort to combat pet homelessness

The nonprofit welcomes sponsors for the Second Chance Golf Tournament and graciously accepts donations for the tournament's silent auction and raffle. Information regarding sponsorships and item donations can be found at secondchanceanimals.org/events/golf/.

The 18-hole tournament will be in a scramble format with foursomes. Check-in will start at 9 a.m., followed by a shotgun start at 10 a.m.. Individual golfers and foursomes can conveniently purchase tickets online at secondchanceanimals.org/events/golf/.

National Grid is inviting you to an Informal Open House **Learn More: Palmer to Ware Improvement Project**

National Grid's Palmer to Ware Improvement Project is a proposed transmission line project that will upgrade a deteriorating electric transmission line. The upgrade will focus on portions of the 10.35-mile-long segment of overhead power lines that run through Palmer, Ware, and West Brookfield. Once upgraded, the newly rebuilt transmission line will provide enhanced electric reliability for the region.

> National Grid is hostingOpen Houses for the Palmer to Ware Improvement Project. We encourage you to join us to learn more about the project.

If you are unable to join us at the in-person event and are interested in learning more about the project, please email info@O15nproject.comto set up a meeting with a member of our project team.

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BASEBALL

Palmer scores win over Pathfinder

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

PALMER—Eighth grader Grayson Griswold is the starting second baseman for the Palmer varsity baseball team. His older brother, Hunter, is wrapping up his outstanding athletic career down the street at Pathfinder Tech.

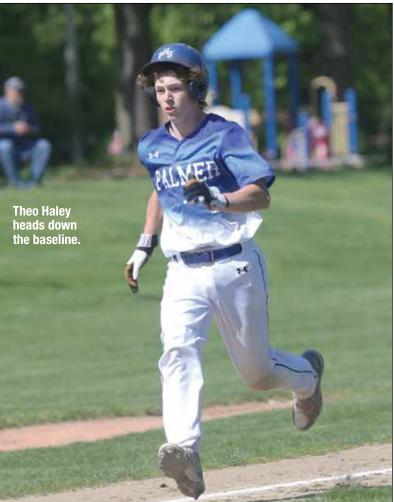
The two brothers faced each other for the first and only time in a varsity baseball game last Tuesday night.

It was a memorable evening for Grayson Griswold and his Panthers teammates who celebrated a 6-1 victory over the Pioneers before a large crowd at Legion Field.

"It was a lot of fun playing a baseball game against my older brother's team for the first time," said Grayson Griswold, who joined the Palmer varsity baseball team as a seventh grader. "I'm going to be following in Hunter's footsteps next year. I'll be playing football, basketball, and baseball at Pathfinder."

Hunter Griswold, who's plan-





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ning to play college football at Mass. Maritime Academy in the fall, also attended Palmer High School before transferring to Pathfinder tech as a freshman.

"It definitely stinks that we lose a lot of our very good athletes to Pathfinder," said Jacob Graveline, who's the current varsity baseball coach at Palmer High School. "I know that they're only doing it because they want to learn a trade.

Grayson is a very good baseball player who can play several different positions.'

Last Tuesday's contest was the fourth boys' game between the two high schools during the 2023-24 school year. The Pioneers football team

didn't have very much trouble defeating the Panthers, 33-6, in the season opener last September at Legion Field.

The Panthers boys' basketball

team posted a 53-37 victory inside the Pathfinder gymnasium three days after Christmas. The two hoop teams also met in a Division 5 state preliminary round game at the end of February. The Panthers won that contest, 79-51, on their home court.

The two schools also co-op in boys' soccer, field hockey, wrestling, cross country, and swimming.

The Panthers, who don't have any seniors listed on their roster, had a 5-11 overall record following their fourth consecutive victory. They were scheduled to play at rival Ware in a Western Mass. Class. D quarterfinal game on Monday night.

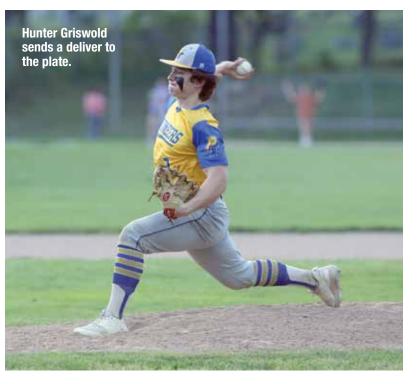
The Pioneers (10-7) didn't qualify for the Western Mass. Class C tournament, but they'll be competing in the MIAA Division 5 state ing staff. Hess allowed a run on only two base hits. He finished the contest with nine strikeouts and only two walks.

"I thought Branden pitched a great game tonight," said Graveline, who was an outstanding pitcher at Palmer High School a little more than ten years ago. "He just needs to keep throwing strikes."

It wasn't very much fun for Hunter Griswold, who was the Pioneers starting pitcher.

Because of the MIAA pitch count rule, the righthander was limited to only 25 pitches against the Panthers.

After throwing out a baserunner trying to steal in the top half of the first inning, Palmer sophomore catcher Theo Haley blasted a triple



tournament, which starts next week. The winning pitcher in last

Tuesday's non-league game was sophomore righty Brendan Hess, who's the ace of the Panthers pitch-

to right field leading off the bottom half of the frame. He would score the first run of the non-league game

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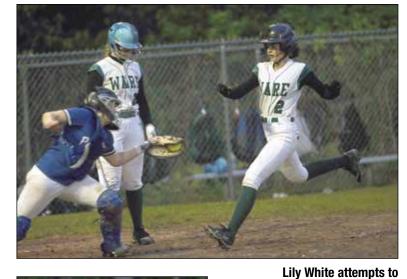
Jayda Pardo sends an offering to the plate.

