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School Committee closes out year with ideas from students

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PALMER - To close out the school year, the School Committee held its regular meeting on June 12.

Superintendent Matthew Francis's report featured a list of the district's accomplishments for the past

"We lose sight in the day-today minutia of our jobs, and (this report) provides us the time to just reflect and to appreciate all the hard work that all the faculty, staff, and the leadership throughout the district have done," Francis said.

Though not an exhaustive list of the year's accomplishments, Francis noted improvements to the facilities, curriculum, instruction, professional development, technology.

"I think it's fairly impressive to show what we've done as a district this year, so I wanted to provide that to you this evening," Francis said.

Francis also recognized a number of retiring staff members who had just participated in an end-ofyear celebration, naming each of them and congratulating them on their cumulative 141 years of service to the district.

Francis also took a moment to respond to a comment made at the recent Town Council meeting concerning the budget.

"The school district was referenced in regards to (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) funding and pre-buying, Francis said. "I've been very open throughout the budget process that we have been using ESSER funds to purchase capital that has a multiyear usage."

Francis added that the school has been purchasing curriculum and materials for more than three years ahead with the ESSER funds, and that he wanted to set the record

Committee member Sandra Noonan mentioned that she attended the meeting where this discussion was brought up.

"I commended the school department for what I thought was very creative use of funds," Noonan

Student suggestions

At the start of the meeting, Committee Chair Bonny Rathbone reading letters she had received from the public. Committee members expressed amusement that only Rathbone regularly receives correspondence.

Of the four letters that Rathbone read, only one was from a parent, who praised the district for its special education offerings.

"She said her daughter is happy, she's calm, and she's excited for school every single day," Rathbone

The letter praised Hannah Timmerwoodz, and referred to the paraprofessionals as "the dream team." The first letter was from a stu-

dent asking that the district consider changing the start and stop times for high schoolers.

"She noted that in her research, 70% of teens do not get the required nine hours of sleep," Rathbone read. "Sleep-deprived teens are more

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Katherine Santiago sat with Zoey, age three, Yamareliz, age 12, and Raphael, age 11.

Photos by Marcelo Gusmão

to kick off Summer Reading Program

By Marcelo Gusmão Staff Writer mgusmao@turley.com

MONSON - Last week, the library invited residents to participate in an ice cream social, where they had the opportunity to learn about the Summer Reading Pro-

Every year, when school lets

out, libraries all over the country launch Summer Reading Programs to entice students and kids to read during their vacation. Here in town, the library will be providing a Bingo game to help participants keep track of their reading, separated into kid, teen, and adult divisions.

"We've got a couple different ways they can go about it," said Youth Services Librarian Denise

12-and-under Summer Reading

'There's some timed reading logs and stickers for younger kids," Newland said. "The older kids can fill out a list of what they've been reading and give it a rating for me get a little prize."

Newland said that the library is

Newland, as she explained the offering a variety of events geared towards kids over the summer.

"For the youngest kids, we've got the Baby Time, Sensory Time, and Storytime on the Go is every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at a different location in town," Newland said. "Next week we're starting to turn in anytime in August and with the fire department, and then

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MONSON

School Committee restructures, discusses policy

By Marcelo Gusmão Staff Writer mgusmao@turley.com

MONSON - The recent School Committee meeting saw the board restructured after the recent elec-

The June 12 meeting began with the committee welcoming Peter Wiggins, after his victory at this year's town election. In the restructuring of the board, Alison Morgan was unanimously voted in as Chair, Jamie Murphy was voted in as Vice Chair, and Karen Nothe-Valley was voted as secretary.

In the Superintendent's Report, Superintendent Dr. Cheryl Clarke recent events that have happened over the last few weeks in the district for the high school seniors, including the spring concerts, a successful signing day, and the graduation ceremony, which she described as "a wonderful event."

"There's been a lot going on in the district to celebrate our students, that's been exciting," Clarke said.

Clarke announced that Off. Paul Mayo will join the school as the School Resource Officer in the

"He is not our official SRO as of yet, because he hasn't gone through the training, which he will do over the summer," Clarke said. "He's serving kind of as a liaison when he's available. He was at, for example, Field Day, at Granite Val-

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Photos by Marcelo Gusmão

Mark Mandeville, Raianne Richards, Eli Go, and Quasi Lane made up the band that performed at the Second Congregational Church.

ACROSS THE REGION

Massachusetts Walking Tour

Traveling musicians make stop at Lucy Stone Park

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

WARREN – Since 2010, the Massachusetts Walking Tour has traveled by foot, covering more than 100 miles over a two week period of time, all while sharing songs and exploring trails along the

Co-founded by the husband and wife team of Mark Mandeville and Raianne Walking Tour aims to bring awareness to the trails and greenways of the commonwealth, while sharing the talents of a variety of musicians.

"We always invite wonderful musicians to join us," Mandeville said.

One of the stops along this year's tour was to Lucy Stone Park in Warren, located about quarter of a mile from after noted West Brookfield

abolitionist and suffragist, the park has been the focus of a dedicated group of volun-Richards, the Massachusetts teers, who have helped bring recognition to this hidden

Joining Mandeville and Richards were fellow Massachusetts Walking Tour members Eli Go and Quasi Lane, along with five-time participant Vito Caccavelli and the duo Green Heron, featuring husband and wife, Scott Heron and Betsy Heron.

Caccavelli first joined the the town's common. Named Massachusetts Walking Tour WALKING TOUR | page 5

COMMUNITY

Annual fundraiser held in memory of Carol Rivest

Raises funds for domestic violence survivors

> By Marcelo Gusmão Staff Writer mgusmao@turley.com

BRIMFIELD - Last Saturday, the Brimfield Winery hosted the annual memorial fundraiser for the Carol Rivest Foundation.

The storm did not prevent the region from coming together to support the victims of domestic violence at last weekend's fundraiser. Residents, vendors, and the family and loved ones of the late Carol Rivest set up under the tents and canopies of the winery

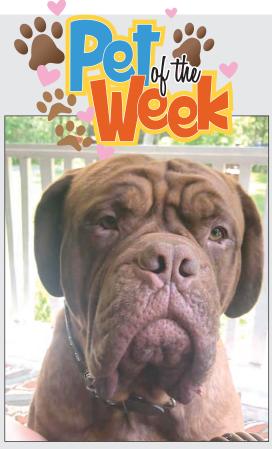
to sell wares, enjoy drinks, and raise funds for organizations that can prevent other women from losing their lives the same way

'Carol had many friends who loved her zest for life and adventurous personality," the website read. "She was a young devoted mother that took such pride in watching her son's growth. She was a very caring daughter and sister eager to help her family at

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Photos by Marcelo Gusmão Robert and Sheila Rivest set up the Carol Rivest Foundation in honor of their sister.





MARSEILLE

This is Marseille, who lives in Palmer with Maryann Carter-Laventure. 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.

Sales Tax holiday approved

BOSTON— The Massachusetts Legislature approved Aug. 10 and Aug. 11 as a sales tax holiday weekend for Massachusetts. On those days, the Massachusetts sales tax of 6.25% will be suspended for most items that retail for less than \$2,500.

The holiday welcomes Massachusetts residents to visit retailers and small businesses around the state. A spike in consumer activity routinely boosts indirect tax revenues. According to the Department of Revenue, during the 2023 sales tax holiday, indirect tax revenues due to increased economic activity were approximately \$3.54 million.

"I am glad to see the sales tax holiday be approved in the legislature today, giving our residents a great chance to get outside and embrace their local businesses and community at a little bit of a discount," said Sen. Adam Gomez (D-Springfield). "This annual holiday gives a boost to our small business owners and consumers, and I am proud to support this measure annually.'

DEADLINE

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 Mondays.

We appreciate the cooperation of our readers.



This weekend, several girls and boys of PYBA (Palmer Youth Basketball Association) participated in Hooplandia which is the Northeast's premier 3x3 basketball tournament held at the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, MA.

Local basketball players enjoy Hooplandia

HOOPLANDIA came to West Springfield this past weekend. This 3-on-3 Basketball Tourney and Festival was held on the Eastern States Exposition fairgrounds. Teams from around the region played on Saturday and Sunday, June 22 & 23. Players, families, friends, basketball aficionados and the public were invited to see great basketball, attend clinics, and enjoy the food,



Springfield Mayor Sarno stopped to take a pic with the Palmer Breaker's team during the Hooplandia basketball tournament at Eastern States Exposition Friday night. Pictured (left to right) AJ Braden, Nathan Drewnowski, Connor Baer, Landon Desautels, Tony Braden (coach) and Mayor Sarno.



Hooplandia championship games were played at the Basketball Hall of Fame on Sunday, the final day of the 3 day tournament. Among the winners were the Springfield Ballers, champions of the 12U girls division, (left to right) Adrianna Mars, Aletta Robinson, Harper Brouillette and Saniya Abdul Ali.

entertainment, special guests and features. The event was hosted by Eastern States Exposition and the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. Hoops were installed throughout the byways of Eastern States Exposition, where most games took place. Select youth championship games were held at the Hall of Fame on Sunday.

The University of Hartford is pleased to announce that 964 students received graduate and undergraduate degrees as part of the class of 2024.

CAMPUS

Emmanuel College Announces

In recognition of their outstanding academic achievement, Emmanuel College has named more than 800 students to the Dean's List for the Spring 2024 semester. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or

Emily Sayball-Wimmer of Bondsville

Univ. of Hartford Congratulates

Spring 2024 Dean's List

higher for a 16-credit semester. Olivia Sloat of Palmer

the Class of 2024

Among the members of the graduating

Andrew Briere, Holland - College of Engineering, Technology and Architecture -Bachelor of Science

Daniel Fiester, Monson - Barney School of Business - Bachelor of Science

Katherine Roberts, Monson - The Hartt School - Bachelor of Music

The University is proud to congratulate all the members of the graduating class and to wish them the best of luck!

URI celebrates more than 4,100 new graduates during 2024 Commencement

The University of Rhode Island celebrated more than 4,100 of its newest alumni during the University's 2024 Commencement. Nearly 4,000 undergraduate degrees and 800 graduate degrees were conveyed to students during the ceremonies which took place May 17-19, 2024.

Among them were: Erin McCarthy of Brimfield

Christopher Ballou of Brimfield

Jill Gombos of Brimfield makes Dean's List at RIT

Jill Gombos of Brimfield was named to the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology for the spring semester of the 2023-2024 academic year. Gombos is in the biotechnology and molecular bioscience program.

Full-time degree-seeking undergraduate students are eligible for Dean's List if their term GPA is greater than or equal to 3.400; they do not have any grades of "Incomplete", "D" or "F"; and they have registered for, and completed, at least 12 credit hours.

Wilbraham Hiking Club

announces July hikes

five hikes currently planned for July, all starting at 9

• Tuesday, July 2 at Thayer Brook in Wilbraham

• Thursday, July 11th, Deer Park in Hardwick (and

• Sunday, July 14 - a moderate or challenging hike.

• Monday, July 22nd - Mill River Conservation

• Sunday, July 28, Miller Forest Tract in Monson

More information about these hikes can be found on the club's TeamReach pages, or write to wilbraham-

WILBRAHAM - The Wilbraham Hiking Club has

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ley all day. He was at our awards assembly yesterday, he's been around getting to know everybody, so we're

Clarke also reported that the district is within its budget while it makes adjustments based on staffing, and took a moment to remind the district about the

"I just want to remind everybody that a really great opportunity this summer is the three sites for the summer eats program," Clarke said. "It's kids and teens, free lunch and breakfast all summer long. You do not have to be from Monson. Thank you to (Tracy) Blanchard for that."

Clarke said that breakfast and lunch will be served at Quarry Hill and Granite Valley, and bagged lunches will be available at the Monson Thrift Store downtown. She said that weekend meals can be packed up on Fridays.

One committee member asked how the thrift store was chosen as the third location.

"They were looking for a central location that was easy for everyone to access," Clarke said. "We were looking at various hours and that seemed to be a good central location.'

