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Keep Massachusetts Beautiful presentation will be on Aug. 6, at the Palmer

Read, Reuse, Recycle with the Palmer Library

By Tessa Quinn Correspondent

PALMER - If you're ever confused about what can actually be recycled and what can't be, you're not alone. That's why the Palmer Public Library is bringing in Keep Massachusetts Beautiful to put on a new event in hopes of making a difference one piece of trash at a time.

On Tuesday, Aug. 6, a speaker will be inside the library's Community Room for a trash and recycling presentation. The representative from Keep Massachusetts Beautiful will be discussing what kind of products can be recycled and what needs to be thrown out.

Keep Massachusetts Beautiful is a nonprofit group working to keep trash out of the bay state's landscapes. The group focuses on

litter prevention and cleanup, waste reduction, recycling, and community education.

They work to limit reliance on single use plastics and other unsustainable products while helping repair recycling and reuse programs. By improving these kinds of programs, Keep Massachusetts Beautiful hopes to limit the amount of trash that ends up as litter.

According to Amy Golenski, the library's Adult Services Librarian, the event will also go into the costs and complexities of managing trash disposal and recycling. She says the organization will go into Palmer's recycling and garbage systems but also "what happens to trash here in Massachusetts."

Complexities include plastic

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Agriculture Commission to hold Farmer's Market



Farmer's Market will be held on Sept. 14 at Memorial Hall in Monson.

By Marcelo Gusmão Staff Writer mgusmao@turley.com

MONSON – The Agriculture Commission approached the Select Board to ask about holding a Farmer's Market at Memorial Hall in the

Commission Chair Robert Skalbite, and members Ben Murphy and Ray Beaudoin opened their meeting at the July 23 Select Board meeting to announce a Farmer's Market event to be held on Sept. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The commission had approached the board to request that the fee to use Memorial Hall be waived, as it had no budget to put on the event.

"Once we get the application we can let it go through, waiving the fee," said Select Board Member

Murphy said that this will be



the first farmer's market put on by the commission.

"I was actually on the original AgCom, like 13 years ago," Murphy said. "What I'm thinking is to teach people what this is all about with farming. Like, if you have two chickens are you classified as a farmer? Not necessarily; so, how do we get together as a committee where we can answer questions for

Skalbite said that the event is being planned primarily indoors at Memorial Hall, though there will be some options for vendors that need to be outdoors to set up on the property. Select Board Chair John Morrell urged the commission to make sure that the attendees don't inter-

fere with the Soldiers' Monument. "That's why we're putting most everything inside," Skalbite said. "We talked about it in our meeting, to make sure everyone's far away from that."

Skalbite said that the commission is still looking for vendors to participate in the market, and that

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ZBA continues discussion on Boston Road

By Marcelo Gusmão Staff Writer mgusmao@turley.com

MONSON - Last week, the Zoning Board of Appeals had a brief meeting where they continued the discussion of the property on Boston Road.

Board Member Ron Fussell started the July 25 meeting with a reading of the board's power and purpose for the sake of the public record.

to hold public hearings on dimensional and density variances, Special permits as required by the Monson zoning bylaws, and to hear appeals of the decisions of the building commissioner, zoning enforcement officer, or any other administrative officer," Fussell said.

The meeting then turned to the continued discussion over the property on Boston Road, which ing Enforcement said that she rehad been continued from the previceived an email from Conservation

"The power and purpose of ous meeting and several meetings the Zoning Board of Appeals is before. The property owner had been issued violations by the Conservation Commission, and had reported improvements to the board at the previous meeting. "Last month we had a belea-

> ing, slow process of meeting Conservation's comments," Fussell

guered discussion about the ongo-

Penny Gustafson from Zon-

Agent Justin Enright that said there was no new information about the property, and their hearing was continued to the Conservation Commission's August 7 meeting.

"Since Conservation is continuing, there's nothing further for us to add to the very long discussion we had last time about nothing progressing to the pace that was necessary to close this matter," Fussell said.

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Brimfield Olde Home



Submitted photos

Kailis Spence, Pearle Besset and Camille Sheldon enjoyed ice cream and checking out the vendor, "The Bear Cove." Please see more photos on page 15.

MONSON

Select Board declares Patty Emerson Day in honor of retiring dispatcher

By Marcelo Gusmão Staff Writer mgusmao@turley.com

MONSON - At the July 23 Select Board meeting, the town recognized a retiring dispatcher for her contributions, as well as approving a liquor license transfer.

Prior to opening the floor for Public Comments, Select Board

text he received from Town Administrator Jennifer Wolowicz about a question regarding changing the comment session at the last

"Mystery solved," the text read, "at our April 23 meeting, the topic 'code of conduct, boards and committees' policy was on the agenda. I misunderstood and

Chair John Morrell brought up a thought the Select Board wanted to have the Public Comment section mirror the MIIA language."

> Wolowicz said that this was the reason for the change in the agenda, and apologized. Morrell then brought up a comment at the previous meeting by Roxanne Gunther about opening up a door to the hallway to increase the capacity of the meeting room.

"That had been looked at a couple of weeks before," Morrell said. "The full board looked at that and investigated, and that's not an option, we found."

Morrell then opened the floor for public comments, which included comments from Patricia Emerson, who recently retired after 44 years of service to the town.

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SUMMER SIZZLER

WB&CA and Beyond hosts backyard cookout for summer event

THREE RIVERS - The Ware Business & Civic Association and Beyond held its annual summer event at AMVETS Post 74 last Wednesday evening.

The Summer Sizzler featured a backyard cookout complete with hamburgers, salads and lawn games of horseshoes and cornhole.

The Ware Business & Civic Association and Beyond membership consists of businesses and organizations from Ware, Palmer, Belchertown, Hardwick, Warren and West Brookfield. Its monthly meetings are open to any business or organization

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Gabe DeRosa of the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation threw a horseshoe

Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

during the Ware Business & Civic Association and Beyond's Summer Sizzler event held at **AMVETS Post 74 in Three Rivers last Wednesday.**



PARIS

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

Ice Cream Social at the Keep Homestead Museum

Plan to visit to the Keep Homestead Museum on August 4 from 1 - 3:30 p.m. for the Ice Cream Social. Come and enjoy making a sundae with Rondeau's ice cream and various toppings.

While enjoying your sundae creation, enjoy the musical entertainment featuring FROZENRED -Rose Higgins, Fred Higgins, Finlay Higgins (guitar) and Camille Collins Lovell (fiddle). They will be playing traditional folk music.

The public is welcome to tour the museum to view new exhibits, this is a free event though donations are welcome.

Fair program books now available

WARE— The Ware Grange Fair program books are here. Individuals can plan an exhibit by checking out the categories of exhibits in the fair program book. Books are available online at waregrange.org or to receive a book by mail call 413-284-1135 or email waregrange@comcast.net. Exhibitors may enter in a variety of categories including vegetables, fruits, eggs, cut flowers, baked goods, fancywork, arts and crafts, and photography. Plan your exhibits now for the fair which takes place in late August. See the Ware Grange website for schedule and details.



Student Ambassador-Mini Medical School candidates from the left to right Back row: Jack Lucarelle (Minnechaug HS), Aidan Dzierwinski (Minnechaug HS), Lucia Hellyar (Belchertown HS), Ena Amoakohene (Ludlow HS), George Wheeler (Belchertown HS)Left to right, front row: Michele LaPrade, Volunteer Coordinator, Jamie Bellerose (East Longmeadow HS), Kami Wlodyka (Belchertown HS), Chloe DaCosta (Belchertown HS), Abbigail Deren (Belchertown

Students participate in ambassador program at Baystate Wing Hospital

PALMER— In an effort to provide local high school students the opportunity to explore healthcare fields to help them determine a career path, Baystate Wing Hospital launched its first-ever student ambassador, mini medical school program. The program is an intensive two-week mini-medical school where students learn just some of the many different roles. Nine local students spent two weeks in July at BWH rotating through six different departments, attending educational sessions that were both handson and observation, and receiving some training like CPR, How to Stop the Bleed, and hand hygiene. Each day they experienced some-

"I heard about the Student Ambassador Mini Medical School program during morning announcements at school and decided to put in an application to attend," said George Wheeler from Belchertown High School. "I'm interested in a career in healthcare and thought this would allow me to explore different fields of medicine. Every day was a great experience. During the two weeks at Baystate Wing, I rounded in so many different departments and enjoyed learning from everyone. I found it interesting to learn the team, especially liked hearing from the finance department and

the quality team; together everyone cared that all patients had a good experience. What I gained from attending Mini Medical School is that I have an interest in clinical rehab, particularly occupational health, and hope to pursue that in college after I graduate next year."