Palmer falls in wild game with Ware

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Nyela Dupre fires a throw to second.



get the out at first.



catch in right.

PALMER - Last Wednesday evening, Palmer and Ware avoided the heavy rain and instead ignited their own thunder with 10 runs in the seventh inning which ultimately resulted in a 17-14 win for Ware. Ware scored seven times in the third inning after falling behind early. Tied 7-7 after three, both teams continued to score, but Ware's six runs in the seventh inning made a bigger difference in grabbing the win. Lily White had four hits for the Panthers while Hannah Roy contributed two hits and an RBI. Abbie McQuaid and Mia DiRienzo had three RBI each for Ware.

Unified track in action



Alexa Gould lands her long jump attempt.

HOLY-OKE - Last Wednesday afternoon, Palmer Unified track was in action at Holyoke High School, one of several meets the Panthers have been able to participate in during season. Palmer Unified Track has been a very popular program at the high school over the past few years.

the



Evan Menard takes his turn with the javelin.



McKayla Carney hustles down the line for a jump.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Tim Lalotia makes his throw.

Mutiny have solid opening win over Maine



Hope Santaniello hustles up the field.

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW-Hope Santaniello was an All-American during her outstanding varsity soccer career at Agawam High School. She has been a key member of the New England Mutiny, who play their home matches at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow, since 2019.

The Mutiny lost to the Lancaster Inferno FC, 2-1, in the UWS East Conference finals in Santaniello's first season. They've also qualified for the playoffs in each of the past two seasons, but they still haven't reached the top of the mountain.

With several key returning players and a couple of talented newcomers, the Mutiny are hoping to win a national championship title for the first time since 2000.

The Mutiny kicked off the 2024 campaign with an impressive 3-1 home win versus the Maine Footy, last Saturday afternoon.

"I feel like everyone is on the same page coming into this season," said Santaniello, who scored a second half goal. "We've only had a couple of practices, but all the players have been so encouraging and so positive. We played very well in today's game. I love playing for this team and I also love the atmosphere here. I'm hoping to win a championship title with this team, so we still have some unfinished

Federico Molinari celebrated his first victory as the Mutiny head coach. He took over the coaching reins from Mauricio "Toto" Co-

"It feels very good to win my first game as the women's soccer coach," said Molinari, who also coaches the Western Mass. Pioneers. "I thought we played very well in today's game."

A year ago, the Mutiny finished the regular season in sixth place in the East Division standings with a 4-2-2 mark. They lost to the Lancaster Inferno FC, 4-3, again in the first round of the playoffs.

Santaniello, who's a forward, began her collegiate soccer career at the University of Rhode Island before transferring to UMass Lowell a year ago.

"I have one more year remaining at UMass- Lowell. Then I'm hoping to play for a professional soccer team," Santaniello said. "Playing at UMass-Lowell was an adjustment for me at first, but I really like playing there now. It's a great group of girls and coaches. I really love it there.



Avery Klingensmith dribbles for the Mutiny.





Alexis Legowski follows through on a pass.

It took the Mutiny less than five minutes to score their first goal of the season.

The goal was scored by midfielder Avery Klingensmith, who graduated from Belchertown High School. After receiving a pass in the third minute,

Klingensmith fired a shot from the top of the box into the right corner of the net past Maine Footy goalie Sally Rainey for an unassisted goal. "I've been practicing that shot and it felt

very good," Klingensmith said. "We do have a bunch of talented players up top, and I never expected to score the first goal of the season. We're hoping to go all the way this year."

Klingensmith is beginning her third season playing for the Mutiny. She'll also be a junior on the women's soccer team at American University in Washington D.C., in the fall.

The other Mutiny players, who are from the communities served by the Turley Publications newspapers, are Alexis Legowski (McDuffie School/South Hadley), Aida Name (Belchertown High School/ Chicopee), Maddie Theriault (Palmer), and Kendall Bodak (Mon-

"I grew up playing soccer with a couple of the local players on the FC stars," Santaniello



Maddie Fried hustles past midfield.

said. "I'm hoping a few of the current talented high school soccer players from Western Mass. join the Mutiny in the future."

Laura Gouvin, who's from Monson, was one of the Mutiny key players during the past couple of years. Gouvin won't be returning this year because she has transferred from Boston College to the University of Colorado.

The Mutiny had several other very good scoring chances during the first 45 minutes of the opening half, but they still had a 1-0 lead at the break.

During the 57th minute, Santaniello received a pass from Chioma Okafor, who's one of the newcomers, before putting a shot into the back of the net making the score 2-0.

Okafor, who's a forward from Blantyre, Malawi, led the UConn women's soccer team with six goals and she also had three assists as a sophomore last season.

"I met her for the first time a couple of days ago, but we already have a good connection," Santaniello said. "She's a very good player and it was a lot of fun playing with her for the first time in today's game. She isn't a selfish soccer player. She's always looking for the open player. She made a great pass to me before I scored my goal."





Palmer High School

their wild 17-14 game against Ware last Wednesday evening.

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



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The visitors Portland from Maine ended the shutout hopes of Mutiny goalie Katrina Chorzepa three minutes later following a corner kick goal.