The committee then dove into discussion of the policy, where there was some contention over some items. Karen Nothe-Valley objected to the vagueness of a policy concerning student publications.

"My concern last time was really about making sure that we're protecting the kids' freedom of expression," Nothe-Valley said. It wasn't really clear to me what the policy for approving or rejecting a piece of literature was.'

The policy outlined certain requirements surrounding obscenity, advocating prejudice, and libelous or defamatory statements, but Nothe-Valley was uncomfortable with the subjectivity of the policy. The enforcement of such a policy will ultimately be carried out by the school principals.

There was also an update to the committee's community use of school facilities policy, which will include stricter requirements that members of the public provide their name and address during public comments.

The committee also took a moment to recognize the incumbent member who had lost her re-election.

"I just want to give a few words of gratitude to Ms. Emily Graves-Harrison for her six years of service on this committee," said Committee Member Colleen Flynn. "I know her commitment to the district and its students and staff was unparalleled, and I really appreciate the time that I had working alongside at this table."

The committee thanked Graves-Harrison for her

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likely to use or get addicted to caffeine, nicotine, and alcohol, and only 10% of elementary kids are affected by sleep deprivation."

The student cited a recommendation by the American Academy of Pediatrics that students start at 8:30 a.m. or later. Rathbone said that she thanked the student for the letter, and that though changing the schedule would be complicated by transportation and after-school programs, she would inform the committee of the concern.

With the second letter, Rathbone noted that she shared the student's concern that the current scheduling block only allows students half the school year for science, chemistry, and history and civics.

"If we had a full year to do both, then things wouldn't be so rushed and students would have more time to learn the curriculum, which would be easier on the teachers and the students," the letter read.

The student offered to provide a schedule from another school that might work for the town, but Rathbone said she had not yet received it.

The last letter was from a student concerned that middle schoolers do not have adequate choices for their electives.

"This is an issue that affects me and my peers," the student said, "because electives are supposed to be a break from regularly scheduled academic courses, and it also lets us learn about certain arts and strategies we want to do in life, but we don't get to choose which courses we want to

The student mentioned that this could affect drop-out rates for students who feel that they do not have the opportunity to explore their interests.

"We do try to offer as many electives as possible in the Palmer schools, because we understand the students have a variety of strengths and interests," Rathbone told the student, and commended all three letter-writers for their well-written messages.



Palmer Senior Center

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

July 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:

Wednesday, July 3 - Wii bowling at 1 p.m.

Thursday, July 4- Closed for the July 4 holiday.

Friday, July 5- Closed for the July 4 holiday.

Monday, July 8- Take and Bake at 1 p.m. and Therapy dog from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m

Tuesday, July 9 - 1 p.m. Trip to McKinstry Market Garden, they accept snap benefits.

Wednesday, July 10- Christmas in July craft at 1 p.m.

Thursday, July 11- 1 p.m. Sunshine Village craft. **Friday, July 12-** 1 to 3 p.m.

Brown Bag pickup. Monday, July 15- Therapy dog from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, July 17- Christmas in July craft at 1 p.m.

Thursday, July 18- Memory Café 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and

Massage by appointment. Friday, July 19- 12:30 p.m. showing the movie "Five People You Meet in Heavan" and 1 to 3 p.m. Brown Bag pickup.

Monday, July 22- Therapy dog from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. foot care by appt. and Marathon Bingo 10 a.m.

Wednesday, July 24- 1 p.m. Wii Bowling.

Thursday, July 25- 10 a.m. Tai Chi and 1 p.m. sunshine village

Friday, July 29- Therapy dog from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m

MENU

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

Monday, July 1

Cheese lasagna with meat sauce, green beans, oatnut bread and chilled pineapples. Tuesday, July 2

Wednesday, July 3 Pot roast with gravy, tossed salad with Italian, mashed potatoes, WW bread and brownie.

Thursday, July 4 Closed for July 4 holiday. Friday, July 5 Closed for July 4 holiday.

Monday, July 8 Breakfast sausage, scrambled egg, potatoes O'Brien, cherry snack loaf and spiced apples. Tuesday, July 9

Wednesday, July 10

Turkey taco plate, tossed salad with ranch, yellow rice, tortilla chips and chilled pineapples.

Thursday, July 11

Friday, July 12 Chicken marsala, steamed broccoli, parslied penne, WW roll and fresh fruit.

Monday, July 15 Lazy stuffed cabbage, peas and onions, WW bread, Rice Krispie

Tuesday, July 16

Wednesday, July 17 Chef salad with Italian, ham and turkey, celery salad, WW bun

and chilled peaches. Thursday, July 18

Friday, July 19

Sloppy Joe, potato salad, sun chips, wheat hamburger bun, and

Monday, July 22

Chicken pot pie, California blend veggies, biscuit topping, and pear crisp. Tuesday, July 23

Wednesday, July 24 Ham and swiss, citrus carrot salad, red bliss potato salad, hamburger bun fresh fruit.

Thursday, July 25

Friday, July 26

Birthday meal, shrimp scampi, steamed broccoli, spaghetti noodles, WW roll and birthday cake. Monday, July 29

Egg salad, three bean salad, broccoli slaw, WW bread and rai-

Tuesday, July 30

sins.

Wednesday, July 31

Crab cake with tartar, steamed corn, coleslaw, WW bread and fresh fruit.

Jimmy Fund Walkers needed

BOSTON— Registration is Walkers can participate virtually, as now open for the 2024 Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai. Scheduled for Sunday, October 6, funds raised from the Jimmy Fund Walk support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at the nation's premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Due to ongoing construction in Copley Square, the Jimmy Fund Walk Finish Line location has been moved to the Boston Common for

The Jimmy Fund Walk is the only organized walk permitted on the famed Boston Marathon course, and participants have the flexibility to choose from four distance options: 5K Walk (from Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's Longwood Medical Campus); 10K Walk (from Newton); Half Marathon Walk (from Wellesley); and Marathon Walk (from Hopkin-

Whatever route walkers choose, participants will be treated to refueling stations with refreshments throughout the course. Poster-sized photographs of patients, Jimmy Fund Walk Heroes, are displayed along the course as inspiration.

All routes will conclude at the Jimmy Fund Walk Finish Line Powered by Schneider Electric at Boston Common, by the corner of Charles and Beacon Street. The finish line will include a celebration with food, entertainment, and more. Public transportation is encouraged.

The Jimmy Fund Walk has raised more than \$176 million for Dana-Farber in its 35-year history, raising a record-breaking \$9.4 million in 2023. Funds raised from the Jimmy Fund Walk support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at the nation's premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The Boston Athletic Association has supported the Jimmy Fund Walk since 1989, and Hyundai has been the presenting sponsor for more than 20 years.

Register as an individual walker, team member, or start a team. Take advantage of this unique opportunity and lead a group of family, friends, or colleagues to the finish line. The Jimmy Fund can help you start a team, grow your fundraising, and defy cancer, together.

Volunteers are needed to cheer on participants, serve snacks, distribute T-shirts, and more, at the four start locations, along the course, and at the 2024 Jimmy Fund Walk Finish Line Powered by Schneider Electric, located in the Boston Common. The Jimmy Fund Walk would not be possible without the hundreds of dedicated volunteers who donate their time, talent, and energy. Register to volunteer today.

To register for the Walk (#JimmyFundWalk) or to support a walker, visit www.JimmyFundWalk.org or call (866) 531-9255. Registrants can enter the promo code NEWS for \$5 off the registration fee. All registered walkers will receive a bib, medal,

and a Jimmy Fund Walk T-shirt.

Monson resident involved in fatal crash in Ware on Sunday evening

WARE - One person has died as a result of injuries sustained in a two-vehicle collision on Route 9 near Anderson Road Sunday around 5:55 p.m.

Joseph J. Lynch, 21, of Monson died at the scene while a second person in the vehicle, a 20-year-old Warren resident, was transported by Life Flight helicopter to the University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester with life-threatening injuries.

Two people in the other vehicle, both Ware residents, were transported to Baystate Medical Center in Springfield after suffering non-life-threatening injuries.

Ware Police, Massachusetts State Police detectives attached to the Northwestern District Attorney's Office, as well as troopers from the Massachusetts State Police Crime Scene Services Section and Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Section responded to the crash scene.

The crash remains under investigation. No charges have been filed.

Criminal charges are based on probable cause to believe a person has committed a crime. All defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty

Free concert to be held at Keep Homestead Museum July 7

The Keep Homestead Museum, 35 Ely Road in Monson, is excited to present The Peter J. Newland Trio on Sunday, July 7, at 1:30 p.m. This free concert will be held on the side lawn weather permitting, please bring a chair or blanket.

Although singer/songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Peter still performs with FAT and his quintet RadioX, he is seen most regularly with his sophisticated Peter J. Newland Trio. Peter is joined in the trio with Mark Pappas, guitar journeyman and Ralph Whittle on keyboards.

An afternoon with the energetic Trio combines Peter's original compositions along with their unique interpretations of rock, pop, and blues standards from the 50's to present and a sampling of the American Songbook in the Sinatra style.

The concert is open to the public free of charge, though donations are always welcome. This performance is generously sponsored by Monson Savings Bank. Free popcorn (while supplies last) will be compliments of Squier Lumber and Hardware.

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Viewpoints



Why is there a **Social Security Earnings Limit?**

Dear Rusty:

I try to read your article in the Carmichael Times each week and appreciate the information you provide. I am 62 and considering my retirement options and when I should do that to get the most benefit. I understand my full retirement age is 67, but what I don't understand and I hope you can answer, is why there is such a thing as the Social Security earnings limit? I know that if I was to retire before 67, my benefits would be reduced. But since I have been paying into SS for 45+ years and that money is technically money I have earned, why does SS care if I make more than the earnings limit? It doesn't affect them or my benefits. Can you tell me about the reasoning behind the earnings limit? I will, for many years after "retiring," continue working in my field.

Signed: Working American

Dear Working American:

This is a great question and, as a point of interest, our parent company, the Association of Mature American Citizens, advocates doing away with Social Security's earnings test which affects those collecting benefits before reaching their SS Full Retirement Age. In AMAC's view, it discourages people from working and, thus, paying Social Security taxes on their earnings. It is, after all, SS taxes from the earnings of working Americans, which largely pays for the benefits provided to Social Security beneficiaries. Eliminating the restriction would tend to improve Social Security revenue and help ease Social Security's current financial stress.

The reasoning behind the earnings test? Well, when Social Security was first enacted in the 1930s, the intent was that Social Security was for retired workers, meant to keep them from poverty in old age. The logic back then was that if a person worked they didn't need Social Security to sustain them, so those who worked could not collect Social Security at all. The current rule, after many adjustments over the years, says that annual earnings for those who collect early SS benefits are limited. If each year's earnings limit (\$22,320 for 2024) is exceeded, Social Security will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 over the limit (FYI, the penalty is less severe in the year FRA is

Historical accounts suggest that the reaing behind the wording in the original Social Security Act - that "No person shall receive such old-age annuity unless he is not employed by another in a gainful occupation" - was quite controversial, except for the fundamental thought that if someone worked they didn't need Social Security. Over the ensuing decades the rule has been softened to provide that only those who collect benefits before their Full Retirement Age would have a portion of their SS benefits offset by their work earnings. In any case, the earnings test, in its mitigated form, still persists today. FYI, H.R. 5193 - The Senior Citizens Freedom to Work Act was recently introduced in Congress proposing to repeal the SS earnings test, but has not advanced in the legislative process since introduced in

In any case, under current rules, if you continue working after your FRA, the earnings test will not apply to you. And, if you lose any benefits before your FRA due to the earnings test, when you reach your FRA you'll get time credit for any months that benefits were withheld, resulting in a somewhat higher monthly payment after your full retirement age.

One final point: if you continue to work after starting your Social Security benefits and your recent earnings are higher than any of those in the inflation-adjusted 35 years used to originally calculate your benefit, your entitlement will be recalculated to give you credit for those higher recent earnings.

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A rabbit rendition

Testerday I walked up to one particular garden at Old Sturbridge Village and stood in amazement.