At the end of the two weeks, a graduation ceremony was held where each student had to give a 3-4 minute slide presentation about their experience and journey through the program to their family and BWH team members. As they shared the highlights of their hospital experience and journey, they also shared if they were about to determine or reaffirm a career path decision or if they wanted to delve into a particular area further. The students also receive a Certificate of Completion for doing the program.

"The Student Ambassador Program has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my career. Not having had this kind of opportunity when I was in school brings me immense joy to be able to provide the first step in these students' career path," said Michele LaPrade, volunteer coordinator for the hospi-

The program, also offered at other Baystate Health Hospitals, have a keen interest in pursuing careers in healthcare, the unique

opportunity to explore some of the many different healthcare roles and experience in the hospital setting.

"Our goal is to help them either make a decision as to what medical career they wish to pursue or guide them in taking a deeper look into a particular field before they make the decision on what college to attend that fits their healthcare career choice," note LaPrade.

"The launch of the Student Ambassador Program, Mini Medical School at Baystate Wing Hospital marks a significant step towards nurturing the healthcare leaders of tomorrow," said Karli Barrett, chief nursing officer/chief administrative officer for Baystate Wing Hospital. "As the program progresses, it promises to not only enrich the educational journey of each student but also strengthen the bond between our hospital and the communities

Baystate Wing Hospital plans continue offering the Student Ambassador Program annually for two weeks each summer. The hospital will reach out to local schools in the coming year with details and applications for interested students. For more information about the Student Ambassador Program - Mini Medical School program or volunabout all aspects of healthcare, from is designed to offer selected high teer opportunities at Baystate Wing clinical to non-clinical members of school students, 16 and older, who Hospital contactMichele LaPrade at 413-370-5295 or michele.laprade@ baystatehealth.org.

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."

Mobile Blood Donation Team is coming to Palmer

PALMER— The community is invited to join the Baystate Health blood drive held on Wednesday, Aug. 7, at Baystate Wing Hospital, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Additionally, Blood Drives will be held every other month on Wednesdays at Baystate Wing on

When people donate blood this summer at Baystate Health, they'll not only help save lives but will also receive a free ticket to the Big E, while supplies

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

"There is no substitute for human blood," said VanZandt. "Every donation is critical, and you can make a lifesaving difference. Blood donations take approximately one hour to complete, including the interview, donation, and refreshments. To donate blood, you must be at least 17 years old; weigh at least 110 pounds have a photo ID; be in good health (no colds, or sore throat); and have not donated blood within the past eight weeks."

Blood drives will be held at Baystate Wing Hospital, 40 Wright Street, in Snow Conference Room C. In appreciation, all eligible donors can choose from a \$10 Gift card or a ticket to the Big E. For more information or to book an appointment to donate blood please call the Blood Donor Center at 413-794-4600. Please be sure to note the Baystate Health hospital location where people would like to make thier donation when you make your appointment.







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

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Fussell said that, without the petitioner present and while the ZBA waits for Conservation's next meeting, the discussion between the petitioner and ZBA would be automatically continued.

"I don't believe there's any problem with that being the case," Fussell said. "We would like to see this happen, so we're just going to wait for it to hap-

Fussell said that he spoke with Conservation and said that they had not received new information or had any representative on the issue attend their

The board then went over minutes from the previous meeting. Fussell made a correction, noting that Robert D'Aquila was logged as present when he was absent, and also flagged a motion that was made and not seconded.

'You made a motion on the continuance," Fussell said. "It wasn't seconded. Jesse was wondering about granting the change of use contingent on Conservation and it wasn't seconded. We went ahead and just requested a continuance, and then voted and granted that."

The minutes were amended, and the board voted to accept them. There was a discussion about a bylaw change that the board was waiting to hear from the Attorney General about.

"That would be regarding the bylaw change that would allow someone to be on the Zoning Board," Fussell said. "Mr. Wiggins just resigned because according to the bylaws as they read prior to the Town

Meeting changing it, you couldn't be on the

Zoning Board and be an

the town has voted to

change this bylaw, and

the Attorney General

has 90 days to approve

Fussell said that

elected official."

the change.

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Quaboag Hills Chamber announces 2024 golf fundraiser

PALMER - The Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce, the nonprofit organization that promotes business and development within surrounding communities of Hampden, Hampshire, and Worcester counties, has announced the return of its annual Golf Outing.

This year the event will take place at the renovated Hardwick Crossing Country Club in the village of Gilbertville on Thursday, Oct. 3 and is presented by J. Stolar Insurance Agency and Monson

"The annual golf event was a highlight of our calendar pre-COVID and a significant fundraiser for the Chamber", stated James Przypek, Chief Executive Officer for the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce, in a press release. "This year will mark the return of the golf outing for the first time since 2019. We have tailored the event, so it is a fun and welcoming day for participants at every level, between a nine hole/half day scramble format, and a catered Awards Lunch at the region's most outstanding and distinguished golf and event venues."

Beginning in 2022, Hardwick Crossing Country Club has experienced a significant renaissance following the purchase of the former Dunroamin Country Club by Kenneth Uracius, who owns and operates Stone & Lime Inc, a prominent historic restoration company. Renovations and additions to the property include an overhaul of the former clubhouse, improvements to the course layout and greens, and the construction of a full-service restaurant and modern banquet room.

Proceeds from the golf fundraiser will benefit the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce and its on-going mission to assist its more than two-hundred member businesses succeed and grow with programs and initiatives throughout

Interested participants and sponsors can visit QHMA.com for full details.

About the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce

Established in 1978 and headquartered in Palmer, the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce's purpose is to advance economic growth, interests and tourism for our members through policies, programs and development in the Quaboag Hills region, including the 15 towns of Belchertown, Brimfield, Brookfield, East Brookfield, Hardwick, Holland, Monson, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Palmer, Spencer, Wales, Ware, Warren and West Brookfield.

WestMass ElderCare holds online auction to celebrate 50 years

HOLYOKE— WestMass ElderCare is thrilled to announce its fabulous 50th online auction, an event commemorating five decades of dedicated service to older adults and individuals with disabilities. This milestone celebration not only highlights WMEC's unwavering commitment to enhancing the quality of life for those in need but also showcases the generous support of the communities we proudly serve.

Since its inception in 1974, West-Mass ElderCare has been a pillar of strength and support for the older adults and individuals with disabilities across Western MA. Our comprehensive services, which include in-home care, nutrition programs, caregiver support, and more, have touched countless lives, fostering independence and dignity for our consumers.

"The impact of WestMass Elder-Care over the past 50 years has been profound," said Roseann Martoccia, executive director of WMEC. "Our programs have provided vital assistance to individuals, allowing them to maintain their independence and live with dignity. This auction is a testament to the strong bonds we've formed within our community and the unwavering support we've received."

The fabulous 50th online auction promises to be a remarkable event, featuring an array of exciting items and experiences generously donated by local businesses and supporters. From dining gift cards and gift baskets to Thunderbirds, Red Sox and Bruins tickets, there will be something for everyone to bid on and enjoy. The auction will run from Aug. 8 to Aug. 30, and all proceeds will directly benefit WMEC's programs and

The success of this event is made possible through the extraordinary generosity of the community partners and sponsors. Their continued support enables WMEC to expand its reach and impact, ensuring that we can meet the growing needs of our clients.

"We are deeply grateful for the incredible support we receive from our community," added Martoccia. "It is this collective effort that allows us to continue our mission and celebrate this milestone. We invite everyone to join us in this exciting auction and help us make a difference in the lives of those we serve."

For more information about the fabulous 50th online auction and to preview the items up for bid, please visit the website at www.wmeldercare.org/online-auc-



Cruise for Critters is returning to Westview **Farms Creamery**

Annual Car Show Returns with a Heartfelt Mission and Exciting Fall Festivities

MONSON— The engines are revving, the excitement is palpable, and the countdown has begun for the much-anticipated Cruise for Critters to Westview Farms Creamery on Saturday, Sept. 21. Now in its 12th year, this beloved car show, proudly presented by Al Widlan, owner of Service Connection, is set to once again make a meaningful impact on the lives of pets in need at Second Chance Animal Services.

Widlan has championed this remarkable event for over a decade, rallying car enthusiasts and compassionate hearts alike to come together for a worthy cause. As the wheels of time turn, Cruise for Critters continues to shine a light of hope for furry companions across Massachusetts.