Megan Scholten booted the ball from the left corner, and it sailed into the far corner of the net cutting the Footy deficit in half.

"We dominated the game from start to finish," Santaniello added. "I thought their corner kick goal was lucky. The score doesn't really show how

well we played in today's game."

The Mutiny's third and final goal was scored by forward Cat Berry, who plays college soccer at the University of South Carolina Gamecocks with five minutes re-



Cat Barry tries to outrun an opponent.

maining in regulation.

The Mutiny, who'll be playing five of their eight regular season matches at the friendly confines of Lusitano Stadium, are scheduled to host Sporting CT at 7pm on Friday night.



Sebastian Mayberry makes a line for the plate.



Tim Russell hustles on the basepath.



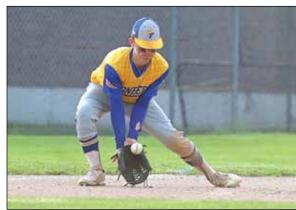
Matt Santos pitches for Palmer.



Guillermo Rodriguez sends a throw back to the infield.

fielder Branden Hnitecki.

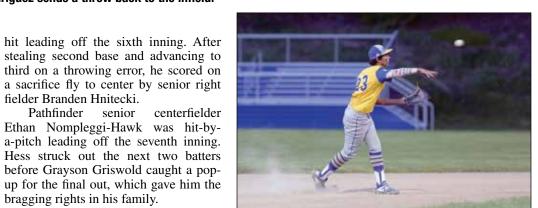
bragging rights in his family.



Brayden Mega smothers a grounder to third.



Dayne Shanley slides into third base.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Miguel Velasquez slings a throw to second.

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on a wild pitch.

Griswold managed to get out of that inning without allowing any more runs with the help of an inning ending double

However, the Panthers put three more runs on the left field scoreboard in their next at-bats.

With one-out, seventh grader Zack Marciniec, who was the DH, lined a single to center and Hess followed with an infield hit. Then Grayson Griswold faced his older brother for the first time in a varsity game. He hit a ground ball to the first baseman which moved both runners into scoring position. Marciniec scored the Panthers second run on another wild pitch. Then freshman centerfielder Taydem Haley drew a walk, which was the final batter Hunter Griswold faced. He was replaced on the mound by junior righty Zander Auffrey, who started the game in left field. Griswold stayed in the game as the catcher.

Theo Haley greeted the Pioneers relief pitcher with a two-run single to left field giving the home team a 4-0 lead.

"Theo is our leadoff hitter, and he hit leading off the sixth inning. After has scored more than 20 runs this season," Graveline said. "He has also done an outstanding job replacing Dom Allen as our starting catcher. It's a position that he hadn't played before this season."

Auffrey managed to keep the Panthers off the scoreboard during the next two innings.

With two-outs in the bottom of the fifth inning, back-to-back RBI singles by Grayson Griswold and Taydem Haley gave the Panthers a comfortable 6-0 ad-

Hunter Griswold beat out an infield

Boys lacrosse nears postseason with 10 wins

MONSON - The Monson High School boys lacrosse teams, which co-ops now with Pathfinder, has had a tough couple of years. But this season, the Mustangs have stepped it up and the programs sits at 10-5 heading into the final week of the season. The Mustangs will definitely make the state tournament for the first time.

Last week, the Mustangs defeated Smith Vocational 11-2. Seth Mitchell scored three times for the Mustangs while Samuel Lauzier and Dominic Kierkla added two goals each.

The state playoffs are set to begin next week.

Bonsignore grabs third-place finish at Riverhead Raceway

RIVERHEAD, N.Y. - Justin Bonsignore continued his streak of top-six finishes to open the NA-SCAR Whelen Modified Tour season on Sunday afternoon at Riverhead Raceway. Bonsignore brought the No. 51 Phoenix Communications machine home in third in the Miller Lite 200 presents Wayne Anderson. The New York native posted his 24th top-five finish in 28 career Whelen Modified Tour starts at Riverhead.

Bonsignore started fifth on Sunday, one day after a heavy mist in the air postponed the Miller Lite 200 Salutes Wayne Anderson. He would fall just outside the top-five early, but then charge back inside and remain there for the duration of the race. He was up to second at one point, but Austin Beers slid by late, eventually finishing second to winner Ron Silk.

'We were a little off today but all in all, a good day for our Phoenix Communications team," Bonsignore said. "We will get back to work on continuing to work on our cars and be ready for Seekonk in a few weeks."

Justin Bonsignore will return to the track at Seekonk Speedway for the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour Seekonk 150 on Saturday, June 1.

New exhibit to open May 31 at HoopHall

SPRINGFIELD - The grand opening of The Vault: Boston Celtics Unlocked, the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame's newest and most innovative exhibit, will be on Friday, May 31, the Hall of Fame announced Friday.

Visitors will step into an immersive bank vault for a one-of-a-kind journey through the history of the NBA's most storied franchise. Current and former Celtics legends will be the guides for a unique celebration of Celtic Pride, from Walter Brown to Jaylen Brown, through artifacts such as authentic worn jerseys, championship rings, the original '81 NBA championship trophy, long-lost footage and much more. Celtics legend and Class of 2021 Hall of Fame enshrinee Paul Pierce will cut the ribbon to let the first visitors into the Vault.

The Vault has been made possible through the generosity of MassMutual.