There was something off with the bed of red dahlia plants, orange cannas and a mixed color lot of rudbeckia that I had planted less than a month ago. What kind of animal would eat the rough, somewhat hairy leaves of the rudbeckia, better known as "brown-eyed Susan" almost all the way down to the ground?

The culprits ran or should I say "hopped" in front of me, just as I approached the bed. Peter and Petra Rabbit in plain sight.

If you too are plagued with rabbits, read on for a few tips straight from the ar-

chives on how dissuade them from eating your precious plants.

I never had a problem with rabbits in my home garden until after the dog died. It would be safe to assume that "the marking

of his territory" had something to do with keeping the bunnies at bay.

Outside of dog urine, there are lots of other deterrents out there that folks swear

One is dried blood. The smell signals danger. To be effective it must be reapplied each week as well as after it rains. You can either sprinkle a narrow band around the perimeter of the border or place containers of it in the garden.

Dried blood is a nitrogen fertilizer and is available at most garden centers. It will burn sensitive plants if applied directly on top of them, so sprinkle it a few inches away from the base. Along the same line would be ammonia sprays.

I have also heard of different home brews that you may, or may not want to whip up in your blender. One consists of garlic, hot peppers and marigold leaves maybe this combination would work better than the other tactics already tried. These would need to be reapplied periodically, especially after it rains.

A less attractive but better option to control rabbits would be to install a wire fence. It should be at least three feet tall and dug into the ground four inches or

Be sure that the fence is fine enough so that the rabbit's head won't fit through the holes - the unfortunate rabbit that is able to fit his head may think that the rest of his body will follow suit. When it doesn't, panic ensues, and the result is not something I would want anyone to find in his or her garden a day later.

Rabbits will eat almost anything except for prickly plants or strong smelling/ tasting plants. For prickly plants think Globe Thistle (Echinops Ritro); blue globes bloom in early July. Sea Holly (Eryngium maritimum) is another similar

Strong smelling/tasting plants include Bee Balm (Monarda didyma), Catmint

> emosa), Yarrow (Achillea millefolium), Mints (Mentha Garlic spp.) Onions and among others. In fact, I read of one gardener having great success keeprabbits away from her

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flowering plants by planting a living fence of garlic in between them.

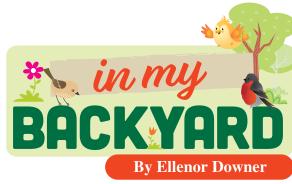
This summer, when it came time to clip the scapes off of my garlic plants, I collected the stems and dispersed them in and amongst the broccoli. It worked for a time being, probably as long as the scapes held their stink.

Along the same lines are all natural pellets that are soaked mainly in garlic essential oil. These should be hung or planed about three feet apart to make a stinky barrier that the rabbit won't cross to get to your plants.

I will certainly have to employ some of these tactics after I replant that garden.

You would think that the rabbits would have been happy enough with the clover in the lawn. I guess they are more "hoppy" with a varied diet.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 32 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.





Eastern towhee

A Brimfield resident reported his wife saw an Eastern towhee in their driveway.

It has been some time since I saw a towhee. II saw it hopping to get seeds on the ground under my feeder. The towhee is eight inches long with a long tail.

The male has a dark hood, beak and back with reddish brown flanks and white belly. The female is brown on top with the reddish flanks and white belly.

They hop backward, raking up leaf litter in search of insects and seeds. They eat insects, spiders, lizards, snakes and weed and grass seeds. They come to feeders for seeds on the ground.

The female lays two to six cream with brown spotted eggs in a nest of leaves, strips of bark and grasses lined with finer grasses. The female places the nest on the ground in a scratched depression under brush.

Towhees inhabit edges or open woods with shrub cover. Often towhees are heard rather than seen. The distinctive "chevink" or "chweee" call note of both sexes is a good clue to their presence. The noise from their "raking" of leaf litter is another clue they are nearby.

In the spring, the male sings and counter sings with neighboring males. He courts the female with song and by displaying with wings and tail spread. Their song is two whistles followed by a high trill like "drink your

During egg laying and incubation, the male rarely comes near the nest and the female is secretive. Both parents feed the young.

Bobolinks

An Oakham resident sent an email, he said "In 1982, after graduating with my M.S. degree from Cornell, I worked as a field assistant on a bobolink study. We assembled staging in the fields to construct elevated observation platforms. Then we needed to capture and mark all the individuals. Several mist nets were set up."

He said, "When a bird landed near one of the nets we would rush to it and try to scare the bird into a net, quite effective. With 'bird-in-hand' we needed to mark it to allow us to recognize it. So we painted the tails with different combinations of colors. Capturing the very last bird took a lot of time and effort." He also said, "When females returned repeatedly to a particular spot, we searched there for the nests, which was very difficult, as the nests were well hidden. We could then monitor nest success."

Bluebirds

I received an email from a woman, who also sent photos of fledgling bluebirds, in her yard. She said, "At the end of winter the mated pair shooed off their offspring and got down to nesting. We now have four fledglings visiting our mealworm feeder. They are too funny to watch, so hungry and they keep their parents very busy." The bluebirds laid eggs for second time.

More Brimfield birds

The Brimfield resident, who sent the email about the towhee also said, "The other day I spent a couple of

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By Teri Dreher Frykenberg, RN Guest Columnist

You count on doctors and hospitals to protect your heath. But unthinkably, sometimes the opposite happens. Medical error is now the third leading cause of death in the U.S., according to a study by Johns Hopkins Medicine.

Cancer and heart disease are still the leading culprits. But 250,000 Americans die each year as a result of preventable medical mistakes like post-surgical infections and medication mix ups. What can you do to make sure it doesn't happen to you?

10 Tips for Guarding Against **Medical Errors**

1. Prepare a proactive medical summary of your health conditions, allergies, physicians and all medications. Show your family where it's kept. In the event of an emergency or hospitalization, it can provide the medical staff with crucial information fast.

2. Consult a trusted health-

10 Ways to Prevent Medical Errors from Happening to You



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sional for recommendations looking when for a new doctor. Don't rely on word of mouth, online reviews advertise-

profes-

ments. Your best path to a quality provider is another provider you know and trust.

3. Avoid hospitalizations if possible...really! Especially if you're elderly. Infections run rampant in hospitals. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), on any given day, one in 25 hospital patients has a hospital-acquired infection.

4. Organize shifts among relatives to ensure the patient is always accompanied if hospitalized. Don't let loved ones go it alone. But only enlist those who are observant and communicate well.

5. Pay attention, be observant, take notes and provide information readily while in the hospital. Ask questions, but courteously. Keep a record of the name and shifts of nurses and doctors.

6. Don't hesitate to "speak up for clean hands," to quote the CDC. Cleanliness helps prevent infection. Ask the medical staff to wear gloves or use foam hand sanitizer before touching you. Wash your own hands frequently; make sure visitors, too. And ask cleaning staff to regularly sanitize objects that others touch.

7. Speak up—politely—if you think something is wrong. Listen to your gut: doctors and nurses are human and can make mistakes. (If all else fails, go up the hospital food chain—ask for a meeting with "risk management" and a hospital care team to discuss your concerns.)

8. It's best not to chat with the nurse when he or she is dispensing your meds; distraction can lead to medication mistakes. Take care to know your pills in every way possible. Ask the nurse to review each pill with you before you swallow it.

9. Exercise vigilance especially during the admission and discharge process. The potential for errors is most likely to occur during the transition process to get you admitted or discharged.

10. Obtain copies of your written discharge instructions. Make sure you completely understand your follow-up plan after a doctor's visit, emergency room visit or hospitalization. Know what medications you'll be taking and how often, and when to follow up with your physician. It sounds obvious, but in one recent study, 54% of discharged patients couldn't accurately recall their follow-up instructions!

Why Medical Errors Happen

The modern healthcare system is remarkably complex, and patients are no longer held firmly at its center. Various factors have contributed to an environment where mistakes are more likely to

For example, hospitals are trapped between tight financial constraints and attending to patients. Often, they're under pressure to discharge patients quickly—sometimes too early—to free up beds. Many hospitals are chronically understaffed with regards to nurses (the patient's primary point of contact!) and support staff (like janitors, charged with the very important job of keeping the hospital

It's no better for physicians, who are continuously pulled in

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Election letters to the editor welcome

The Journal Register welcomes readers to participate in this year's election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from on the ballot or discussing campaigr issues should be sent to The Journa Register, care of Turley Publications 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069 faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to journalregister@turley.com. Please nclude a daytime telephone numbe for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that ters will be printed. No letters writter by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorse ment letters will be printed in the last edition before the election

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Baystate Wing recognized for outstanding performance

PALMER — Baystate Wing Hospital has earned national recognition by the Lown Institute as one of the most socially responsible hospitals in America, ranking first in Massachusetts. The recent Lown Hospital Index is a report that evaluates over 2,700 acute care hospitals and 800 critical access hospitals nationwide.

Overall, 154 hospitals earned "A" grades for equity, quality of care and outcomes. The evaluation analyzed up to 54 metrics related to health equity, value of care and patient outcomes, with equity receiving a higher overall weight this year compared to previous rankings. Lown used publicly available data from CMS and the IRS, among other sources, for its analysis.

"Baystate Wing Hospital is among only 5% of hospitals nationwide to earn Honor Roll status from Lown this year, with 'A' grades across all top categories: Social Responsibility, Health Equity, Value of Care, and Patient Outcomes," said Karli Barrett, MS, RN, NE-BC, Vice President, Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer for Baystate Wing Hospital. "Our high ranking by the Lown Institute demonstrates our unwavering commitment to community health throughout the many communities we serve in the region and is a testimony to our commitment to serve as a leader in providing high-quality, equitable care."

The Lown Institute Hospitals Index is the first ranking to define clear, measurable standards for hospital social responsibility. They examine performance across three primary metrics: Outcomes, Value, and Equity.

The Index analyzed 54 metrics to provide a unique and holistic ranking of hospital performance:

Equity grades reflect Baystate Wing Hospital's commitment to equity, inclusion, and community health The equity assessment measures the extent of hospital investment in community health.

Value grades indicate the avoidance of inappropriate tests/procedures and cost efficiency.

Outcome grades represent Baystate Wing Hospital's excellent performance related to patient safety and a patient's experience of care.

To learn more about the Lown Institute Hospitals Index and explore this year's rankings, visit lownhospitalsindex.org.

To learn more about Baystate Wing Hospital, visit baystatehealth.org/wing.

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hours at the pond in South Street where the osprey nest is located. In addition to the osprey nest there are four great blue heron nests with at least eight chick, I can't see the fourth nest very well but an adult is standing on the nest so I assume there are young chick there also. Young herons can't stand for awhile so they probably wouldn't be visible yet."

He said he saw common grackles, chickadees and tree swallows at the pond as well phoebes, Eastern kingbirds and belted kingfishers.

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multiple directions. Today's doctor spends hours documenting health records and completing insurance forms—time that once was directly devoted to patients. At the same time, they're reimbursed by health insurers at ever-shrinking rates, even as their malpractice insurance premiums soar.

This is why many doctors are increasing their patient load or relying on less-qualified Physician Assistants to handle their caseload. End result: less one-onone time with patients and a greater risk of something falling through the cracks.

For all these reasons, patients and their families need to take a more active role in managing their healthcare. They need to be informed and vigilant. They need to be ready to advocate for themselves whenever nec-

Of course, it's impossible to eliminate 100% of your risk of becoming a victim of medical error. But by paying attention and speaking out, you can vastly improve your odds.

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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Raianne Richards, Mark Mandeville, Eli Go, and Quasi Lane performed music by Lena Simone, Nat King Cole, the Beatles, and Keane.

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when he was still in high school, and Mandeville described him as a "tremendous musician."

"Vito has been at the Massachusetts Walking Tour for so many years," Mandeville said.

Caccavelli performed three songs, including "Rockin' Chair" by The Band and "Blue Spotted Tail" by Fleet Foxes. All of the songs performed during the concert have references to nature or walking.