This year's Cruise for Critters promises an array of fall-themed activities for attendees of all ages. A captivating vendor fair will offer unique items of all kinds, and the much-loved Halloween Barktacular kids' games will be back, thanks to dedicated Second Chance volunteers who are gearing up to provide an unforgettable experience for children and families alike.

Lindsay Doray, Chief Development Officer of Second Chance, extends her heartfelt gratitude to Al Widlan and Westview Farms Creamery for their unwavering commitment to the welfare of pets. 2024 has been a challenging year for Second Chance, and funds raised through this event directly contribute to vital programs that make a real difference for pets in the com-

The festivities are set to kick off at 10 a.m. and continue until 3 p.m., featuring great food and ice cream and an assortment of fall attractions that Westview Farms Creamery is renowned for. From pumpkin picking to navigating through a corn maze, a delightful autumn adventure guests. Live music by the Barberic Band will provide the perfect soundtrack for the day, which will also include raffle and

The event is sponsored in part by Ted & Barbara Hebert of Teddy Bear Pools & Spas and by Joe Campisi, a longtime friend of Second Chance. Organizers extend a warm invitation to local businesses and vendors, calling upon them to unite in support of pets in need. Information on sponsorship opportunities, item donations, and becoming a vendor can be found at secondchanceanimals.org/events/cruise.

The event will welcome spectators free of charge. Car enthusiasts are encouraged to take part in the show by contributing a \$20 entry fee per vehicle, with every dollar earmarked for the betterment of pets' lives. A rain date has been set for Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024. Mark your calendars and join us for a day of fun and support for a great cause.

Dakin celebrates with lower adoption fees for cats

Honorable Domenic J. Sarno, May- the community. The event also coincidor of Springfield, proclaimed Aug. 1 ed with the 10th anniversary of Dakin "Dakin Day" in Springfield to honor opening its Union Street location. the organization's 50 years of work in

SPRINGFIELD— In 2019, the the animal welfare industry, as well as

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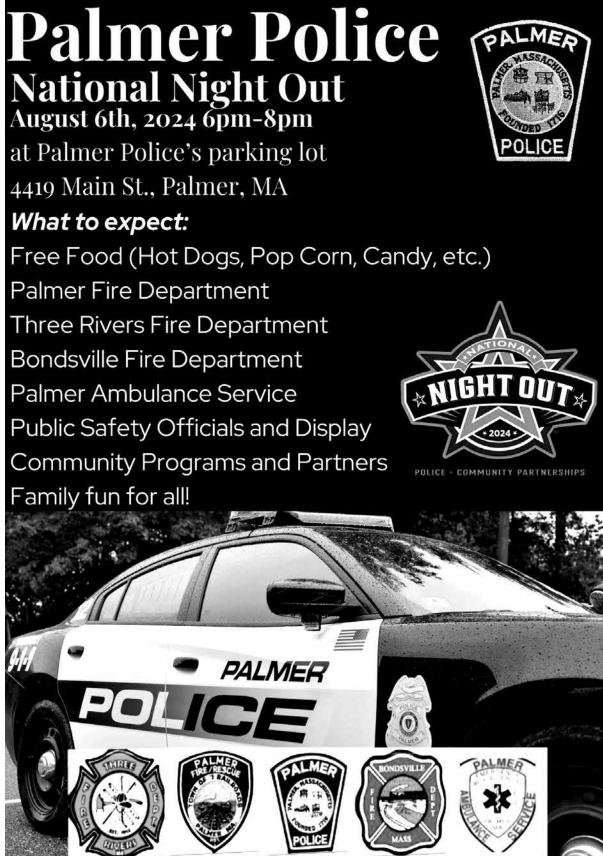


JOB FAIR – August 7th Join the Green Gold Team!

Green Gold Group will be hosting a Job Fair on Tuesday, August 7th from 5:00-8:00pm at St. Stanislaus Polish Club, 2114 Main St, Three Rivers, MA 01080

Cannabis Dispensary, Green Gold Group is coming to Palmer! We are looking for hardworking, dedicated team members to staff our new retail store. Available positions are General Manager, Sales Floor Manager, Inventory Manager, Check-in/Security, and Sales Team members. Full-time and part-time work available. All positions require availability for day, night, weekend and holiday shifts. All positions subject to background/CORI check. Must be 21 years of age to apply.

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to enter the cannabis industry by joining the Green Gold team!



Viewpoi<u>nts</u>



I was self-employed and don't have enough credits for **Social Security**

Dear Rusty:

For a thirty-year period, I was making a living as an independent contractor and free-

I was working on behalf of myself. Thus, I was only paying state and federal taxes when applied. Due to changes in the employment landscape, I wish to apply for benefits at age sixty-four, as receiving said SS benefits would serve as supplemental income to what I would be receiving from outside sources.

I recently discovered through the SSA that I do not have enough "points" to apply for Social Security benefits. What would be the method to obtain those required points in order to receive benefits?

Signed: Needing Points

Dear Needing:

Social Security is an earned benefit and eligibility is attained by contributing to SS through FICA payroll taxes or Self-Employment tax on your net earnings from self-employment, over your lifetime. You must have at least 40 "quarters of credit" to be eligible for Social Security benefits essentially you must work one quarter of each year earning at least a specified amount during that quarter to earn one credit and you can earn a maximum of four credits for each year you work.

The amount of earnings per credit varies each year, but for 2024, work earnings of \$1,730 give you one credit (annual work earnings of \$6,920 earn four credits). Usually, you must contribute to Social Security for about ten years to be eligible for benefits.

You must have earned at least 40 quarter credits to collect Social Security retirement benefits/ If you have less than 40 you are not eligible for SS retirement benefits.

For self-employed individuals, SECA SS tax is paid when you file your federal income tax return – you pay into Social Security when filing your annual Self-Employment income tax return (the self-employed must pay both the employee and the employer portion of Social Security tax).

If you did not file an income tax return for each year over your lifetime you were self-employed, you didn't earn any SS credits for that year. You pay SECA tax on your net earnings from self-employment (after all business expenses are deducted).

If you are just a few credits short of the 40 necessary to be eligible for benefits, you can still earn those extra credits needed by working and paying SS FICA or SECA taxes on your work earnings. For each \$1,730 earned this year, you will earn one SS credit, up to a maximum of four per year.

But you must contribute to Social Security from those earnings – if you work as a company employee you will have FICA taxes withheld from your earnings, and if you are still self-employed you would need to pay SECA taxes on net earnings over \$6,920 when you file your self-employment income tax return. You would need to do that for as long as it takes for you to attain the minimum 40 quarter credits needed to be eligible for Social Security retirement benefits. (FYI: you cannot "buy" the extra points needed; you need to earn them by working and contributing to Social Security from your earnings).

One final point: whenever SS benefits are claimed before one's Full Retirement Age Social Security's "earnings test" applies. The earnings test limits how much you can earn from working before some of your SS benefits are taken away. The earnings test no longer applies after you reach your FRA and, if you turned 64 this year, your FRA is 67. Self-employed individuals are also subject to an hourly limit of 15 to 45 working hours per month in their first year of early retirement.

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Letters to the Editor

Letter to the Community

Over the past couple of months, instances of scammers posing as employees of the Hampshire Sheriff's Office have been reported with alarming frequency. Since mid-May, my office has posted three Scam Alerts to our Facebook page reminding Hampshire County residents that under no circumstance do HSO employees make calls seeking to extract personal information or extort

But just this morning we learned of a county resident who paid thousands of dollars to scammers claiming to be HSO representatives.

We recommended that the individual report this occurrence to local police and we are hopeful that the money can be recovered.

Although the best tactic is to simply hang up, anyone receiving such a fraudulent call might also consider visiting the FBI website www.fbi.gov for information about how to avoid such scams.

Here are some additional tips from the Better Business Bureau on what to

do if a scammer calls:

Hang up - don't press any buttons and, if you received a voicemail, don't call the scammer back. We all like to have the last word, but returning the phone call may just give the scammer information they can use.

Don't trust caller ID - scammers have technology that lets them display any number or organization name on your screen.

Never give out any financial information - if you did not initiate the call, do not provide bank account, credit card or Social Security numbers over the phone unless you have thoroughly done your research and verified the caller.

The duty of the Hampshire Sheriff's Office is to protect public safety. We want everyone to stay safe, and to remember, please, please remember, that my office will never make, or be a party to, these kinds of phone calls.

> Patrick J. Cahillane Sheriff, Hampshire County

Tomato dreams and then there's reality

my tomato plants.

They go into the ground so healthy itable yellowing and dropping of some bottom leaves happens from early blight.