"The Boston Celtics name is known around the world, and we are excited to give basketball fans of all ages this state-of-the-art exhibit featuring the most sought-after Celtic memorabilia," said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. "We are thankful to MassMutual for their dedication to the city of Springfield and their support of this historic expansion, which promotes our mission of preserving and honoring basketball's history.'

Visitors will be able to enjoy this exclusive display of Celtics memorabilia for a limited period of time. Tickets for the museum can be purchased online at etix.com or at the door.

Palmer Girls Track & Field Team Moving on to Western Mass.



Evelynn Ladue hands off baton to Grace Burke



Neila Lachance, Lainey Babinski, Roxy Seveney and Sophia Tempesta take off running.



Palmer Panthers Girls Track & Field Team Spring 2024.

Coaches Jenn Sandoval & Celso Sandoval couldn't be more proud of this group of athletes.

"We have had an incredible season and our program at Palmer High School continues to grow," shared Jenn San-

doval. "We would like to congratulate all the athletes from the 2024 Palmer Track & Field Team that are moving on to Western Mass."





Coaches Jenn Sandoval & Celso Sandoval watch the girls compete.



Stephanie Azuike throws the javelin.

Submitted photos



Anabelle Ladue, Evelynn Ladue, Emily Drzewianowski, and Neila Lachance are all smiles during a break.



Vanessa Baer makes it over the bar.



Spring Track & Field Co-Captains: Grace Burke, Fallon Lynch, Madison Rathbone and

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Registration now open to take part in Bay State Games

WOBURN - Registration for the 42nd annual Bay State Summer Games is now open. The 2024 Summer Games will include thirty sports with competitions from May 11 – July 27 at venues throughout eastern and central Massachusetts including Game On in Fitchburg, Boston Sports Institute in Wellesley, Union Point Sports Complex in Weymouth, and North Star Ice Sports in Westborough. Bay State Games participants range in age from 5 to over age 75 and represent more than 300 Massachusetts communities as well as surrounding New England States in some sports. From grassroots participants to accomplished amateur athletes, the Bay State Games provide opportunities for the athlete in all of us.

Seven high school showcase sports will take place for a variety of sports, including baseball, basketball, field hockey, ice hockey, soccer, softball, and volleyball. Athletes currently in grade 8-11 who live or go to school in Massachusetts are eligible to attend regional tryouts during the month of June. These tryouts will determine teams representing the various regions of the Commonwealth that will compete against each

other in July. Check each sport page for specific eligibility requirements.

The Summer Games include a wide variety of individual sports including swimming, track & field, figure skating, pickleball, wrestling, weightlifting, badminton, and more. These sports are open to a wide range of ages and skill levels from youth participants to masters-aged athletes. Adaptive sport divisions in archery, swimming, and track & field are offered, as well. Bay State Games also organizes tournaments for pre-existing teams in rugby, and 6v6 field hockey.

Returning in 2024, Table Tennis will take place on June 1 at PingPod in Boston after a 5-year hiatus from the Summer Games sport lineup. New venues include Babson College, which will host the Girls Basketball Showcase, and NorthStar Ice Sports, which will host Figure Skating and the Girls Ice Hockey Showcase. Game On in Fitchburg will serve as a hub venue for eight sports. Bay State Games expects 1,500 athletes and their families to attend competitions at Game On during the second week of

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Police Logs

Palmer

The Palmer Police Department reported 401 incidents on its logs for May 7 – May 13.

May 7

At 1:16 p.m. police gave a summons to Daniel Scott Mari, 41, of 12 Spring St., Ware, for disorderly conduct.

At 4:46 p.m. police received sex offender registration.

May 8

At 3:02 p.m. police responded to an accident with personal injury on Church Street.

May 9

At 1:58 p.m. police pulled over and gave summons to Katie M. Lacrosse, 31, of 45 Jim Ash St.,

Bondsville, for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and speeding.

At 4:20 p.m. police received sex offender registration. May 10

At 7:40 a.m. police responded to an accident with property damage on Sykes Street. At 11:07 a.m. police respond-

ed to a hit and run accident on Ware At 3:51 p.m. police responded

to an accident with property damage on High Street.

At 4:59 p.m. police responded to an accident with property damage on the corner of River Street and Gates Street.

and gave summons to Liam Frances on Thorndike Street.

Broadhurst, 20, of 12 Linda Dr., Westfield, for negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

At 7:29 p.m. police pulled over and arrested Erik T. Kaiser, 57, OUI liquor, negligent operation of a motor vehicle and speeding.

May 11

At 1:47 a.m. police responded to an accident with property damage on Thorndike Street.

May 12

At 7:56 p.m. police responded to an accident with property damage on Thorndike Street.

May 13

At 3:52 p.m. police received

sex offender registration. At 5:57 p.m. police responded At 5:20 p.m. police pulled over to an accident with personal injury

Fire Logs

Bondsville Fire Log

For the period May 7 through May 13, Bondsville Fire responded to 3 calls.

On Tuesday, May 7 at 1:02 a.m., the duty officer responded to Main Street to assist Palmer PD and returned to service at 1:10 a.m.

On Wednesday, May 8 at 7:36 p.m., the department responded mutual aid to Poole Road in Ludlow for a structure fire and returned to service at 8:31

On Wednesday, May 8 at 8:29 p.m., the department responded to Jim Ash Road for smoke and fire in a residence from a lightning strike. The department returned to service at 10:01 p.m.