Next to perform was Green Heron, driving down from New Hampshire to share a set ranging from the blues to a lively jig.

Betsy Heron grew up in Hubbardston and began her music career as a member of the family band, and continues to sing and play the fiddle alongside her sisters in their band, The Green Sisters, in addition to Green Heron.

Herons have been a common theme for this years' tour, being both featured on the logo and spotted along the musicians' walking

The tour logo was created by artist Dan Blakeslee, who has created the logo for the Massachusetts Walking Tour each year it has been in existence. Blakeslee's artwork is often featured on music posters as well as craft beer labels.

"We've encountered at least two if not three of them a day," Mandeville said of the herons. "My wife thinks it's a spirit animal."

Mandeville, Richards, Go and Lane joined together to perform the first song in their set, "Walk and a crew Right In" made popular by the of volunteers Rooftop Singers, followed by Pat-

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sy Cline's classic "Walkin' After Midnight", "The Guitar Man" by Bread, "Bein' Green" by Kermit the Frog and many more.

This was Lane's first time playing a full set for an audience, and also the first time the Massachusetts Walking Tour has included a bass player. Go has been with the tour for his third year and brings a "jazz edge," Mandeville said.

Prior to the start of the concert, members of the Massachusetts Walking Tour along with Warren resident Tim O'Brien led a community hike through Lucy Stone Park, exploring the banks of the river and the pollinator garden before heading into the woods.

O'Brien, whose name is synonymous with Lucy Stone Park, said nature had taken its "normal course" at the park until over a decade ago, when work began to remove invasive plants and improve accessibility.

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the next week or so, the garden will begin to bloom, and he invited people to return and see its

splendor. have tirelessly worked to bring the park to its glory," Richards said. The park has also been im-

proved by three separate Eagle Scout projects, which includes a hardpacked accessible trail, an accessible parking lot and a storage shed. Students from the nearby Ouaboag Regional Middle High School even constructed a bench.

As the tour "broke ground" on the park's newest section of trail, participants enjoyed the cool shade of the trees and were able to view North America's largest woodpecker, the pileated woodpecker, as it flew just overhead.

This event was made possible with support from the Warren Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. The Rotary Club of the Brookfields provided refreshments and the Community Emergency Response Team handled traffic de-

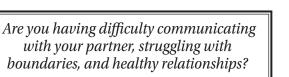
For more information about the Massachusetts Walking Tour, visit masswalkingtour.org or find them on Facebook.



Married couple Andy Rogovin and Monique Byrne made up Crowes Pasture.



Rich Leufstedt encouraged people to visit his website, KazoosForChrist.org.



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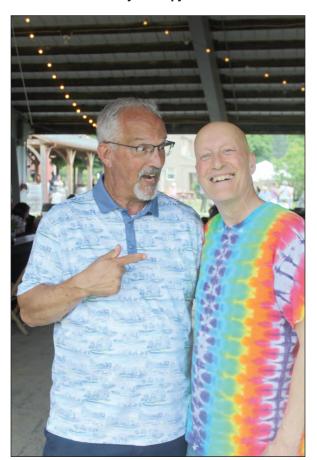




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William and Mary Kirchmann sheltered from the rain under Brimfield Winery's canopy.



Thom Semanie goofed around with Robert Rivest, Carol's brother.



Mamie Flowers, Margaret Koske, Calli Osborne, and 10-month-old Delilah were happy to participate.



Cindy Skowyra and Ross Flowers enjoyed beer and food provided for the event.



Pete Polis and Chuck Emery of Johnny Six-Gun practiced before their performance.



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The website describes Rivest as a funny and charming mother, daughter, sister and friend, with a "bright smile with dimples that would light up a room." She was murdered on May 11, 1982, by

her estranged boyfriend and the father of her son.

In the wake of her sister's death, Sheila Rivest started to organize donations among her family and friends every year on the

anniversary.

"We would start off with maybe \$1,000 donation or \$2,500," Rivest said. "I ended up realizing that I had enough friends and family that would want to come out

and celebrate Carol's life as well as donate."

This fundraiser was the 10th annual benefit in Carol Rivest's memory. It featured a raffle, along with a variety of food trucks, parked outside the winery, as well as a musical performance by

Johnny Six Gun. We have been so blessed with a lot of supporters who have been coming out," Rivest said. "All the raffle prizes have been donated from friends, supporters, and lo-

cal businesses." Robert Rivest, Sheila and Carol's brother, pointed out that one of the prizes raffled off was a handmade guitar that was built specifically for the event.

Sheila added that Brimfield Winery was willing to let the foundation use the venue for

"We used to have it at West-

view, but this one has a shelter," Rivest said. "So on days like today, you don't have to cancel everything." The funds raised by the foun-

dation at these annual events go to organizations like Alianza in Holyoke, or The Network, based out of Enfield, CT. The foundation has also been able to use these funds to provide scholarships, and creating Carol's Community Care Connector, which hosts "local pop-up events with rotating offerings to give back to the community."

"We also sponsor programs to empower women," Rivest said, and described a partnership with Asnuntuck Community College in Enfield.

"It's the Launch Your Leadership Program," Rivest said. "It helps women to get a job, build confidence, and learn skills from other volunteers that are professionals.'

"Though this devastating incident was decades ago, the family is still affected by Carol's loss and they continue to heal to this day," the website read. "Domestic violence has become more prevalent over the years, and continues to be a serious issue raising concern in society. Many women are abused and many lives are taken too soon."

To learn more about the Carol Rivest Foundation, visit their website at CarolRivestFoundation.org.





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Vendors set up tables beneath the tent to sell wares out of the storm.



To read about Carol's tragic story and learn more about how you can support the foundation, visit CarolRivestFoundation.org.



Event attendees were able to avoid the downpour beneath the winery's roofed structures.

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BOSTON— The Massachusetts Senate passed legislation that builds on the state's climate and environmental leadership by banning single-use plastic bags, making straws and plasticware available by request only, and making it easier to recycle. The legislation passed by a vote of 38-2.

"In Massachusetts, we take pride in being a leader when it comes to protecting our environment and people's health, and this bill continues that leadership" said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). "Limiting our plastics use means less trash in our water ways and on our streets, and giving our kids the green, clean planet they deserve to inherit. This is a crucial part of achieving the Commonwealth's climate goals, and I want to thank Senator Rausch for her leadership, Chair Rodrigues, our members, and every advocate who has spoken up on this issue, for their hard work.'

"We're seeing more and more the impact that plastics have on our lives and world, our health and future generations," commented Senator Adam Gomez (D-Springfield). "Passing this bill is a step in the right direction towards transitioning these items out of our society, making them still available for those in need while encouraging the use of items that are reusable, safe and sustainable."

0S.2830, An Act to reduce plastic would drastically reduce plastic waste that is too often found in streets and waterways-and too often fills landfills and disposal sites-ultimately harming the environment in Massachusetts communities and contributing to global climate change. Plastics are also made using fossil fuels.

The legislation will prohibit carry-out plastic bags at retail stores statewide and require stores to charge 10 cents for recycled paper bags, five

cents of which will be allocated to environmental protection measures. The bill provides a limited exemption from the requirement to collect 10 cents for small local retailers. As of May 2023, 162 Massachusetts cities and towns, making up nearly 70 per cent of the state's population, already regulated single-use plastic bags.

The bill will also prevent plastic utensils and straws from automatically being given to consumers, prohibit single-use plastic bottle purchases by state agencies, and create a statewide program for recycling large plastic objects such as car seats.

Further, it increases statewide bulk plastic recycling by creating a statewide program for the recycling of large plastic objects, such as car seats.

In an effort to reduce the \$10 million annually in avoidable costs directly caused by the flushing of non-flushable wipes, the bill will require non-flushable wipes to be clearly labeled with "Do Not Flush" warnings to prevent disruptions to the commonwealth's sewer system.

The bill would boost composting, the natural recycling of organic food scraps and materials, by directing the Department of Environmental Protection to submit a report on the commonwealth's progress toward expanding access to composting. It also establishes a new commission to make recommendations on ways in which the state can encourage or require businesses to support recycling of efforts for the products that they produce.

It is the second time the Massachusetts Senate has taken action to prohibit single-use plastic bags in the commonwealth.

Having passed the Senate, the legislation now goes to the House of Representatives for consideration.

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Summer Water Safety for Families

BAYSTATE— As temperatures rise, families may be looking for fun ways to cool off and stay active. Water activities like swimming, diving, canoeing, boating, and water skiing, offer relief during these hot summer months, but it's important to remember many injuries can happen during recreational water activities.

"When we think of water safety, we generally think of swimming pools," said Dr. Joe Sills, chief of Emergency Medicine at Baystate Wing Hospital. "But there are many other places where water safety should be practiced. It's important to remember that drowning can happen anywhere there is water, including swimming pools, ponds, and lakes, and even in the presence of lifeguards."

Many local communities are seeing a shift in who applies for lifeguard positions if any do at all, and it's a concern. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more children ages 1-4 die from drowning than any other cause of death and it's the second leading cause of unintentional injury death for children ages 5-14.

"Drowning is a quick and silent killer," said Sills. "The majority of children who drown in swimming pools were last seen in the home, had been out of sight for less than five minutes, and were in the care of one or both parents at the time of the drowning. In the time it takes to cross the room for a towel (10 seconds), a child in the bathtub can become submerged. In the time it takes to answer the phone (2) minutes), that child can lose consciousness. In the time it takes to sign for a package at your front door (4 to 6 minutes), a child submerged in the bathtub or pool can sustain permanent brain damage. A child that's drowning, is not going to be yelling for help. They are typically going to be struggling to keep their face above water level. You might see their face kind of going up and down above the water level, and it really can only take 30 to 60 seconds before they're completely submerged."

"The best way to prevent drowning is through the 'touch supervision' technique, which means being within an arm's length of the child at all times, able to reach them and pull them from the water immediately," said Sills.

Children are not the only ones that need to practice water safety, adolescents and adults do too. According to the CDC, drowning is the third most common cause of accidental death among those under age 16.

"Young people who drown are often victims of their own misjudgment of their swimming ability. They may view a river or a lake as a tempting means of cooling off in a hot spell but fail to appreciate the harmful effects that the cold water can have on stamina and strength," noted Sills. "Learning how to swim is important for folks of all ages. Those who don't know how to swim can very easily find

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Heather Kofke-Egger and Crystal Kofke sat with Maxwell, age seven, and Maya, who recently turned nine.



Rebecca Sawyer, Sarah Thomas, and Denise Newland were on hand to provide information about the Summer Reading Program.



Gabby Nasiatka and Christine Ferretti brought their respective families to the library for the kick-off, including Benny, age four, Gia, age three, one-year-old Rowan, Logan, age two, and Liam, who is five-and-a-half.

ICE CREAM

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our special event is next Friday, June 28."

Newland was referring to Rona Leventhal's upcoming visit to Veterans Field, where she will share Stories and Songs for Our Planet. This event was put together through a partnership with the Conservation Commission, and funded by the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Grant.

For teens and tweens, there is also a Bingo sheet to track reading as well as event participation.

"It comprises both things that you might be reading as well as activities that we're doing," said Sarah Thomas. "Every time you get a Bingo, you can turn it in for a prize, and you can do as many Bingos as you want, all summer."

"We also have a full schedule of events all summer all around the theme of 'Read, Renew, Repeat,'" said Thomas.

Thomas said to look out for the Summer Book Swap, which will be held on July 3, as well as board game and video game days, a tie-dye party, a nature walk, a murder mystery party, and other events that are listed on the library's calendar.

"We're also inviting kids to take the survey on libraries, so we can make sure we're improving our programs and offering what's really of interest," Thomas said. "They're also welcome to join our Discord, we have a channel for Summer Reading 2024."

For the adult division, in addition to the traditional print materials, there is a digital option that focuses on digital materials.

"We have a regular BINGO for regular resources, and then we also have a digital one that focuses on our digital resources, like eBooks and audiobooks," said Circulation Supervisor Rebecca Sawyer. "They will get en-



Sarah McNamara Pedder attended the Ice Cream Social with her daughter.

tered into a drawing for every box that they fill, so you don't have to actually get a B-I-N-G-O."