The plants are outgrowing their cagthis as a normal condition and get excit-

ed for the first harvest. Some tomatoes look OK. but others are exhibiting strange, less than perfect,

symptoms. Read on to learn which conditions are which and what that means for

My paste tomatoes in particular mulch, you can water less often! If seem to always be susceptible to blossom end rot. It looks exactly as it sounds and is characterized by leathery brown or black spots on the bottom of the fruit.

Usually, it is seen on the first few developing tomatoes and occurs when there is trouble with calcium absorption.

The plan of action for this year would be to regulate your watering, since calcium assimilation can get botched up when plants suffer from drought. Applying a layer of mulch will help to encourage the deep rooting that is essential for nutrient transmission.

In the meantime, send a sample of your soil off to the UMass Extension Service Soil Testing Lab and adjust calcium levels per their recommendation if need be. If by chance you are growing a new variety of tomato and are experiencing blossom end rot for the first time, consider switching to another variety; some are more susceptible to it than oth-

In my garden it is habitually only the paste tomatoes that suffer.

Regarding harvest and use: if you cut the end of the tomato off and then cut into the seed cavity and there is no black area, feel free to use. Sometimes there will be sections of black within the cavity but not always.

This malady can also be seen on peppers and eggplants. Sometimes, though, sun scald can sort of look like blossom end rot in peppers. Planting peppers closer together so that foliage

I always have such high hopes for shields developing fruit can help with

Fruit cracking around the stem, eiand green and for the first few weeks ther in rings or radiating downward is manage to stay that way. Then the inev- caused by overwatering; we or Mother Nature can be at fault. This year I will blame her for some of it.

A little over a week ago many gares and this point, though, so I just accept deners in the area received an inch or more of rain in two separate deluges.

> Keep in mind that most vegrequire about an inch per week. Adjust your irrigation to accommodate.

As mentioned above, mulches well to moderate soil moisture; if you

cracking ends up being a big problem for you, consider scouring the seed catalogs for varieties that are resistant to it.

As long as the cracks are fresh, and haven't begun to show mold, I use the fruit anyway.

Another problem many gardeners experience is a condition called yellow shoulders, in which tomatoes never ripen fully on the top or stem end. This is usually a genetic problem, but it can be lessened by allowing the fruit to ripen slowly under the cover of surrounding foliage rather than out in the open.

High organic matter content and a pH of 6.4 or lower is said to help with this condition -another good reason to have your soil tested and see where it

You can still use these tomatoes. Simply cut that portion off or use it re-

These conditions don't have to mean the end of your harvest. By working around the issues, making some minor adjustments and choosing appropriate resistant varieties, tomato sauce is still in your future!

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.



your health

By Teri Dreher Frykenberg, RN Guest Columnist

Summer health hazards – besides the heat

If you can't stand the heat too bad. The National Weather Service is forecasting above-normal temperatures for a good chunk of the country in August, except where tropical storms and hurricanes are expected.

You can't win.

I wrote earlier this summer about the hazards of excessive heat, from heat rash to heat stroke, which is potentially fatal. Today, we'll talk more about a few common summer health hazards that we all need to watch out for.

Ticks

Ticks have to be one of nature's grossest arachnids. When you or a pet gets a tick bite, the tick (usually a female) does all it can to hold on and literally feed on your blood in order to lay its eggs. As it does, its body expands from something you can barely see to the size of a coffee bean – about 200 times larger.

You usually won't feel a tick bite, which is why after you've been outside – it's a good idea to check your legs for the presence of ticks. It's even better to have someone check you over, because they also favor warm and moist areas where they can hide, such as joints, armpits and genital areas. It usually takes 24 hours for a tick to start transmitting bacteria, so the sooner you remove it, the safer you'll be.

Problems may arise two to four weeks after you've been bitten, when tick-borne illnesses like Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever will kick in, potentially causing rash, flu-like symptoms, joint pain, chest pain and gastrointestinal issues (vomiting, diarrhea.) If you remove a tick that has bitten you, tape it to an index card or keep it in alcohol so it can be identified in case you get sick.

The best why to deal with ticks is to avoid getting bitten in the first place by wearing appropriate clothing (for example, long pants tucked inside long socks) and applying insect repellent containing DEET. Keep your pets safe with flea and tick prevention recommended by your vet.

Dehydration

Especially during hot weather, our bodies experience greater "insensible loss" of moisture through our skin. It's how we cool ourselves through perspiration, and we can lose a lot of water in a short period of time.

Dehydration -- literally the lack of water -- affects in many ways. You may not even realize you're dehydrated because you won't necessarily feel thirst.

People who are mildly dehydrated can experience irritability, fatigue and lightheadedness, which can progress to confusion, fainting and symptoms of shock as the brain experiences less blood flow. Severe dehydration may even lead to unconsciousness, coma and organ failure if left untreated.

Everyone needs different amounts of water, depending on age, weight and level of activity. The rule of thumb is six to eight glasses a day (about 64 ounces) for a healthy 150-pound person, but there's a better way to determine if you're getting enough water: your

If your urine is the pale yellow of lemonade, you're probably getting enough water. Bright yellow urine means you need to drink more.

COVID-19

Yes, it's the virus that keeps on giving. The summer wave of COVID showed up right on schedule in June, with emergency rooms seeing a 15 percent increase in treating people who have COVID, and hospitalizations for severe cases increasing by 25 percent.

While researchers are working to understand the new variants, which appear to be more transmissible, there are two pieces of good news.

First, the variants appear genetically similar to previous variants, so existing vaccines should remain effective. Also, most of us have built up significant immunity because we've had the vaccines and we've likely had COVID ourselves.

So if it's been six months or more since your last COVID booster, head to your doctor's office or the local supermarket or pharmacy for a fresh one. And I do recommend that, if you're traveling on crowded airplanes this summer, wear an N95 mask.

Falls

The aforementioned hazards of heat and dehydration, when they result in fainting or dizziness, means we are more susceptible to falls, and this is especially true of our seniors.

Also, we're outside more, around slipper surfaces (like poolsides) and maybe wearing the wrong shoes, making slip-and-falls more common, too. Again, protect yourself by staying hydrated and not getting overheated in the hot days to come.

Cooler days are coming, if we can just hang in

there and stay safe.

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"We worked together a long time," Morrell said to Emerson, "you never choked or anything. You did everything just right; in emergencies, when we were talking with each other, you would let me know things, you didn't freeze up or anything. You were an excellent dispatcher at the police department, and we really appreciate your service.'

Select Board Clerk Pat Oney read a proclamation from the town, which expressed appreciation for Emerson's time from starting as an EMT firefighter and ending in the dispatch center. The proclamation recognized Emerson for living her entire life in town and going through the school system with her sisters, Deborah and Rebecca.

"You began your career in town in 1980, assisting our residents and those in neighboring towns by putting it all on the line to deliver urgent life-saving care in times of great need and becoming the light of hope in someone's toughest moments to let them know it's going to be okay," Oney read. "You never failed to answer the call to help others, and so many people are still here today because of you. Your dedication is immensely appreciated."

The proclamation named July 23, 2024, as Patty Emerson Day and the board congratulated Emerson on her retirement.

"Since I decided that I was going to retire, it's been a roller coaster of a ride," Emerson said. "The culmination was July 4 when I drove the Fire Chief's car in the SummerFest Parade, and I had the most fun ever. I can honestly say that I've driven every single Fire Chief's car since 1980.'

Emerson said she received citations from the Senate and the House of Representatives, and thanked her family for having her

"My mom and dad taught us to just do the job," Emerson said. "Just do what you have to do and

that's it." Emerson thanked the Fire Chiefs, the Police Chiefs, and the town. Cemetery Commission Member David Beaudoin stepped forward to inform the board that the work on the arch at the cemetery is complete.

"Now we're going to start

on the crypt," Beaudoin said, and Morrell thanked him for following through on the repairs.

Beaudoin was followed by Valerie Bogaz-Beaudoin, who spoke on behalf of Monson Sum-

"I want to start off by thanking the board for allowing us to go back up on Main Street," Bogaz-Beaudoin said. "I'd like to take a quick thank you to the public for showing up, because you made it a success.'

Bogaz-Beaudoin described the help of numerous town departments, community members, and businesses to put on two events for the Fourth of July and the fireworks, but said that she wanted to highlight two town employees that "really stepped up to the plate.

Bogaz-Beaudoin said she called several times to verify that a roll-off dumpster would be provided by Republic Services, only for the company to inform her at 3:30 p.m. that it would not arrive until July 5 due to a manpower

"Both Justin (Larivee) and Ben (Murphy) stepped up big time," Bogaz-Beaudoin said. "They allowed us to use the trash dumpsters for the town."