Three Rivers Fire Log

Monday, May 13, Palmer RD, Three Rivers, Natu-

assist, assist EMS crew

Medical assist, assist EMS crew

Thursday, May 16, Pine View, Three Rivers, Lock-

Friday, May 17, Main ST, Three Rivers, Chemical

Friday, May 17, Main ST, Three Rivers, Medical

2024 Belchertown Farmers and Artisans Market participants announced

BELCHERTOWN - Opening day of the 2024 season for Belchertown Farmers and Artisans Market is Sunday, June 9th from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on the historic Belchertown Common.

The 2024 season runs from June 9 through Oct. 6, with a week off for the Belchertown Fair.

Here is a list (at press time) of the 2024 participating farmers, food makers and artisans: farmers, Austin-Brothers Valley Farm, Grown Up Farm, Hope's Tent, Inner Peace Farm, The Lavender Woods Farm, Oak & Ash Farm, Pretty Pickings Flower Farm, Quabbin Hill Farms, Root the Future Farm, Rubee

on Lane Farm; food makers, Auntie Instagram to get all the latest up-Elsie's Weekend Bake Shop, Fortuna Artisan Cookies, P'Frogi by Irida, Cakes by PIP, Pit Beast, Shattuck's Sugarhouse, Sir Barks-A-Lot Homemade Dog Treats and Wicked Good Treats by Elaine; artisans, Cold Spring Soapery, Barton Beeswax Candles, Ishkabbile Crafts, Lois' Creations, Pearl & Company, Pollywoguen Creations and Sara Crafts Things.

In addition to these farmers and artisans, the market will have community tables, activities and enter-

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For the period May 13 through May 17, Three Rivers Fire responded to 6 calls.

ral vegetation fire, other

Tuesday, May 14, East ST, Three Rivers, Medical

Wednesday, May 15 Norbell ST, Three Rivers,

assist, assist EMS crew

Services were May 20, 2024 Lombard Funeral Home

DEATH

NOTICES

Joseph H. Bird, 102

Died May 8, 2024

Nowak Funeral &

Robert "Bob" K.

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The Journal Register

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Joseph H. Bird

Joseph H. Bird, 102, of Palmer died Wed., May 8, 2024, at home. Born in Worcester on Dec. 17, 1921, he was the son of the late Henry and Ida (Slater) Bird. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and retired from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a Natural Resource Officer.

Joseph was predeceased by his wife of 76 years, Evelyn (Spooner). He is survived by four children, Robert Bird ebrating the life of both Joseph

WALES—Bob was born

in his grandmother's house in

Southbridge, MA, Sept. 26,

1939. He spent the majority of

his childhood years in Wales,

graduated from Tantasqua Re-

gional High School and attend-

ed UMass Amherst and Quin-

sigamond College. He served

in the United States Army from

1963-1965, Nike Air Defense,

4th Missile Battalion 62nd Artil-

lery in Fort Bliss, TX. When he

was discharged from the army

in 1965, his sergeant told him he

could apply for unemployment,

where he was immediately told

there was an opening at Wilton's.

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during his first summer at Wil-

ton's that he met Elaine Konicki,

and his wife Julia of Wales, Janet Bird and her partner Richard Bushey of Cabot, Vermont, Richard Bird and his wife Wilma of Hampden and Nancy Roy and her husband Daniel of Palmer. Joseph is also survived by nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service cel-



and Evelyn will be scheduled soon at Second Congregational Church, 1080 Pleasant St., Palmer, MA 01069. Nowak Funeral & Cremation Services of Springfield is assisting the family. For online condolences, please visit www.

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Robert "Bob" K. McLean, 1939-2024

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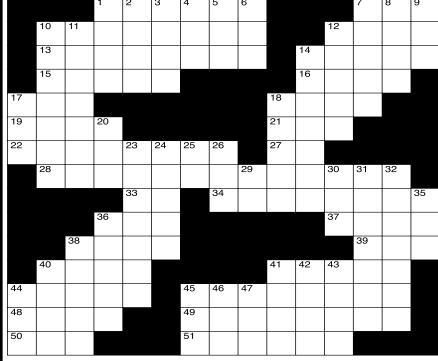
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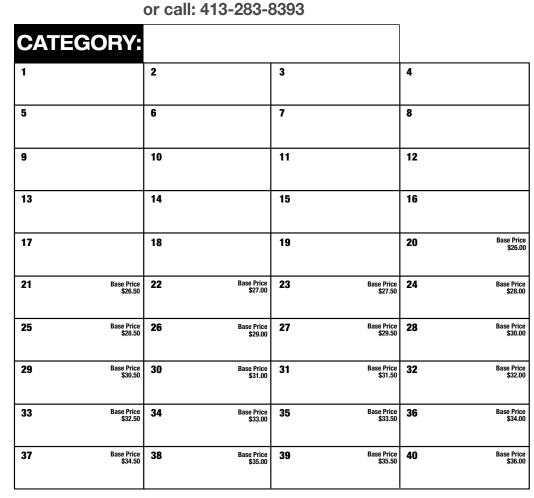