"Summer reading is an important tradition at every library, it makes reading fun for all ages," said Library Director Hope Bodwell.

"We continue our long-standing tradition of Story Time on the Go where the littles get introduced to town departments and businesses, to a variety of fun programs for tweens and teens and a Bingo challenge for adults that hopefully encourages them to try something out of their comfort zone," Bodwell said.

"If you missed the party, you can register any time you come to the library throughout the summer," Bodwell said.



teered to serve ice cream at the library.

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BASEBALL

Post 241 falls to Belchertown

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

PALMER-The first four innings of last Monday's Senior Division Legion baseball game between Belchertown Post 239 and Monson

Post 241 was very close. Belchertown scored four runs in the fifth inning enroute to a 6-3 victory at Legion Field in Palmer.

"I'm very proud of the way my players played against a very good Monson team," said Belchertown manager Todd McDonald. "We had a little bit of trouble against their starting pitcher early in the game, but we were able to get the job done."

The come-from-behind victory improved Belchertown's early season record to a perfect 3-0.

A year ago, the Post 239 squad represented District 3 in the Senior Division Legion state tournament.

Monson (1-1) began the legion season with a walk-off victory against North Adams Post 12 a week earlier.

"We just made a couple of costly errors, which you couldn't afford to do, especially against the district champions," said Monson manager Steve Tripp. "We're capable of beating any team in this

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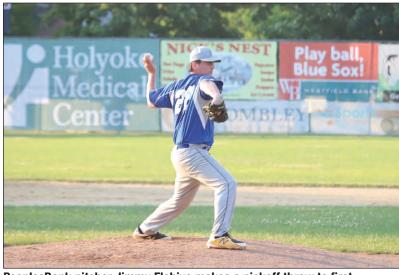
Austin Meacham slides into second base.



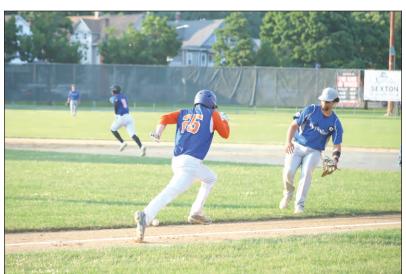
James Delaney pitches for Monson Post 241

BASEBALL

Bankers out to 3-2 start



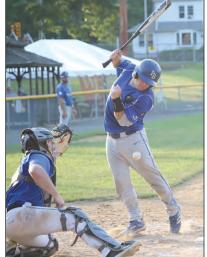
PeoplesBank pitcher Jimmy Flahive makes a pickoff throw to first.



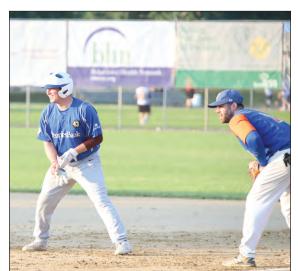
First baseman Carlos Pena attempts to field a slow roller.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli Sam Allen connects to drive in a run.



but is drilled by a pitch.



Pete Hogan tries to get out of the way, Cam Rivest, of Agawam, leads off first.

in action in the Tri-County Baseball League. The to improved to 3-2 on the young season. The

HOLYOKE - Last week, PeoplesBank was the week. The Bankers narrowly defeated ESB with Hilltown Tents holding an 5-2 record for Bankers faced Chicopee and BankESB during Bankers are in the middle of the pack currently

first place. Chicopee and Teddy Bear Pools have second place with four wins each.

SOCCER



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Grace Berry advances up the field during recent action.

Mustang girls suffer rare loss

MONSON - Last Monday evening, Monson girls summer soccer was defeated by Pope Francis 3-1. The Mustangs have rarely lost during summer soccer, and have been competing in the A Division against larger schools for the past few years. Monson was also scheduled to face Wilbraham, but thunderstorms rained out the game. Monson was back in action this week, and will be off next week for the Fourth of July



Addison Peterson chases after a loose ball.



Emily Provost sends a kick away.

BASEBALL

Sturbridge Little League holds division championship

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

STURBRIDGE— In game one of the Sturbridge Little League Major Division championship series, the top-seeded Red Sox held a three run lead against the second-seeded Yankees entering the sixth inning.

The Yankees, who had lost to the Red Sox four times during the regular season, scored a total of seven runs in their final at-bats. The Red Sox battled back in the bottom half of the sixth inning, but the Yankees managed to escape with an exciting 9-8 victory at Town Barn Field, last Tuesday

baseball team and they beat us four times during the regular season," said Yankees manager Sean Bucenec. "My players worked very hard in tonight's game, and this is a very good win for them. This is my first year coaching this baseball team and it has been a ton of fun."

"The Red Sox are a great

The Yankees wound up capturing the 2024 Major Division championship title with a 3-1 victory in game two of the best of three series twenty four hours

The players listed on the Yankees roster are Sam Gilbert, Lukas

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Pioneers keep playoff hunt alive with win



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Jared Smith corrals the ball. By Tim Peterson

Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Just like every other player listed on the Western Mass. Pioneers roster, Alec Hughes would like to play for a professional soccer team in the future.

Led by Hughes, who recorded a hat-trick in the first half, the Pioneers remained in the playoff hunt FC, 6-1, at Lusitano Stadium last Friday night.

"It's always nice to get off to a fast start in every game," said Hughes, who only played the first 45 minutes of last Friday's home match. "The turf field was a little bit slick which helped us move the ball a little faster. It was very similar to playing on grass."

While it rained prior to the start of last Friday's match, the rain stopped sooner than it was expected to and it was a pleasant evening weatherwise.

The Pioneers had a 7-1-1 overall record and they moved into second place behind first place Seacoast in the USL League Two Northeast Division standings.

Since losing to the Seacoast United Phantom, 3-2, at home on June 7, the Pioneers have gone 3-0-1 in their next four matches.

"It was another very good performance, especially since it was at home," said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. "Everyone is playing very well."

Hughes entered last Friday's contest tied for the most goals in the USL-2 with eight. He finished



by defeating Boston City Leonel Vergara meets up with the ball.

the match with a total of 11 goals. Hughes scored a team-leading 15 goals for the UMass men's

soccer team last season. He also attended the MLS combine in Arizona, but he

last December. Hughes will be wearing the Minutemen uniform again this

wasn't selected in the MLS draft

"I wasn't drafted last year, but I was planning on going back to school," Hughes said. "I'm hoping to play for a professional soccer team in the future. It would be a great honor."

Molinari, who has watched several of his players turn pro during the past 15 years, is hoping Hughes is drafted.

"It's Alec's dream to play professional soccer and I really hope he makes it," Molinari said. "He's our leading goal scorer this year. I'm very happy for him."

Boston City (1-5-2) had a golden opportunity to take a 1-0 lead during the ninth minute of the opening half, but Western Mass. goalie Gianluca Cersosimo



(2 saves) made a diving save.

Two minutes later, Laurie Goddard sent a crossing pass into the box from the right

side and Hughes headed it into the right corner past Boston City goalie Sebastian Montoulieu.

"I always try to find a gap between the defenders," Hughes said. "It was a perfect pass from Laurie and all I needed to do was head the ball into the net."

The Pioneers took a 2-0 lead twenty minutes later.

This time, Aidan Kelly sent a long pass to Hughes, who controlled the ball with his chest before tapping it across the line.

Hughes capped off his hattrick by firing a shot into the left corner of the net during the 34th

With about five remaining in the opening half, it looked like Oscar Sears had scored his first goal in a Pioneers uniform, but it was disallowed by referee Jonathan Luk because a Pioneers player was offsides.

Sears, who has been on the Pioneers roster all season long, played in his first game at Pathfinder FC, which was a 2-0 win, last Tuesday night.

Sears was a member of the

men's soccer team at Wake Forest. He'll be playing soccer at Bryant University this fall.

Holding a 3-0 halftime advantage, Hughes was replaced by Scott Testori at the start of the second half.

Testori, who's a member of the UConn men's soccer team, added his name to the score sheet with an unassisted goal during the 55th minute.

Goddard scored the Pioneers fifth goal two minutes later, which was assisted by Camilo

Josh Tubbs, who made his first appearance of the season for the Pioneers, replaced Cersosimo in goal during the 68th minute.

Boston City got on the scoreboard with a goal by Thiago Goes with 20 minutes remaining in regulation.

Ali Taleb capped off the scoring for the Pioneers with a breakaway goal in the 88th minute. Testori was credited with the

The Pioneers are scheduled to host the Albany Rush at 7pm on Friday night. They'll then play three road games before returning to Lusitano Stadium to face the Vermont Green on July 13 in the regular season finale.

Bonsignore wins Mohegan Sun 100

LOUDON, N.H. – Justin Kyle on the backstretch and back two points of leader Ron Silk in Bonsignore had a busy Saturday at New Hampshire Motor Speedway - one that ended with his 42nd career NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour victory - and a strong performance in his NA-SCAR Xfinity Series debut with Joe Gibbs Racing.

Bonsignore started the day early - as the Whelen Modified Tour hit the track for the Mohegan Sun 100 at 10 a.m. Bonsignore ran inside the top-three for the duration of the race after rolling off on the front row for the 100-lap event. In the final laps, he battled with his cousin, Kyle Bonsignore, for the win. Justin kept control of the race for the final restart, then drove away from

to the start-finish line to rocket to Victory Lane.

The Whelen Modified Tour win was Justin's second of the season through seven events, and tied Ted Christopher for third alltime on the series wins list. Bonsignore now sits behind Reggie Ruggerio (44) and Mike Stefanik (74) on the wins list.

"We have 16 awesome races in a year, but this is our Daytona 500," Justin said. "Everyone wants to win this race. There's so much that goes into putting yourself in position and having a good car. It's mentally tough to control and understand what you need to do in these late restarts."

Bonsignore pulled within

the championship standings as the series heads for the halfway point of the season in the next race, set for July 20 at Monadnock Speedway.

After the Whelen Modified Tour win, Bonsignore moved to his NASCAR Xfinity Series debut with Joe Gibbs Racing, competing in the SciAps 200. Driving the M3 Technology, USNE No. 19 Toyota GR Supra, Bonsignore started 25th in the field after qualifying was canceled on Friday due to rain. In the early part of the race, Bonsignore pitted and stayed out at the end of the first stage, taking the lead of the race. From there, he ran in the top-five for a large portion of the day.

After a late caution, contact in turn one sent Bonsignore spinning, pushing him to a finish of 23rd in his debut. However, the result didn't show the day the New York native had on NA-SCAR's National Series stage.

"You really couldn't have asked for a better day with Joe Gibbs Racing," Bonsignore said. "Our crew chief played some great strategy to get us up there. I was still learning even right to the end of the race. I was getting better and better all day long and we had a really good car. I can't thank M3 Technology, USNE and everyone else who made this possible enough for the opportu-

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Guzman, Lucas Bucenec, Lucas Ferguson, Max O'Malley, Jaxson Farraher, Nick Abramo, Carter Bucenec, Zephirin Mondor, Jacob Reed, Nick Abair, and David McGuill.

The members of the Red Sox are Aiden Wawizkiewicz, Hunter Ryan, Jayce Ryan, Jack French, Owen George, Austin Carter, Andrew Choquet, James Tripp, Michael Martin, Quinn Sorenson, Bradley Carter, Jase Hunter, and Ethyn Johnson.

"We played well for five innings, but we just rattled a little bit in the final inning," said Red Sox manager Sarah Ryan. "We made a couple of costly mistakes. This is only our second loss of the season, but we did battle back in our final at-bats. It was a great game."

The Yankees only had two base hits against Hunter Ryan during the first five innings of game one.

The sixth inning Yankees rally began with a lead off walk by to win one more game now."

Abair and Gilbert followed with a double to left field which put two runners in scoring position. Guzman, who also had a run scoring triple in the fourth, drove home both base runners with a single up the middle into center field.