Morrell added that this was "nothing new for those two," and thanked them and the SummerFest Committee for its work.

Elias and April Acuna approached the board to introduce themselves and their business, CZP's, on Main Street across from the Tavern.

'We just recently opened up a shop in Monson," Acuna said, "we're doing frozen treats, we make everything in the shop. We have fruit-based popsicles and we also make ice cream-based treats."

Acuna said he and his wife were excited to be in town, and Wolowicz noted that the shop has been selling out its stock, according to Facebook posts.

we also do events," Acuna said, running all over the world with my "and we do delivery in town with other businesses and it's time to

Roxanne Gunther spoke up to criticize the public comment policy printed on the agenda, and added that the town of Southborough has public comments twice during their meetings.

"I figure if they're not afraid to have people speak, we really shouldn't be afraid of it either," Gunther said.

Gunther was followed by Town Clerk Mary Watson, to issue a public reminder that when appointed by the Select Board, new appointees need to come to the Town Clerk's office to be sworn into their duties prior to taking action at meetings.

Liquor License The first order of business during the meeting was a liquor license transfer from Monson Markets, Inc., doing business as Adams Discount Liquors, to Daniel DeSantis as the manager of Dan Man, LLC. Tyler Hensler, an attorney with Upton Connell & Devlin in Boston, represented DeSantis.

"Nothing at the store will change as a result of this transfer," Hensler said. "This is an upper-tier ownership change only. Someone who buys beer there tonight versus three months after this transfer takes place will notice no difference.'

Hensler added that all employees will be invited to stay on, and that DeSantis was granted a similar transfer at a location in Adams last week.

"Dan Man, LLC is signing what's known as – a common thing in the industry - a beverage operations lease," Hensler explained, "to just rent the space, almost like a sublease, from the Monson Markets, Inc. entity."

DeSantis assured the board that there are no plans to change the location beyond the owning

"It's still a part of the supermarket, nothing is changing. The shelving is even staying in place," DeSantis said. "It's just a management change.'

DeSantis said that though he hasn't previously held any liquor licenses, he has a lot of experience in the grocery industry.

"I've been in retail my whole entire life, since 1981," DeSantis said. "I sold all my other businesses and to kind of slow down and "We have shop hours now and be in a nicer, quiet area. I've been stay at home and settle down.

The board unanimously voted to grant the transfer, and Oney said she appreciated DeSantis working to keep the employees on.

Ware Grange upcoming workshops

WARE— The Ware Grange has up coming workshops.

Corner workshop: The next Kids' Corner at Ware Grange will be Fun at the Fair, and will take place on Saturday, Aug. 10 at 9:30 a.m. at the Grange Hall at 297 Belchertown Road. Kids' Corner workshops are led by local preschool teacher, Jen McNally. The Grange Fair is coming up soon. At this fun and educational workshop children can participate in a variety of activities to help them prepare entries for the Fair. Families will learn about the upcoming fair and how they can participate. Visit us on Facebook or at waregrange.org for more information. Gardening

Workshop Ware Grange's next gardening work-

shop, Houseplants, will be held on

Aug. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall. The presenter will be Allison Rosendale. Learn about ways to grow healthy houseplants that will thrive throughout the year. There will also be a houseplant swap. Bring a plant to share and take home a new plant. Visit us on Facebook or at waregrange.org for more information.

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it will be reviewing and finalizing the applicants in early August. He said there is an application available

"If anyone in town is or knows a musician, we're looking to potentially have live music at the event," Skalbite added.

Murphy said that they hoped to get lots of people selling honey, flowers, seasonal items like pumpkins, and even things like meat.

"And we invite people from other towns to this," Murphy added. The commission also said that

information is available at the Monson Free Library.

The board agreed to waive the fee for the use of Memorial Hall for the Farmer's Market, and said that the commission would not need to appear before them and could just submit the application.

"Thank you very much," Oney

said, "we appreciate what you're

"Hopefully it's a success," Murphy said.

The Farmer's Market is scheduled to be held at Memorial Hall on Saturday, Sept. 14, from 10 a.m. to

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bags not being recyclable, cardboard boxes need to be flattened, and food containers need to be emptied before they can be put in bins.

The speaker will go over all the do's and don'ts at the event next

Golenski says the speaker will "encourage items that can be recycled to be, to help alleviate the trashes' impact, help people improve recycling habits, and help Massachusetts meet its solid waste reduction goals.'

According to the state's website, in 2018 Massachusetts had 5.7 million tons of disposal. The goal is to reduce that number statewide to four million tons by 2030, and cut it by 90% to 570,000 tons by 2050.

A large part of achieving that goal is encouraging residents to reduce, reuse, and recycle correctly, which is where the library's program is hoping to make a differ-

During the presentation, members of Keep Massachusetts Beautiful will be available to answer any questions attendees have about recycling or garbage disposal.

The speaker will walk residents through what kind of products can go into recycling bins in hopes to limit one of the major challenges facing recycling programs, contamination.

Contamination occurs when non-recyclable items are put into recycling bins. Next month's talk hopes to clear up any confusion to make a sustainable lifestyle achiev-

Attendees can also learn about ways to reduce the amount of trash they generate on a day-to-day basis, while staying up-to-date on the latest changes to recycling procedures.

Organizers say many people believe recycling is not worth it as all the items end up in the trash anyway. This event hopes to change their minds.

The event sticks with the library's summer reading theme "Read, Renew, Repeat," which Golenski says is geared towards environmental preservation.

She says the theme inspired the upcoming talk as she herself has struggled with deciphering what waste products are eligible to be re-

"A lot of people are really interested in learning more," Golenski

The Talking Trash and Recycling event is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, Aug. 6, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the library's Community Room. The program is free and no registration is required to attend.

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Business

Palmer Smiles welcomes accomplished new dentist into the community

By Marcelo Gusmão Staff Writer mgusmao@turley.com

PALMER – With the retirement of longtime dentist Dr. Vigneaux, Palmer Smiles has been taken over by an accomplished young dentist who is eager to help the community take care of their dental hygiene.

Dr. Divya Mudumba is an accomplished General Dentist, with an expertise in pediatric dentistry. She got her Doctorate in Dental Medicine from the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine in Boston University in September of 2020, and had previously gotten her Masters in Dental Surgery from the Army College of Dental Sciences in Secunderabad, India.

"I completed my residency in pediatric dentistry, and I practiced in India for about two years as a pediatric dentist," Mudumba said.

As an international dentist, Mudumba was required to study at an American dental school for at least two years to get a license to practice general dentistry, which she completed at GSDM. After that, she became an Associate Dentist in Springfield and Chicopee with the New England Family Dentistry.

"I did that for about two years," Mudumba said. "During the same time, I started looking for a practice to take over."

Before becoming the owner of Palmer Smiles, Mudumba has been the practice owner and dentist at SmileWorks Family Dentistry in Pittsfield since 2022.

"The need of having a good dentist in the area is huge," Mudumba said. "Seeing the response from my patients and everybody in the Berkshires, I wanted to expand."

Mudumba was introduced to Dr. William Vigneaux through a mutual friend. Vigneaux expressed a desire to retire, but Mudumba said he was having a hard time finding somebody to take over.

"His patients have been with him for a very long time and are really happy with what he does," Mudumba said. "He was looking for someone who could take over to fill in his big shoes.'

Mudumba took over Vigneaux's practice on Main Street about two months ago.

"Patients have been very receptive to the change, so that's been good," Mudumba said. "Considering this is not the first time I took over a practice, I was better prepared to blend in and not make huge changes with the practice."

While her specialty is pediatric dentistry, said that she is "not ready to give up on general dentistry," and that she has specialized training in invisalign, cosmetic dentistry, and sleep apnea.

"In the Berkshires, there were so many patients of ours that have been diagnosed with sleep apnea that were using CPAP, but were not compliant with it," Mudumba said. "Sometimes it doesn't fit into their



career. Dr. Divva Mudumba has taken over Palmer Smiles on Main Street after Dr. Vigneaux's retirement.

schedule or their life. It's difficult to travel with that; if you travel a lot, it's a huge thing to bring around.

Mudumba talked about how important it is to have a dentist check for things like sleep apnea, because there are many signs in the mouth, teeth, and gums that could lead to a diagnosis that a general physician would not check for without the patient bringing it up.

"I'm just trying to find my niche, and trying to help people out," Mudumba said.