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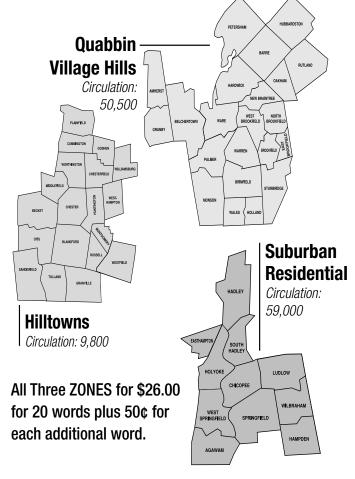
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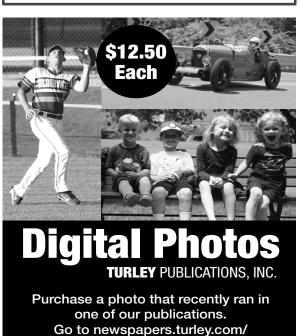


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COMMISSION Under the requirements of M.G.L. Chapter 131 § 40, the Monson Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Large Meeting Room, Town Office Building, 110 Main Street. Under consideration is a Notice of Intent for the construction of a new single-family home with grading and driveway in the buffer zone for the property located at Lot#12 Cedar Swamp Rd., Monson, MA, identified as Assessor's Map 122, Parcel 012. The Applicant and property owner is Ronald Bilodeau

Monson Conservation Commission 05/23/2024

LEGAL NOTICE MONSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Under the requirements of M.G.L. Chapter 131 § 40, the Monson Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 5, 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 work associated with the abatement and demolition of 20 buildings and structures, including a steam pipe, a cistern, and a water tower within the buffer zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and Bank for the property located at 175 State Ave., identified as Assessors Map 088, Parcel 001. The applicant is the Division of Capital Asset Management & Maintenance. The property owner is the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Monson Conservation Commission

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket No. 23 SM 004755 ORDER OF NOTICE TO: James F. Bernadone

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claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Holland, numbered 10 Kimball Hill Road, given by Scott R. Cable and Kathleen M. Cable, husband and wife to First NLC Financial the best interest of the town Services, LLC, dated May to do so. Bid specifications

13, 2003, and recorded in

Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 13203, Page 581, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/ have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief

If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before June 24, 2024, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on May 9, 2024.

> Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder 23-012981

05/23/2024

Invitation for Sealed Bids Town of Monson

Highway Department The Highway Surveyor will accept sealed bids for bituminous materials, in place, and picked up F.O.B for fiscal year 2025. MassDOT prequalification of contractors with the class of work as, Pavement - Surfacing, for the project with an estimated value of \$514,907.35 will be required. The Awarding Authority reserves the right to extend the contract for One (1) additional 12-month option. Valuation for purposes of MassDOT Prequalification is based on first year times two (2) to arrive at an estimated total value of all bid items. The estimated value provided in this Invitation to Bid is for one year. Vendors are expected to be able to provide their services over two (2) years at two (2) times the initial estimated value. All bid envelopes must be clearly marked as such. All bidders are required to be in compliance with Mass. General Laws, Chapter 149, Prevailing wage rates, where applicable. The highway surveyor reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any informalities in the bidding if he deems it in

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Highway Department Office. They can be picked up at 198 Main Street, Monson, MA 01057, rear of Memorial Town Hall from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday or can be emailed upon request by calling the Highway Department at (413) 267-4135. Bidders must be prequalified by the Contract Engineer of Mass. D.O.T., before specifications can be handed out. Bids will be received until 10:00 a.m., Friday June 7, 2024, and will be opened and read at that time in the office of the Highway Surveyor. The bid shall include a statement of non-collusion.

Ben Murphy Highway Surveyor Monson Highway

05/23/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court** 50 State Street

Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD24P0259PM In the matter of: Kaiden Marshall Of: Three Rivers, MA

RESPONDENT (Person to be Protected/Minor) **CITATION GIVING** NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE

ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B,

§5-304 & §5-405 To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Brandan Marshall of Three Rivers, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Kaiden Marshall is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Brandan Marshall of Three Rivers, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve With Surety on the

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed Conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with

this court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this

court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 06/06/2024. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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 abovenamed 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. Date: May 09, 2024

Rosemary A. Saccomani Register of Probate

Monson Housing Authority Invitation for Sealed Bids

The Monson Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the Elderly 667-1 Development for the Monson Housing Authority in Monson Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by Resolution Architects.

The Project consists of: Selective window replacements at four buildings.

The work is estimated to cost \$ 64,000

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive.

General Bids will be received until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 5, 2024 and publicly opened, forth-

This project is being Electronically Bid (E-Bid). All bids shall be prepared and submitted online at www.Projectdog.com and received no later than the date & time specified above. Hard copy bids will not be accepted by the Awarding Authority. For assistance, contact Projectdog, Inc. at

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General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates), and made payable to the Monson Housing Authority.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available electronically or for purchase at www.Projectdog.com on Wednesday, May 15, 2024; Project Code 861215.

The existing buildings will be available for a pre-bid inspection between 10 A.M. and 11 A.M. on Thursday, May 30, 2024.