After George replaced Ryan on the mound, Guzman scored the tying run on a wild pitch. A couple of batters later, Farraher hit into a fielder's choice play scoring another run, which gave the Yankees the lead for the first time at 6-5. Two more runs crossed the plate following back-to-back infield singles by Carter Bucenec, and Mondor. Another walk by Abair with the bases loaded increased the Yankees lead to 9-5 before the inning finally came to end with a flyball out.

"We were very patient at the plate in the final inning," said Sean Bucenec, who grew up as a New York Yankees fan in New Jersey. "We had a couple of huge hits in that inning. We just need

The Red Sox didn't go down quietly in their final at-bats.

With one-out, Hunter Ryan blasted a double to left field scoring Johnson, who drew a leadoff walk. Ryan scored on a wild pitch closing the gap to 9-7. Jayce Ryan continued the Red Sox rally with a walk and he also scored on a wild pitch.

Ferguson, who took over on the mound at the start of the sixth inning, ended the drama by striking out the next two batters.

The Red Sox took a 3-0 lead in the first inning against Lucas Bucenec, who only pitched three innings. French and Carter had RBI singles, while Jayce Ryan scored the other run on a passed

The Red Sox took a 4-0 lead two innings later when Hunter Ryan, who lined a single to left, scored on a wild pitch.

The Ryan's are twins, and they were also batterymates.

The Yankees, who only had one hit against Hunter Ryan during the first three innings, cut the deficit in half in the top of the fourth inning.

The Red Sox put another run on the scoreboard in the bottom half of the frame giving them a 5-2 advantage.

The three run lead wasn't good enough, as the Yankees battled back in their final at-bats.

The highlight of game two was the outstanding pitching performance by Farraher. He allowed only two hits and recorded eight strikeouts in his complete-game masterpiece. He also had an RBI. O'Malley drove home the other two of the Yankees runs with a

The Red Sox run was driven home by Jase Hunter, who hit a

Several of the players on both teams will be teammates on Sturbridge's District 5 Major Division All-Star team. That tournament is scheduled to begin this





Athlete of the Week

Brayden Mega

Palmer

Mega is a member of the Monson Post 241 baseball team in pitched in its first win of the summer season over North Adams.

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GARDEN

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league if we don't make very many mistakes."

The winning pitcher in the only meeting of the regular season between the two squads was lefthander Brady Perkins, who graduated from Belchertown High School in 2023.

Perkins allowed three runs on three base hits with four walks and two strikeouts. He threw a total of 52 pitches during the first four innings.

This past spring, Perkins won two games as a freshman member of the Framingham State University baseball team.

Belchertown righthander Alex West, who attends Hopkins Academy, took over on the mound in the bottom of the fifth inning. He only allowed just one base hit over the final three frames.

Righty James Delaney was the Monson starting pitcher.

Delaney lives in Palmer, but he graduated from Belchertown High School a year ago where he was a member of the Orioles varsity hockey team.

"James asked me if he could be the starting pitcher in tonight's game," Tripp said. "He was an outstanding hockey player at Belchertown

High School, but he didn't make their baseball team. In my opinion, he got a raw deal."

Delaney also played hockey at Phillips Academy (Andover) this past He allowed six runs (four earned)

on five hits with three walks and three strikeouts. After scoring two unearned runs

during the first three innings, Belchertown put-together a rally in the fifth. Derek Gould, who was a senior

on the Orioles varsity baseball team this past spring and was selected as an Academic All-American by the High School Baseball Coaches Association, drew a leadoff walk. His younger brother, Ryan fol-

lowed with a bunt hit and Pat Fitzgibbons also walked which loaded the bases. At that point, Delaney was re-

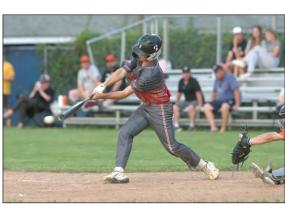
lieved by righty Nate Kaczuwka, who was a pitcher on the Ware varsity baseball team. Another walk by Beau Elson

(Hopkins) forced home the tying run. Then Ryan Gould scored on a

wild pitch giving the visiting team a 4-3 lead.



John Mumper slings a throw over to first.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Brayden Mega swings and connects.

Two more runs crossed the plate when Chace Earle (2-for-4) doubled to right center with one out.

West retired six of the final seven Monson batters that he faced.

Belchertown took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning.

With two-outs, Fitzgibbons was safe at first base following a throwing error by the Monson third baseman. Fitzgibbons came home when Elson blasted a triple to right field.

Belchertown didn't keep the lead for very long,

Monson took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the first when Dylan Sutkaitis (2-for-2) blasted a two run double to the gap in right center. Sutkaitis is one of the five players from Ware High School listed on the Monson legion roster. He's planning to play baseball at Anna Maria College in Paxton next

After Belchertown tied the score with another unearned run in the third inning, Monson answered right back in the bottom half of frame.

Jason Mumper, who's another Ware varsity baseball player, broke the tie with an RBI single to right field.

Monson held onto the one run lead until the fifth inning.

DEATH NOTICES

Francis H. Beaulieu

Died June 5, 2024 Services were June 15, 2024 Lombard Funeral Home

Katherine M. Karpinski

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Police/Fire

Fire Logs

MONSON

The Monson Fire Department responded to five fire calls and 22 emergency medical calls for the week of June 17-23.

June 17 at 2:10 p.m. Responded to Elm Street for a residential lock-out. Returned to service at 2:35 p.m.

June 18 at 2:11 p.m. Responded to Pine Street for a fire alarm activation. Returned to service at 2:28 p.m.

June 20 at 9:06 p.m. Responded with mutual aid to Palmer. Returned to service at 9:47 p.m.

June 22 at 8:08 p.m. Responded to Lower Hampden Road for a generator on fire in a yard. Returned to service at 9:11

June 22 at 11:44 p.m. Responded to Wait Road for a fire alarm activation. Returned to service at 12:19 a.m. on June 23.

Three Rivers

TheThree Rivers Fire Department responded to four calls for the week of June

Wed. June 19- N Main St, Palmer (Town of), Public service

Wed. June 19 -Front St, Three Rivers, Public service

Wed. June 19 - Pineview St, Three Rivers, Medical assist, assist EMS crew

Wed. June 19 - Bourne St, Three Rivers,

Medical assist, assist EMS crew

Francis H. Beaulieu, 1929-2024

MONSON—Francis Beaulieu, 94, a lifelong resident of Monson, passed away Wed., June 5, 2024. Francis was born in Palmer, Oct. 21, 1929 to the late Harold L. and Melvina M. (Proulx) Beaulieu. He attended Monson High School and Springfield Trade until he left his junior year to help raise his brother's Robert and Neil, helping them to continue their education. During that time, he found his lifelong partner Barbara. He later joined the US air Force and married Barbara and have been inseparable for 75 years.

Francis retired from Construction Services in Wilbraham in 1992 after 37 years. He was a member of the Teamster's local 404, a former member of the Knights of Columbus and a communicant of St. Patrick's Church in Monson. After his retirement he assisted at Beers and Story Funeral Home and was a volunteer at Wing Memorial Hospital. Francis was a husband, father, grandfather, brother, son, uncle, story teller, a hero and a friend to many! Francis enjoyed traveling, dancing, playing cards, watching the Red Sox and Patriots, and hosting

epic 4th of July parties for decades. He lived every moment of his life to the fullest.

Francis leaves his loving wife Barbara L. (Francis) Beaulieu and their children, Guy P. Beaulieu and his wife Sandra Crowley of Ware, Gail Beach and her husband Kenneth of Deland, FL, Diana Beaulieu of Charlton and Kimberly Wales of Monson; daughter in-law, Ginger Beaulieu of Monson; a brother, Neil Beaulieu and his wife Leann of Enfield, CT; two grandsons, Eric J. Beaulieu of



Three Rivers and Max I Arnold of Boyton Beach ,FL. Along with many nieces, nephews and friends. Francis was predeceased by a son, Michael F. Beaulieu and a brother, Robert Beaulieu.

Services have been entrusted to Lombard Funeral Home of Monson. Visitation was held Saturday, June 15 at the funeral home. There was a Funeral Liturgy at St. Patrick's Church with burial at Bethany Cemetery in Monson. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Monson Free Library 2 High St., Monson MA 01057 or to Wounded Warrior Project PO Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675-8516. For online condolences/ directions please visit, www. lombardfuneralhome.com

Wilbraham **United Church Offers Vacation Bible Camp**

WILBRAHAM Wilbraham United Church is offering a Vacation Bible Camp for children ages four through entering sixth grade in the fall. Camp is held July 29 through Aug. 2 from 9 a.m. to Noon. The theme this summer is "All Creatures Great and Small". Children will have activities in music, arts and crafts, service projects, games and bible stories featuring live animals! A water slide will also be a highlight of the week! Any child is welcome to attend. There is a \$50 fee per child. The church is also seeking adult and teen volunteers for the week. Children of adult volunteers for three or more days can attend camp for free (one child per adult volunteer.) Registration for camp is online at www.wilbrahamunitedchurch.org/vaca-



tion-bible-camp/.

Katherine M. Karpinski

THREE RIVERS—Kather- Liz, Marion and Loretine M. Karpinski, age 83, passed away June 22, 2024 with her loving family by her side.

Katherine, also known as" Kitty ", was born in Palmer on March 20, 1941 to the late Stella (Domoslowski) Nevue and Merrill Nevue. After high school, she began working at Tambrands Corporation from which she retired many years later.

Katherine was pre-deceased by her parents, her brothers and Raymond, Robert, Ben, Patrick, Francis, Charles, Irene, July 3, 2024 from 9:30-10:30

ta, and a son Anthony.

She leaves her son David and Lori, a grandson Dakota, as well as several nieces and nephews. Katherine was a member of the Red Hat Society as well as a communicant of St. Thomas the

loved to laugh and family was the center of her life.

Visitation will be hel



a.m. at the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home. A Mass will be held at 11 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle. Burial will immediately follow in St. Anne's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Katherine's

memory can be made Apostle Parish in Palmer. She to the American Cancer Society by visiting donate.cancer.org. Please visit www.beersandstory. com to extend online condoler

Highly anticipated local film opens June 27

AMHERST- Amherst Cinema is thrilled to announce the release of Janet Planet, a film by Pulitzer-Prize winning playwright and Amherst native Annie Baker. Opening on Thursday, June 27, the film is one of the cinema's most anticipated movies this summer.

Renowned for her evocative storytelling in theatre, Baker transitions to the silver screen with Janet Planet. Her directorial debut captures a child's experience of time passing, and the ineffability of a daughter falling out of love with her mother.

Janet Planet was shot entirely in Western Massachusetts and features significant contributions from area communities-such as Double Edge Theatre in Ashfield and with many residents participating as cast and crew. Including a few of Amherst Cinema's very own staff.

"For months, we've fielded calls from so many folks eager to share their stories and ready for their big screen debut. That day has finally come," said Amherst Cinema Executive Director Yasmin Chin Eisenhauer. "Janet Planet has arrived with critical acclaim and lots of buzz. We're excited to celebrate with neighborhood friends and filmgoers and look forward to a successful run at the Cinema."

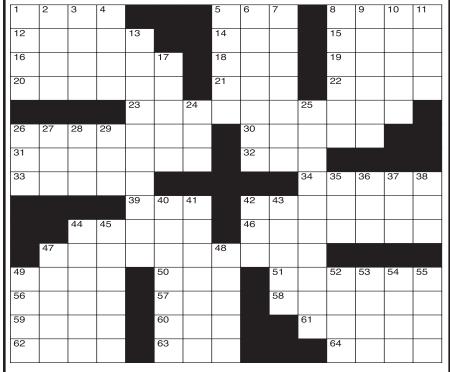
Set in rural Western Massachusetts, Janet Planet transports viewers to the summer of 1991, where 11-yearold Lacy (Zoe Ziegler) spends her days at home, enthralled by her own imagination and the attention of her mother, Janet (Julianne Nicholson). As the months pass, three visitors enter their orbit, all captivated by Janet and her spellbinding nature. In her solitary moments, Lacy inhabits an inner world so extraordinarily detailed that it begins to seep into the outside world.