Outside her career in dentistry, Mudumba is on the Board of the YWCA of Western Massachusetts, as well as the Board of the Massachusetts Dental Society and the board of the Academy of General Dentistry. She is involved in Smiles for Success, where she helps rehabilitate the dental health of women who have suffered domestic violence and sexual abuse.

"I am very passionate about helping people," Mudumba said, "and I'm extremely passionate about educating people.'

Mudumba said that the general public's comparative lack of knowledge on the subject of medicine and dentistry often sows distrust between patients and their doctors. She said that she would like her brand to be an environment of transparency.

"I would like to break that barrier and be there to

provide ethical, competent, compassionate dentistry," Mudumba said.

Having practiced dentistry in both the United States and India, Mudumba was able to compare the slight dif-

ferences between the two nations' approach to the practice.

Because of my background in India, I've had much more clinical exposure," Mudumba said. "So many more opportunities to hone my skills, but at the same time, spending two years at BU has really been amazing for me to understand how dentistry is practiced over here. BU gave me an insight into practicing digital dentistry, which is amazing."

This has allowed Mudumba to implement intraoral scanning for all her patients, in order to better educate them.

"The other differ-

ence between practicing in India versus here is dental insurance," Mudumba said. "In India, there is no such thing. So along with practicing clinical dentistry, you also have to navigate that territory."

Divya Mudumba was rec-

ognized by 40 Under 50 for

her accomplishments in her

Mudumba said that she makes sure to be upfront with her patients about any issues with insurance cov-"Sometimes you have to make hard decisions, be-

cause you would like to provide quality care," Mudumba said, "but if the dental insurance isn't going to cover it for some reason, you have to be open about it."

Mudumba said that she and her husband feel strongly about empowering women, and that she hopes to give the opportunity for professional women to be a part owner of her practice. To help balance the responsibilities between her two locations, she partnered with her best friend from dentistry school, Dr. Ritika Bahri, as a full-time associate.

"I am very fortunate to have an amazing husband who supports all of my initiatives," Mudumba said.

If you'd like to schedule an appointment with Dr. Mudumba at Palmer Smiles, you can visit her office at 2025 Main Street, or send an email to Palmer-SmilesPC@gmail.com.

Applications being accepted for St. Aloysius **Catholic School**

HARDWICK - St. Aloysius Catholic School in Gilbertville is presently accepting applications school-wide for the 2024/2025 school year.

There are just a few seats left in this very popular preschool/pre-kindergarten program. Jennifer McNally has been the preschool/pre-kindergarten teacher at St. Aloysius since the school opened in 2016 and has been an early childhood educator for over 20 years.

"My favorite part of teaching young learners is to see those 'Ah Ha' moments, where they get a concept that they might have been struggling with prior. They are also full of life all the time; to see things through a child's eyes is heartwarming and awakening to the soul. Working at a Catholic school is wonderful, in that our faith is woven into our day. From morning prayer, grace before meals, to learning about the wonderful world God made and how we are best to love one another, it's great to be able to reinforce what children are learning at home in regards to their faith!" McNally said. "I love being able to prepare my students for success in kindergarten and beyond. We learn primarily through play, with a focus on age appropriate early literacy and math skills.'

The school offers two-day, three-day and fiveday per week options.

There are also select openings in kindergarten through grade eight classrooms.

"We have had a upsurge in inquiries for older students this year. I think some parents are looking for a different approach to their child's education and if faith is important to them they want their children to be in that type of environment during the school day. We are a big family at St. Aloysius. We support each other and rally for one another. It's a great environment to be part of and the education is top notch. Our graduates remain successful in their high schools and beyond," said Enrollment Coordinator, Roberta McQuaid, in a press release.

Tuition at St. Aloysius is affordable, and all students, even our preschoolers, are eligible for a scholarship discount. Additional tuition assistance is often provided by the attendees parish and also from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Worcester.

Reach out to McQuaid by email to rmcquaid@ staloysiuscatholicschool.com to schedule a tour before the new school year begins All of the necessary enrollment paperwork is available online at www. staloysiuscs.com, under the "Join our Family" tab.

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INTERESTS

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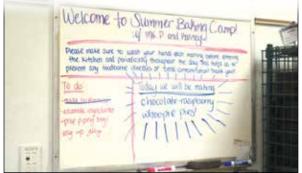
A local student gives the thumbs-up sign as he and his colleagues build robots in Pathfinder's Robotics Department.



Students jump to take a shot in the middle of a basketball game against the other participants.



Young thespians took a bow after putting on their Friday performance for their fellow participants.



A sign for Pathfinder's Baking class announces that the participants will be making chocolate-raspberry whoopie pies.



Basketball games got competitive as the kids played against each other at the Pathfinder gym.



Kids fought over the pigskin on the field at Pathfinder Technical Vocational School.



Submitted photos

A student adds a screw to the metal device he was working on, at a table with other students.



After class, kids hung out in the Perso Restaurant, where they could play computer games and hang out with new friends.



A Pathfinder instructor demonstrates the proper use of a welding tool for the summer enrichment program.



Pathfinder's Baking Department had an entire class dedicated to decorating cookies.



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Panelists address food insecurity at CMRPC forum



Andrew Golas, chair of the Central Massachusetts **Regional Planning Commission's Legislative Affairs** Committee gives the welcoming remarks.



Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission Executive Director Janet Pierce recognized and thanked local officials and state legislators for taking part in the forum.



Ayn Yeagle of Growing Places spoke about developing a community food system in north central Massachu-



Rebecca Miller of the MA Food System Collaborative spoke about the importance of supporting local farmers and knowing where your food comes from.

By Paula Ouimette pouimette@turley.com

REGION-A group of panelists sat down with representatives from across central Massachusetts last week to discuss food insecurity, and the steps being taken to address

On July 23, the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission hosted the panelists at its Legislative Affairs Forum held in the Rutland Public Library.

CMRPC's Legislative Affairs Committee Chair Andrew Golas said recent years have seen natural disaster and a dramatic increase in grocery prices, as well the closure of many grocery stores; all of which have created a "food island" or desert in Central Massachusetts.

"We have some great local people working on policy," Golas said, in response to this.

Congressman Jim McGovern opened the forum with prerecorded

"Our region has a huge food insecurity problem and it's only getting worse," McGovern said.

McGovern said it was important to take lessons learned from community food assessments, and use the information to better serve the community's needs, especially on the local level.

"While there's a lot Congress can do, it is important that we don't wait for that to happen," he said.

Golas then introduced the panelists, giving each one time to speak and answer questions from the audi-

First up was Ayn Yeagle of

Growing Places, a lifelong central Massachusetts resident who has a passion for healthy eating. Yeagle has been in her role with Growing

Places since 2018. Yeagle represented 27 communities in north central Massachusetts, ranging from Athol to Pepperell. This area is what she calls the "forgotten land," containing 11 food deserts and 11 environmental justice

With about 275,000 residents, the north central Massachusetts area has one of the highest concentrations of food insecure people.

"When you look at north central Massachusetts as a region, it's not great," Yeagle said.

In order to provide food security for its residents, three things need to happen, Yeagle said. This includes emergency relief (such as food pantries), capacity building (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, farmers markets, community gardens and more) and system redesign strategies.

"The process starts with a community food assessment," Yeagle

Community food assessments gather information about residents' perceptions of the food environment and their food shopping behaviors. Its goal is to improve the community's food system by increasing access to healthy food.

Yeagle said once this is completed, the next step is the food system feasibility study, then planning and design.

Yeagle referenced a recent study that found \$6.5 million in SNAP funding is unspent each month. She said some of the reasons for this are stigma, fear of government and

An additional \$1.9 million in Healthy Incentives Program is also left on the table.

"How do you address food insecurity?" Yeagle asked. "You address

In 2018-2019, there was no way for north central Massachusetts farmers to get their food into stores. This spurred Growing Places and the Montachusett Agricultural Alliance to work together and create a community food system; providing a mid-tier from production to con-

"We're all working together to make our food system holistic and work together," she said.

This model equally benefits the local farmers as well as the residents, helping to purchase \$600,000 from farmers through the use of HIP, state funding and grants, last year alone.

This is a values-based food system. It's a thoughtful process,"

Yeagle said the community food system has been able to purchase produce from 33 out of 180 north central Massachusetts farmers.

"We have lots of people still to connect with," Yeagle said. "But the bones are there and now it's time to

A grand opening for the community food system's processing facility will be held soon, and will also feature commercial kitchen space, which local makers can utilize. This will increase the commonwealth's processing facilities to five – and be the first to exist in the central part of

The processing facility will be located in an old school building in the city of Gardner.