For an appointment outside of the pre-bid inspection time period call Jonathan Leonard, Executive Director at 413-267-4047. 05/16, 05/23/2024

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by David Noyes to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans, LLC., its successors and assigns, dated December 18, 2020 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 23599, Page 67 (the "Mortgage") as affected by a Scriveners Affidavit dated April 11, 2024 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 25383, Page 120, of which mortgage Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans, LLC., its successors and assigns to Rocket Mortgage, LLC, f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC dated February 3, 2023 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 24901, Page 554, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 5 Roberts Park Road, Holland, MA 01521 will be sold at a Public Auction at 2:00 PM on June 13, 2024, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land with the buildings thereon, situated on the Northerly side of Roberts Road in Holland, Hampden County, Massachusetts,

a Plan of Roberts Park, Scale 1" 20', by Benjamin F. Tully, Engineer, dated November 23, 1968, most recently revised September 28, 1970 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of deeds at Book of Plans 124, Page 35 and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning northerly by land now or formerly of Violet N. Williams, 40.13

Thence westerly by Lot #98 as shown on said plan115.52 feet;

Thence southerly by Roberts Road, 50 feet; Thence easterly by Lot #6 as shown on said plan,

123.65 feet; For title reference see Deed recorded herewith.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 23599, Page

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

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

Other terms to be announced at the sale. Rocket Mortgage, LLC

f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street **Suite 3102** Lowell, MA 01851

(978) 256-1500 Noyes, David, 24-044523 05/16, 05/23, 05/30/2024

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

Docket No. HD23P2016PM To all persons interested in the estate of Theodore Wachta, of Monson, in said County, a person under Conservatorship, single.

A petition has been presented to said Court for license to sell at private sale - certain real estate of said Theodore Wachta, for his maintenance.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at 50 State Street, Springfield, MA, before 10:00 a.m. on the 19th day of June 2024, the return day of this decision.

Witness, BARBARA M. HYLAND, Esquire, First Justice of said Court this fourteenth day of May 2024.

Rosemary A. Saccomani,

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

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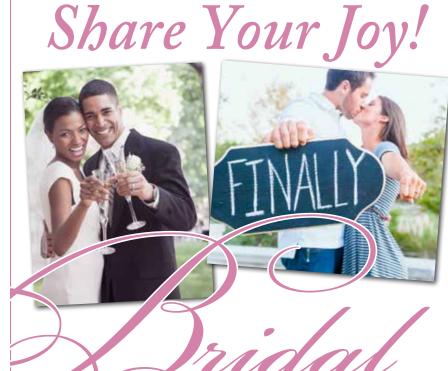
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Amvets honors Memorial Day with field of flags

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Flags are 12 inches by 18 inches is size on a pole. The cost of one flag is \$5. Flags purchased in memory of a Veteran will be adorned with a satin black ribbon with the word "Veteran". Flags will be displayed o the front lawn of the Amvets Post 74 Main St., Three Rivers, Mass. from May 25-31.

The list of those who are remembered and honored in this field of flags will be read by Amvets members on Sunday, May 26, 2024 starting at 12 p.m.

The flags will be available for pick up from May 31 - June 2, 2024 at the Amvets Post 74.

If the flag is not picked up prior to June 2, then it will be reused for the following year.

Always remember, never forget. For more information reach out to Amvets at 413-283-4518.

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Club Director Al Sandy said of the annual event.

This is the seventh year that PMP has teamed up with Race Cars for a Cause, a nonprofit organization founded in 2015 by Jeff Archambeault, dedicated to helping veterans and active military. PMP club members and instructors also donated their time and cars for the event.

This year's event fell on Armed Forces Day, which made Sandy reflect on his memories of his own father, and the gratitude he feels toward those who serve.

As he pinned his father's prop and wings to his lapel, he remembered how his father used to prepare for every patriotic event; carefully laying his uniform out the night before

"He was so proud to be a veteran," Sandy said.

Veterans came from across New England, with some visiting Palmer and surrounding towns for the first time in their lives.

Martha Cobb-Kelly of Carver served over two decades in the U.S. Army, and decided to skip a scheduled motorcycle club ride to attend Military Appreciation Day and fulfill a childhood dream.

"I always wanted to be a racecar driver," Cobb-Kelly said.

Originally from the Dominican Republic, Cobb-Kelly move to the U.S. and served 22 years, nine months and seven days in the military, even serving one tour in Iraq. "It was very stressful," Cobb-Kelly said of that time.

She added that she wanted to go back for another tour with her unit, but her mother didn't want her to go back.

track - in a Porsche, Subaru and a Mustang. While she enjoyed each experience, she said "there's nothing like a Mustang."

Peter Selig of the Boston area was joined by his friends, Dawrin Geraldo and Mohamed Fofana, for his first Military Appreciation Day, as well.

Selig has served in the U.S. Army for two years and was waiting for a turn to ride in a blue BMW, after having lapped the mountain in several other BMWs.

Attending this event brought Selig closer to other ser-

vicemembers, and made him feel included. "It's just like you're recognized," he said.

Being in the military means that servicemembers spend a lot of time with each other, and away from their families and support back home. This creates a bond that ties each and every veteran together.

"You feel like you're part of something," Selig said. "Getting to be around other military members, we can all relate.'

Military Appreciation Day also gives veterans a chance to meet with various representative from organizations that work to support military members and their families.

Representing the Western Massachusetts Veterans' Service Officers Association were Chicopee Deputy Veterans Service Officer Dustin Ruby and Palmer and Monson Veterans Service Officer Tina Brohman.

Both Ruby and Brohman work closely with the veterans in their communities, and other organizations.

Christian DiLuzio of Veterans Inc. said all of the organizations rely on each other to offer the best outcome they can for each individual veteran.

"We all work together, we all cooperate with each other," he said.