Tickets are now available online and at the Box Office. For more information, visit: www.amherstcinema. org/films-and-events/janet-planet.

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cymbals 14. Scarf

15. Easily manageable 16. Cry

18. Financial term 19. Reactive structure in organic chemistry 56. Norse

(abbr.) 20. Clean out a riverbed

21. Seaport (abbr.) 22. English seascape painter

23. Bring back again 26. Subtracted from 30. Related on the

mother's side 31. Mooches 32. Commotion

33. Boer War general 34. Silklike nylon fabric 64. Selfs

42. Sarcastic in a bitter 44. Minute reproductive unit

39. CNN's founder

46. Nourishment 47. Large predatory tropical fish

7. Popular alcoholic 49. Small, rich sponge cake 50. Drink a small 8. Small round hole in amount 51. Golfer Rodriguez 9. Fertilizer

10. State of affairs that personification of old age 57. Large flightless bird 11. Count on 13. One who

58. Capsized 59. Convicted American 60. Music genre

61. Makes tractors 62. Undergo cell disintegration 63. Patti Hearst's captors

discriminates against 17. New Hampshire city 24. One who cares for teeth

contrary

CLUES DOWN

1. Post-traumatic

3. Swiss river

4. Slithered

5. Humiliate

6. Tumbled

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a leather cloth

seems deliberately

stress disorder

2. Goat-like mammal

25. Sent off 26. Mutual savings 27. Initial public offering

29. Northeastern institution of higher learning (abbr.) 35. A doctrine 36. Consumed 37. Trent Reznor's band

28. Denial

38. Perform in a movie 40. Schoolhouse implements 41. Mathematical term 42. Man who behaves

dishonorably 43. Expression of regret 44. Martens 45. Approval 47. Pleasantly warm

48. The Eurasian hoopoe 49. NBAer Bradlev 52. Engineering

organization 53. Horsefly 54. Type of sandwich 55. A day in the middle of the month

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- pulling books for holds and to send to other libraries
- assisting with computers, printers and fax machine - processing materials for the library collection

➤ LIBRARY CLEANER-PART TIME

- Hours for this position are flexible but work will be completed when the library is closed. Duties include but are not limited to:
 - sweeping and mopping hard floors
 - vacuuming rugs and carpets - cleaning the bathroom

- dusting furniture and bookshelves

Please ask Library staff for full job descriptions, or see our website at www.warelibrary.org. Applicants for either position may submit a resume or fill out an employment application, available at the Checkout Desk. Resumes can be mailed to 37 Main St., Ware 01082, or emailed to hreed@cwmars.org. Call Heidi Reed at 413-967-5491 with any questions. Both positions will be open until filled, but applications and resumes received by July 12th will be considered first.

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Send Us Your A Community **Autumn Events**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

UPCOMING

BINGO AT AMVETS POST 74 will be suspended for the summer starting Memorial Day weekend. Bingo is scheduled to resume the Monday following Labor Day. For more info contact the Post at 413-283-4518.

SUMMER DRAMA & DANCE PROGRAM BEGINNING JUNE 18 AND END-ING AUGUST 25 Do you love dancing and acting? Have you always been interested but never tried? All levels and ages 5-18 welcome. (Drama students must be able to read). Contact: trulytorie2000@gmail.comfor more info and to register.

PINE VALLEY ANNUAL TAG SALE: SATURDAY, July 13, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m,. at 281 Chauncey Walker St. Welcome station with maps, burgers/dogs/snacks/cold drinks. Restrooms. Huge variety of items.

PATHFINDER 40TH CLASS RE-UNION The event will be at Pulaski Park, on Saturday, Sept. 28, from noon to 5 p.m.

ONGOING

FARMER'S MARKETS: The Brimfield Farmers Market at Hitchcock Academy is a fun place to find cool, unique products, plants and seasonal produce every Saturday while you meet your neighbors and support Hitchcock and local businesses. The market starts on April 13, and runs from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

WALES FARMER'S MARKET - Baked goods, honey, antiques, plants, tag sale and craft items, every Saturday at 9 a.m. until noon from May 25, 2024, until Labor Day weekend at the Wales Baptist Church pavilion on Route 19. There will be fresh vegetables when in season. Vendor spots are available.

INTERESTS

PIONEER VALLEY QUILTERS Guild meets at the Elks Lodge #61 at 440 Tiffany St., Springfield. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. and all are welcome. The mission of the guild is two-fold: to share the joy of quilting with others and to work for the betterment

of the community. Monies raised (as in the biannual quilt show) support various workshops and speakers for the meetings, as well as allow the guild to buy materials that are then used to create donated items. The guild has donated quilts, baby bibs, cardiac pillows, and Christmas stockings for veterans to a variety of community agencies, including but not limited to the Springfield Rescue Mission and the Gray House.

CRAFTERNOONS: Drop in 2-4 p.m. daily at the Holland Public Library, 23 Sturbridge Road to learn or practice different crafts. There are new crafts every Wednesday. For more information, call 413-245-3607.

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

QUABOAG VALLEY QUILTERS

GUILD: Members meet at 1 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month in the Amvets post at 2150 Main St., Three Rivers. The Guild is a no-pressure group with varying degrees of accomplishments, from novice to Big E "Best In Show" winners. Dues are \$55 a year. For more information, contact Barbara Beaulieu at 267-4044 or Merry Mombourquette at 283-7577. Follow them on Facebook for more.

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

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LINE DANCING CLASS: 3-5 p.m. and/or 6:30-8:30 p.m., every Thursday at the Monson Polish Club, 7 Bliss St, Monson. Rose's line dancing classes include absolute beginners and beginners, and participants get to dance to all types of music.

\$10 per class. Please wear comfortable footwear, no sandals.

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

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

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

WATER SAFETY

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themselves in water over their heads with little time to call for help and they can submerge and drown very quickly.

"Alcohol reduces body temperature and impairs swimming ability, balance, coordination, and judgment and its effects are heightened by sun exposure and heat," said Dr. Sills offering these additional water safety tips:

Water safety tips:Never swim alone.

- Take swimming lessons.
- Make sure you are ready to respond in case of an emergency: have an emergency phone near the body of water and learn how to perform CPR.
- Have a pool fence and keep toys away from the pool. Toys can attract young children into the pool.
- Know the depth of the water and the water temperature before swimming. Cold water can tax the body and make it difficult to swim well.
- Do not swim if you have been drinking or if you have taken medication that alters your medical status.
- Toddlers should wear proper swim diapers designed to contain urine and feces.
- Empty all buckets, containers, and wading pools immediately after use. Store them upside-down and out of children's reach.
- Know the local weather conditions and forecast before swimming or boating.
- What to do if you see someone drowning?
 Call 9-1-1 immediately.

If the victim is within throwing distance, throw a floatable object to them. This includes a life jacket, kickboard, or even an empty gallon jug.

If the victim is within reaching distance, assist them by extending something long, such as a rope, pole, ring buoy, or a tree branch.

If you must enter the water to assist someone, take a flotation device large enough to carry two adults safely. Keep the device between you and the person in distress; even a child can put an adult at risk in deep water.

"Taking the right precautions, summer can be a safe and enjoyable time for the whole family," noted Sills.

For more information about Baystate Wing Hospital, visit baystatehealth. org/wing.



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Public notices

Town of Wales Zoning Board of Appeals Notic of Public Hearing

In accordance with the provisions of MGL Ch 40A §10 &§11, the Wales Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on July 16, 2024, at the Wales Senior Center at 5:30 p.m. on the application of Alice Lombard & Brian Hatch regarding the property at 41 Fountain Rd. in Wales. The applicants have applied for a special permit in terms of the Town of Wales Zoning By-law Sec. 4. 2. The Town of Wales Zoning By-Law Sec. 4.2.2 states "A pre-existing non-conforming use or structure may not be extended, altered or changed except by a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals." Specifically, the applicant wishes to demo a section of the existing home and construct/rehab the single-family home on site with driveway installation, new septic and landscaping. Any person interested and wishing to be heard on this application should refer to July 16th, 2024, agenda on the Zoning Board of Appeals page on the town website (www.townofwales.net). If you have any questions or concerns, please email planning@townofwales.net

TOWN OF PALMER PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

06/27, 07/04/2024

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40 A, Section 15 M.G.L. the Palmer Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 11, 2024 at 5:30 PM at the Palmer Town Administration Building, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA.

The applicant, David Pasquini, is requesting an administrative appeal from a decision of the Building Inspector dated May 20th, 2024 to deny a building permit in accordance with §171-35 of the Palmer Zoning Ordinance, which requires a minimum of 150' frontage for a single family home without public water and sewer in the Town Residential zoning district. The property is located at 79 Buckland St. This parcel is also known as Assessor's Map 61, Lot 128.

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

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

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

Dennis Fountain Chairman. Palmer Zoning Board of Appeals 06/20, 06/27/2024

PALMER PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A. Section 11, M.G.L. the Palmer Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 15, at 7:00 PM in the Town Administrative Building. 4417 Main St, Palmer MA.

The applicant, Palmer Paving Corp. (PPC) is seeking a Special Permit as required by section 171.73 of the Palmer Zoning Ordinance to remove Earth materials for a one year term, on the property located at 863 Ware Street, Palmer MA, also known as Assessor's Map 31 Lot 28.

A copy of the application may be inspected at the Planning Department office in the Town Administrative Building Monday-Thursday 8:30am – 4:30pm.

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

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Michael Marciniec, Chairman 06/27, 07/04/2024

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The applicant, Palmer Paving Corp. (formally known as JJC Materials) is seeking a Special Permit as required by section 171.73 of the Palmer Zoning Ordinance to remove Earth materials for a one year term, on the property located at 1310/1312 Park Street, Palmer MA, also known as Assessor's Map, 7 Lot 13 and Map 56 Lots 78, 79, 80 & 83.

A copy of the application may be inspected at the Planning Department office in the Town Administrative Building Monday-Thursday 8:30am – 4:30pm.

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Docket No. HD20P2120PM NOTICE In the matter of: Eileen C Benoit of Palmer, MA **Protected Person/Disabled** Person/Respondent CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF **CONSERVATOR'S** ACCOUNT the named

Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the

Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court. that the First and Final account(s) of Sheila A LaBarre of Palmer, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

50 State Street

Springfield MA, 01103

You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 07/30/2024. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the

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

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

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

financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon, Barbara M. Hyland, First Justice of Date: June 18, 2024

Rosemary A. Saccomani Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of MA Gen. Laws, Chap. 255, Sec. 39A, the following vehicles will be sold at public auction for towing and storage charges due: FORD VIN: 1FDFE4FS2FDA38184 Alexandra Riviere Stedman 112 King ST Apt B Northampton, MA; CHEVY VIN: 2CND173F876234692 Melanie Donohue 457 Lumas ST Westfield, MA; FORD VIN: 1FDAF56F2YEB89563 Pro Cut of R.I. Inc. 165 Dyerville Ave. #3 Johnston, RI; FORD VIN: 1FDAF56F2YEB89563 Alexandra Riviere Stedman 112 King ST Apt B Northampton, MA; TOYOTA VIN: JTDKB2OU840047087 Alpuslan Turk 20 Banbury ST Springfield, MA; CADILLAC VIN: 1G6AL5SX1E0122945 Jennifer MCGuill 15 Meadowbrook LN Palmer, MA; FORD VIN: 3FAHPOHA2AR293404 Matthew Samek PO Box 1123 Barre, MA/85 Bethany Road Unit 4 Monson, MA: HONDA VIN: 1HGCM72615R010194 Melissa Moore 2 Castle ST Ware, MA; HONDA VIN: 1HGCM66586A071233 David Sanchez Santos 633 Walls CIR Oliver Springs, TN; BUICK VIN: 2G4WD582791130002 Shawn Bowen 45 Elm ST Monson, MA. This auction is to take place on July 5, 2024. 10:00 Å.M. at LaBontes &

06/20, 06/27, 07/04/2024

(et seq):

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket 24 SM 002193 ORDER OF NOTICE

To: James H. Loper and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901

NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Wales, numbered 84 Stafford Holland Road, given by James H. Loper to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Drew Mortgage Associates, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated June 21, 2006, and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 16006, Page 511, 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 Act. 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 July **29, 2024**, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on June 12, 2024. Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson

06/27/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court** 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD24P1340EA

Estate of: Jean Marie Miner Also known as: Jean M. Miner Date of Death: 05/23/2024 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL

ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with **Appointment of Personal** Representative has been filed by Eric M. Miner of Palmer, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as request-

ed in the Petition. Petitioner The requests that: Eric M. Miner of Palmer, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/12/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day. action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

WITNESS. Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court. Date: June 21, 2024

Rosemary A Saccomani, Register of 06/27/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court** 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD19P1042PM In the Interests of: Marlene Rame Of: Palmer, MA RESPONDENT

Incapacitated Person/ Protected Person CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF

A CONSERVATOR To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Jewish Family Service of Springfield, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Terminate the Conservatorship.