Next to speak was Rebecca Miller of the MA Food System Collaborative, a strong advocate for pol-

Miller spoke about the history of the collaborative, which was founded in 2015. Its work includes campaigning for HIP funding, as well as a food literacy campaign, the Agricultural Equity Network, local food policy council networks, urban agriculture collaboratives and food waste networks.

"HIP is a very important program," Miller said.

In the commonwealth, farmers earn 95 cents for every dollar of goods they provide, which puts them at a disadvantage.

"Farmers are losing money any time they invest in their business," Miller said.

Miller said the farmers market decline is starting to reverse, thanks to the implementation of the HIP program which allows SNAP users to purchase locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables directly from the grower.

HIP not only puts money back into the local economy, but it also provides health benefits through fresh produce, introduces children to new fruits and vegetables and allows people to make culturally significant

Increasing food literacy by implementing curriculum in schools is also really important, Miller said.

"Food security to me is a little more expansive than just buying food," she said.

The educational component include field trips to local farms to help students learn about food systems and where food comes from. Miller said there has been discussion to establish an agricultural school in

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Worcester County, as there are only three statewide.

Established local food policy councils, such as Healthy Quaboag (which covers 15 towns across central and western Massachusetts), helps people to work together to

fight food insecurity.

"You don't have to do anything alone," she said.

State Rep. Hannah Kane spoke about the importance of addressing poverty in order to alleviate food insecurity.

"I like to thank that poverty is a state, not a cause of food insecurity," she said. "We need to look at the underlying reasons for poverty.'

In her work in the legislature, Kane found that all of her counterparts are equally invested in fighting food insecurity, especially through

"We quickly found it was something that resonated with all of our colleagues," she said.

Through the Make Hunger History coalition, Kane and others are committed to making changes through a collective action approach, which emphasizes collaboration from diverse stakeholders, including those with lived experience with food insecurity.

The coalition is currently working on a definition of ending hunger, Kane said, but it will include having dignified access to food and the economic resources needed to make choices about food.

The plan has five pillars, including ensuring that all residents can access and buy food, adjusting food support programs for target populations, integrating food security and healthcare, supporting nutritious and local eating and addressing root causes which contribute to hunger.

Access to healthy, nutritious food is key to addressing health issues, Kane said, pointing out that over 80% of disease is diet related.

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Casey Burns of the Center on Food Equity shared findings from the city of Worcester's community health assessment.

'We saw three central pivot points: money, time, access," Burns

Burns said that the assessment found that food insecurity was experienced differently based on where residents live, how they move around the city (transportation) and their ability to successfully navigate systems to access support, such as applying for SNAP benefits.

"People face these challenges differently and inequitably depending on their identity, including race and ethnicity," she said.

Burns said of the 247 people polled in the assessment, the majority said they did not face challenges cooking at home, but for those who did, time was the primary barrier. 56% reported that they feel food in-

Transportation also poses an issue, especially for those who rely on public transit to access groceries and are limited in the number of bags they are allowed to travel with.

Burns said there is also a 40% gap for SNAP coverage in Worcester County. Only 6% of SNAP users are utilizing HIP and the Summer Eats program is also underutilized.

"We said real challenges with eligibility," she said.

Maydee Morales of the Worcester Community Action Council said she has people in her office every day as a frontline worker who are suffering the effects of food insecu-

"These are moms...these are kids," she said.

Morales stressed the importance of providing access to food with dignity.

"People want to eat healthier. People want to be able to eat with dignity, she said.

Morales said the emergency resources provided during the COVID-19 pandemic helped ease the burden of food insecurity, but

that has now gone away. We went back to our old ways when you can only get food for the child that is with you," she said, referencing the Summer

Eats program. Morales said a lot of people in the community are food insecure, even those that live in more af-

"Don't be fooled that there are not people in your communities, your towns, that are not food insecure,"

fluent areas. she said.



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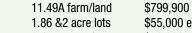
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BASEBALL

Brandon Magni extends for a throw to get a

St. Joe's ties up series

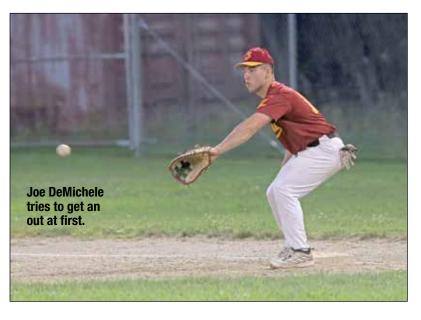
PALMER – In the second game of a three-game series last Thursday night between Teddy Bear Pools and St. Joe's in the Tri-County League playoffs, St. Joe's came from behind to defeat Teddy Bear Pools 10-9 in extra innings to tie their best-of-three series at 1-1. Due to umpire shortages, the third game has been delayed several days. The third matchup was scheduled take place Tuesday, July 30 with the winner going on to face perennial league champion PeopleBank.



Greg Vouros gets down to field a grounder.



Devin Slattery, of Ware, slings a throw to first.





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SOCCER

Lawrence **Goddard sends** a shot on goal.



Kwame Adu-Gyamfi tries to keep the ball

from going over the sideline.

LUDLOW – After a phenomenal season, the Western Mass. Pioneers were defeated for just the third time this season. The Pioneers lost 2-1 against Lionsbridge FC on the road. The Pioneers opened up the playoffs with a 3-1 win against FC Motown. The Pioneers season ends at 13-3-1.

Leonel Vergara







Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Aiden Kelly goes for a long pass.

SOCCER



Gianna Perry gets play turned around for the Panthers.



Loretta Petrashewicz heads up the field.

Palmer girls head for summer playoffs

 $WILBRAHAM-Last\ Wednesday\ night, Palmer\ girls\ summer\ soccer\ finished\ off\ the\ regular\ season\ with\ a\ 2-0\ win\ over\ Wilbraham\ B.$ Palmer would finish the summer campaign with a 5-3-3 record and made the B Division playoffs with the No. 5 seed. Palmer was scheduled to





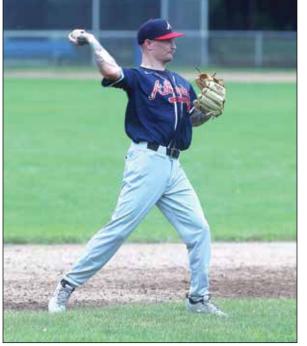
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Adelynn Allard looks to clear the ball.

Quabbin regular season nearing end



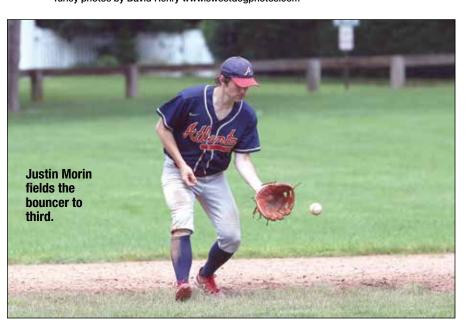
The Tigers' Brad Bullough delivers a pitch.

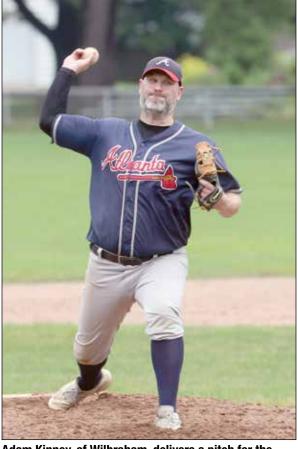


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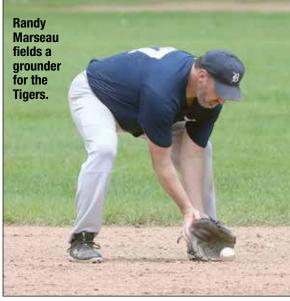
WEST SPRING-FIELD - The Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball League continues Sunday morning action into August with just three more games remaining in its regular season. So far, the Orioles are at the top of the league followed by the Tigers in second place. The Quabbin League playoffs will follow, and this year, the league will be hosting a fall league for players 28 and over.

The Braves Jamie Ryan throws to





Adam Kinney, of Wilbraham, delivers a pitch for the





Colin Fecteau makes a throw across the diamond.

Hopkins takes win in Calef 125

stretch of four races in four weeks for the Granite State Pro Stock Series wraps up this Friday night at one of the series' staple venues.

Lee USA Speedway, only a short drive from the New Hampshire seacoast, welcomes the GSPSS back for their first of two visits this year with this Friday's

Clash on Calef 125.