Palmer-based HomeFront Strong was represented by its new Chief Program Officer, Melanie Casineau, a U.S. Air Force veteran. Military Appreciation Day was

made possible with support from sponsors Stonewall Insurance Group Inc. and Dunkin'.

About Palmer Motorsports Park

Motorsports Palmer Park has been rated "One of the top 10 road courses in North America" by Road & Track Magazine. Its unique setting and challenging road course draw club members and visitors from New England and beyond for racing, research, recreational, and business-related activities.

more information, visit palmermotorsportspark.com or find them on Facebook.





This BMW was a popular car last Saturday.



Veterans were able to enjoy laps around the track in a number of different vehicles.



Cobb-Kelly had already taken several laps around the A member of Race Cars for a Cause talks with one of the drivers between laps.



Asa Gladstein of **SQUAD-Driven brought** his 2012 Audi R8.





Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

U.S. Army veteran Peter Selig, left, enjoyed Military Appreciation Day with his friends Mohamed Fofana and Dawrin Geraldo.



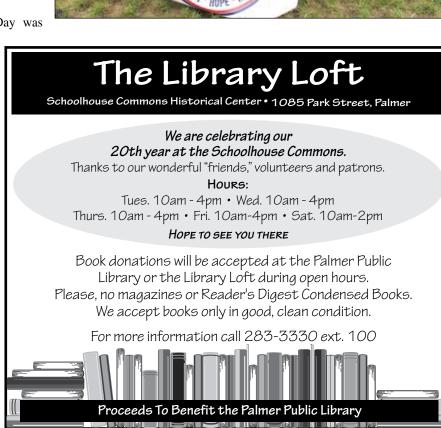
Steven Richard, Steve Richard and Sean Ryll represented Race Cars for a Cause. The organization worked with Palmer Motorsports Park to give veterans the thrill of a



Dustin Ruby, Chicopee's Deputy Veterans Service Officer and Tina Brohman, Palmer and Monson's Veterans Service Officer, were on hand to provide information about Western Massachusetts Veterans' Service Officers Association and its services and opportunities for veterans and their families



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Palmer Locals Pedal Toward Record-Breaking \$75 Million Fundraising Goal

gust 3 and Sunday, August 4, 6,500 riders, including three residents from Palmer, will participate in the milestone 45th Pan-Mass Challenge with the goal of raising a record \$75 million for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

This year, the PMC, which is Dana-Farber's largest single contributor, will cross \$1 billion in lifetime fundraising for the Institute.

"Thanks to the fierce determination of PMC riders, volunteers, donors and sponsors, I'm confident that this will be our biggest fundraising year yet," said Billy Starr, founder and executive director of the PMC. "We're well positioned to cross \$1 billion in total donations for cancer research and treatment since I founded the PMC in 1980 - I am looking of all cancer drugs approved by the forward to cycling alongside everyone on the road in August as we hit this momentous achievement togeth-

As the #3 top-grossing peerto-peer fundraising organization in the country, the PMC donates 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar directly to Dana-Farber to support cancer research and patient care, accounting for 62 percent of the Jimmy Fund's annual revenue. For more than four decades, PMC funds have allowed Dana-Farber to achieve lifesaving clinical breakthroughs and advancements. In the last five years alone, Dana-Farber doctors and researchers have played a substantial role in developing more than half

Cyclists come together from all corners of the world to ride between 25 and 211 miles-6 countries and 44 states, territories, and districts-with one mission: to raise as much money as possible for Dana-Farber. Most participate in honor of a family member or friend fighting cancer, and nearly 1,000 riders and volunteers are cancer survivors or current patients, considered Living Proof® of the PMC mission. There are also 160 Dana-Farber employees committed to the cause as riders and volunteers, in some cases to fund their own cancer research.

There is still time to be #OneIn-ABillion by participating in this year's ride - registration for PMC 2024 is open through July 1. Join riders from your community in the fight against cancer by registering for one

of the following routes still available: 25 & 50-Mile Routes (1-Day, 25 or 50 Miles; Sunday, August 4):

Starting and finishing in either Wellesley or Foxboro at Patriot Place, these Sunday routes are perfect single day options.

Wellesley Century Ride (1-Day, 100 Miles; Sunday, August 4):

The scenic Wellesley Century route is for riders looking to challenge their endurance in a single day format while making an impact in the fight against cancer.

The PMC is co-presented by the Red Sox Foundation and M&T Bank. To make a financial contribution to a rider from your town or to register as a rider, visit www.pmc.org, or call 800-WE-CYCLE. Connect with #PMC2024 on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.

Thank you to the following riders from Palmer: Ted Mora, Alyson Quinn, and Michael Swiatlowski.

PMC is a bike-a-thon that today raises more money for charity than any other single athletic fundraising event in the world. The PMC was founded in 1980 by Billy Starr, who remains the event's executive direc-

tor, an annual cyclist and a fundraiser. The PMC has since raised \$972 million for adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through the Jim-

my Fund. The event donates 100% of every rider-raised dollar directly to the cause, generating 62 percent of the Jimmy Fund's annual revenue as Dana-Farber's single largest contrib-

The PMC has successfully melded support from committed cyclists, volunteers, corporate sponsors and individual contributors, all of which are essential to the PMC's goal and model: to attain maximum fundraising efficiency while increasing its annual gift.

The PMC's hope and aspiration is to provide Dana-Farber's doctors and researchers with the necessary resources to discover cures for all cancers. For more information on the Pan-Mass Challenge, visit pmc.org.

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