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/ or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the 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 07/15/2024. 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 above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M. Hyland, First Justice of this Court. Date: June 17, 2024

Rosemary A. Saccomani Register of Probate 06/27/2024

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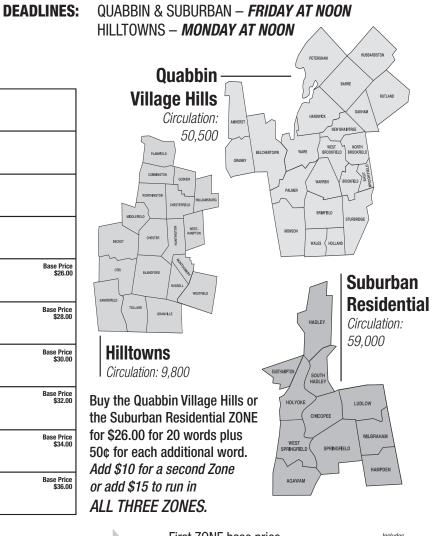
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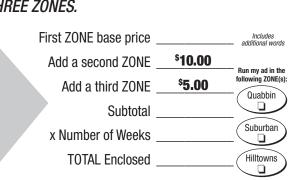
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Conductor/Music Director Alexandria Black provides an introduction for one of the songs performed by the Old Post Road Orchestra at their concert on June 14.



The Old Post Road Orchestra performs a number as Conductor/Music Director Alexandria Black leads the group during their June 14 concert at Memorial Hall in Monson.



From the left, Justin Kellner on guitar and Ryan Schneider on percussion perform their parts during the June 14 Old Post Road Orchestra concert at Memorial Hall in Monson.



Turley photos by Kristin Rivers
From the left, Sara Melikian on bassoon, Ashlee Fillion
on bassoon and Maria Thomson on trombone perform.

OPRO '70s and '80s Pop and Rock Classics' unforgettable triumph

By Kristin Rivers
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MONSON - Old Post Road Orchestra brought the house down with one of their final two shows of the 2023-2024 season on June 14.

The Old Post Road Orchestra, founded by Malita Brown in 1986 and located in Wilbraham, is a multi-generation community group performing engaging, symphonic music to delight, educate and entertain all ages and, I would add, with a twist as the songs they perform are ones you love but with an orchestra flair that makes you appreciate each chord and note strummed or played.

Today, OPRO remains an active, volunteer community orchestra with a mission of enriching the cultural vitality of Western Massachusetts.

The show took place at Memorial Hall and featured a mix of orchestra and soloists performing pop and rock music from the 1970s and 1980s, with show-stopping numbers from start to finish.

It was sponsored by the Monson Cultural Council, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

It is also Conductor/Music Director Alexandria Black's second season with the orchestra, who introduced each song and featured soloist and led the orchestra with a mix of passion, enthusiasm and grace.

The orchestra's final show took place on June 16 at Loomis Lakeside at Reed's Landing in Springfield.

For this concert, which the Times had the opportunity to attend, the show kicked off with a bang thanks to a show-stopping number of the classic "I Will Survive" from Gloria Gaynor, mixing sass, motivation, fun and an addicting beat that made you want to get up and dance. Black and the orchestra tapping into the core of the song's message of perseverance and getting back on your feet had the audience hooked for the start and ready for a night of memories, surprises and all-around fun.

Next, "99 Red Balloons" by Nena with Deb Alm, who plays the clarinet and serves as section leader for the clarinet players, as soloist for the number. With a tenderness filled with fire and excitement, Alm's clarinet solo guided the audience through a beautiful rendition, culminating with a single red balloon suddenly rising in the air as the final notes played.

The red balloon's appearance brought a sense of awe and smiles to the packed audience.

After this, it was time to rock out with Joan Jett's "I Love Rock n' Roll" and Sara Melikian on bassoon serving as soloist, bringing on a foot-tapping rendition that encouraged the audience to interact, clapping their hands along to the beats and nodding along to the earworm sounds. It was here I felt a growing crescendo and the orchestra's passion, digging deep to connect and be in tune--literally--with the

song while having a head-banging good time.

"Heart of Glass" by Blondie with Denise Pashko on the flute as soloist soon followed, a number like night and day with a colorful performance that was delicate and crowd-pleasing while turning the song on its head, with moments leaving the audience in disbelief and hooked on every note to see what would be heard next.

Pashko also deserves particular praise for capturing the song's soul through the flute, with the orchestra working alongside her to bring it all home with a seamless touch.

After the intermission, "Gimme! Gimme! Gimme!" from ABBA transported the audience back to the 70s with suspense and flairs of drama mixed with fun and playfulness. It was this rendition that made me see the song in a different light and wanting more, feeling it ended way too soon and needed an encore.

"Barracuda" by Nancy Wilson of Heart had Karen Lafayette on trumpet as soloist, bringing a dramatic, suspenseful, entertaining and intense rendition of the 1977 classic, with the higher notes making my eyebrows raise in awe, being left with a memorable impression from start to finish

"Space Oddity" by David Bowie was a unique and enchanting experience thanks, in part, to the vocals of Lorie Banks and Erik Valdes, with Valdes strumming the guitar throughout the performance. Haunting, enthralling and, at times, moving, you came to appreciate and love the Space Oddity in its entirety, encouraging him to reach for the stars and aim high.

"Rasputin" by Boney M with Tom Greene on the tuba as soloist stole the show too, with Greene at one point gesturing with his hands to get the audience amped up during



Deb Alm performs the clarinet as Conductor/Music Director Alexandria Black leads the Old Post Road Orchestra in a performance of "99 Red Balloons" by Nena. The red balloon rising at the end of the performance was a crowd-pleaser.

the final notes, which brought an opportunity for audience interaction and connection. This piece was also filled with drama and suspense, bringing an enthralling hush through the audience as the orchestra got lost in the notes.

The final number, "Bohemian Rhapsody" from Queen with Karen Pery as soloist with the viola was a perfect

bookend to a rousing, powerful and energetic night of art. With Pery at the helm, the orchestra hit each note with a careful, precise touch, creating a crescendo of joy and sadness that never lost its step during the six-minute runtime of the song. A grand finale worthy of the standing ovation and raucous applause it received.

If you haven't caught a show from Old Post Road Orchestra, you might need to when their 2024-2025 concert season rolls around. Their first show for the upcoming season is on October 18, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Church in Hampden.

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Hills of East Quabbin Ride to benefit East Quabbin Land Trust



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The Pumpkin Heads were one of the road biking clubs that participated in the East Quabbin Land Trust's inaugural Hills of East Quabbin Ride held this past Saturday. Shown from left are Randy Thomas of Belchertown, Jen Ayre of Belchertown, Marcy Thomas of Belchertown, Karen Davis of Palmer, Lloyd Ortman of Belchertown, Jim Davis of Palmer, Melinda Rigney of Belchertown, Brad Hoffman of East Longmeadow, Moe Esposito of Lakewood Ranch, Florida and David Casey of South Hadley.

> By Paula Ouimette pouimette@turley.com

NEW BRAINTREE - This past Saturday morning, 71 cyclists took to the road to conquer the rolling hills of the region, with the goal of raising money to benefit the East Quabbin Land

EQLT Executive Director Cynthia Henshaw said the Hills of the East Ouabbin Ride was the idea of Ware resident and avid cyclist John Hogan, who helped lay out two courses, a 25mile and a 50-mile, through the towns of New Braintree, North Brookfield, West Brookfield, Hardwick, Barre and Oakham. The ride started and ended at Farmer Matt's.

Hogan said he has attended a few events sponsored by EQLT, but this was his first time being an active participant in organizing one.

"It really just came about because as far as cycling, there's several nice cycling events in the area. Two of the ones I really enjoy have been fundraisers for land trusts," Hogan said.

Hogan has been cycling as his primary form of exercise for about 10 years, joining his friends and fellow cyclists The Pumpkin Heads for rides around the region every Sunday. Many

The Pumpkin Heads hailed from Belchertown, Palmer, South Hadley, East Longmeadow and even Florida.

of The Pumpkin Heads signed up for

the ride, ready to take on the 25-mile

One of The Pumpkin Heads, so named because of his bright orange helmet, is Belchertown resident (and former North Brookfield Public Schools teacher) Lloyd Ortman. Hogan said Ortman was very instrumental in building this event and mapping out the courses using an app.

"Lloyd was essentially the brains of the project. I know these roads well, but Lloyd knows how to do apps...It worked fantastically," Hogan said.

Ortman was one of two tandem bike teams that participated in the Hills of East Quabbin Ride, partnered with his wife, Melinda Rigney.

"John and I designed the course, with Melinda's help," Ortman said.

The biggest challenge on both courses, Hogan said, is the degree of climbing, which he said is reflective of

"Both really had respectable elevation for those distances...this area is just loaded with gorgeous back roads most



A biker takes off on the 50-mile course.



Bikers wave as they make their way to the start.



Patrick Brandon of Killingworth, Connecticut sets out on the 50-mile course.



Seventy-one bikers participated in the Hills of East Quabbin Ride.



Bikers leave Farmer Matt's on Saturday morning for the Hills of East Quabbin Ride.

of which are in really good shape and do not have a lot of traffic."

These two things combined make the roads of the East Quabbin region especially appealing to cyclists.

"You just get a chance to put your head up and breathe the air and look around," Hogan said.

Ortman and Rigney are now on their third tandem bike, and they have traveled roads near and far for adventures, including Sicily, France, Nether-

lands, Majorca and more. "It's the most fun you'll ever have on a bicycle," Rigney said of the tan-

Rigney said at first, she was opposed to riding on the tandem but now it has been a bonding experience for her and her husband.

Another cycling club, the Seven Hills Wheelmen, also had a strong showing, including member and past president, Bill Dobson of Spencer. Dobson has been a member of the club for 25 years.

Dobson, a regular customer at Farmer Matt's, said he rides for six hours a week and also enjoys mountain

Dobson said he "blames the bikes" for helping him overcome the side effects of his cancer treatment following his diagnosis two years ago. He is now cancer-free and enjoying the challenge the hills of East Quabbin and Worcester give him every time his tires meet pave-

"It's been great," Dobson said of the ride. "This is the time of year you want to do this.'

Matt Koziol of Farmer Matt co-hosted the ride on his farm located at 860 West Brookfield Road, offering barbecue food options while Lost Towns Brewing brought cool, refreshing brews. Live music was provided by Serena Mae of Mama Kilsmith and Andrew Paulin.

"I'm an avid supporter of the East Quabbin Land Trust," Koziol said, adding that one of its kestrel nesting boxes is located on his farm.

Koziol said he saw a lot of his regular customers as well as new faces at the ride.

Hogan said the feedback he received following the event from cyclists was overwhelmingly positive.

"The feedback was good, and people were happy. We were lucky, too, the weather was decent. Considering how the weather was a couple of days before," he said.

Hogan and others are already looking forward to next year's event after the success of Saturday's ride.

"It was really just the idea to do something that I think would be nice locally for an annual event," Hogan said. "It's a win-win. Helping the land trust is something I feel strongly about...it's just what I had hoped it would be."

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