Unique among the tracks on this year's GSPSS itinerary, Lee hosts its own regular Pro Stock division, welcoming the class back to its weekly program a few years ago. Lee's own big-ticket Pro Stock shows earlier this year boasted plenty of names familiar to GSPSS fans and followers. But Friday night's showdown, named for the state highway on which Lee has been situated since the 1960s, is the first opportunity for those Pro Stock wheelmen to score points toward the series crown.

That contest took an intriguing turn Saturday evening at Speedway 95, with hometown hero Mike Hopkins the fifth different driver to wave the GSPSS checkered flag this season. The two strongest title threats in attendance, Casey Call and Evan Beaulieu, each faced their own pitfalls in the race. But where Call exited early with chassis damage, Beaulieu recovered from a mid-race spin to finish fifth,

WALPOLE, N.H. - A busy chipping away at Call's healthy advantage.

Call's calamity ended a season-opening streak of finishing no worse than fourth, while Beaulieu has back-to-back top-fives after a slow start. Both drivers have a lot of work ahead to be ready for Friday, and with the season's deepest entry list in hand, winning promises to be a tall order.

A trio of Maine rookies have run the majority of the races this year, with Jamie Wright, Morgan Call and Miller Buzzell all set to carry on their season-long efforts at Lee. Joining them from the Pine Tree State is veteran Gary Smith and multi-track titlist Dave Farrington, Jr., who won his GSPSS debut back in 2016.

Wiscasset Speedway veteran and 2023 Speedway 95 winner Josh St. Clair is on the entry list, as well as Nick Jenkins and Matt Dow. Cole Robie, who hails from Maine, but has Granite State ties through his father Jarod and grandfather Carleton, plans to make his series debut as he graduates from Legends and Bandoleros into fullsize fendered cars this season.

Local racers Bobby Baillargeon, Bobby Frappier and Frankie Eldredge plan to put their Lee expertise to the test. Dan Winter has stepped up his GSPSS appearances this year and wants to replicate his

top-five run at Star Speedway in mount at Hudson two weeks ago, May's season opener. Andy Shaw missed the season opener, but he and the Dale Drew Racing team have been at every event since.

teammates Massachusetts Alex Quarterley and Jeremy Sorel are back for more GSPSS action, with Sorel still smiling after his second-place finish at Claremont Motorsports Park earlier this

Cory Casagrande is back after a week off, with the Connecticut star anxious to avenge a hard crash at Lee a month ago. Fellow Nutmeg Stater Anthony Bello is back with the series as well, racing for Maine car owner Shawn Knight.

With big-league racing on a summer recess, Maine native and NASCAR spotter Derek Kneeland is dusting off his race car for his first GSPSS start since 2022. Kneeland accompanied his driver, Kyle Busch, to June's Keen Parts 150 at Lee, where he and Busch both outlasted the carnage to post top-five finishes.

But the early favorites are sure to be those who have a record of past success at Lee. Ryan Green's redemption arc remains in play after a grinding crash at June sidelined his own race car. Green borrowed a car from friend Joey Doiron to race at Claremont this month, reintroduced his repaired

and will be a threat in whichever car he brings to the track this week.

Brandon Barker, the first Pro Stock champion at Lee after the division's revival a couple years back, won the Keen Parts 150 in June and took home a \$10,000 prize. Barker has a pair of GSPSS wins at Lee in 2018 and 2019 and would love to add to the trophy

Reigning Lee track champion Wavne Helliwell, Jr. last won a GSPSS feature in 2014, a dry spell the New Hampshire all-star would love to erase. Helliwell's longtime rival, Joey Polewarczyk, won a GSPSS feature at Lee that season, one of two touring wins at the track. "Joey Pole" was victorious at Hudson Speedway two weeks ago, his eighth series victory.

And Corey Bubar won the GSPSS' last outing at Lee, taking home \$8,500 in last fall's Bosowski Properties 150. The Beech Ridge Motor Speedway veteran is one of several racers who came to Lee after Beech Ridge was shuttered, and one of many to find success at his new home track.

In a showdown between the proven veterans and the optimistic hopefuls, the sure winners are the fans in the stands who can take in Friday night's on-track fireworks.

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NAME: Gianna Perry SCHOOL: Palmer Perry is sharpening her skills heading into the fall season. She is one of several Palmer players headed for the PVSSL playoffs this week.

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Big inning leads Blue Sox to win

HOLYOKE- After the Blue Sox the sixth inning, Danbury left fielder took both games of Saturday's double-header, they were hungry for more against the Westerners on Sunday after-

Valley capitalized on an eight-run seventh inning to win Sunday's game 13-5. The Blue Sox continue to cushion their lead of the eighth seed in the NECBL playoff picture.

Danbury starter Alex Mach struggled early and gave up four runs in the bottom of the second inning. Blue Sox designated hitter Jay Bant hit his third home run of the season. Two of those runs were scored as unearned as Danbury made two errors (one on catcher Roman DiGiacomo and second baseman Carl Schmidt). After two innings, it was 4-0 Valley.

Danbury chipped its way back into the game, scoring one run in the third, fourth and fifth innings. In the top of Jaden Sheffield, son of Major League Baseball superstar Gary Sheffield, struck out looking and was ejected by home plate umpire David Speranza.

Going into the top of the seventh inning, Valley had the 4-3 lead. KJ Lavoie surrendered singles to Kobe Mentzer and Lorenzo Rios. Danbury took a 5-4 lead going to the bottom of the

Mach entered the bottom of the inning and was taken out after immediately loading the bases on an E4, walk and single. Max Foster entered the game and got two quick groundouts.

Jonathan Hogart and Bant singled in runners. Anthony Scarabino walked and Zev Moore also singled in runners. Kyle Henington capitalized the eightrun seventh inning to make it 12-5. Valley tacked one more in the bottom of the eighth and won 13-5

Quabbin League seeking to start fall league

The Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball League is looking to start an eight-game fall program for the over-28 population. The league, which plays a spring/summer regular season with six teams for 15 games followed by playoffs, is hoping to continue the fun into the fall with a short eight-game schedule for interested players.

Preliminary details are still being worked on, but the league is looking to have four teams with six "regular season" games followed by a semifinal in the seventh week, and a final/consolation game in the eighth week.

The league will be a bit more informal than the regular spring/summer league with the goal being for players to have fun playing more baseball, work on field and batting skills through more innings in the field and extra atbats, or potentially working on or try-

As has been traditional in other fall leagues, the Quabbin League will likely be wood-bat only for the fall.

There is an interest form and survey interested players can fill out at www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org. The league is open to all current Quabbin league players as well as players from other leagues who are age 28 and over during the calendar year of 2024.

The league will look to keep the cost very low for the league with preliminary indications having the league in the \$40-50 range to play eight games.

Games will likely be held in the West Springfield, Agawam, Southwick area and are likely to be held on Sunday mornings, though a few games may be held at alternate times. Games are scheduled to begin in September after Labor Day.

Registration now open for Owl tournament

WESTFIELD - Registration is Lou Conte, Jr. will be the guest of Lou has ties here in the local area, now open for the 18th annual Owl Club Golf Tournament, which will be played on Monday, Aug. 5 at Crestview Country Club in Agawam, Mass.

The tournament is a primary fundraising event to support Owls athletics.

Registration is open at www. westfieldalumni.org/OwlGolf New Owls' head football coach honor for the tournament. Meet coach Conte and learn about his plans for the future of the Owls program, while enjoying a great day of

"It's a great chance for us to introduce Lou to some of our most loyal alumni, and the folks that support Westfield State athletics," said Westfield State director of athletics Richard Lenfest, Jr. "It's great that

and I think that everyone will look forward to hearing his approach to Westfield State football.

Conte joins the Owls after a year as head coach at American International College in Springfield, and a seven-year stint as an assistant and offensive coordinator at The Citadel, a NCAA Division I program in the Southern Conference.

The Owl Club Golf Tourna-

ment includes 18 holes with cart in a scramble format, a cookout style lunch before the round, and a buffet dinner following. Raffles, on course contests, and a player's oasis on the course helps to ensure an enjoyable round for golfers of all levels. For more information on the tournament, CLICK HERE.

The event has been popular with alumni, parents, friends and fans, and has sold out for the last 15

events. Westfield Bank will serve as the lead sponsor for the event.

Register early to ensure your team's participation. Foursomes are preferred, but we will pair individuals or smaller groups.

"It's always a great day to see a lot of old friends and classmates, and some of the sponsors that really help to support the accomplishments of our talented student-athletes," added Lenfest. "The golf is

fun, but the proceeds help to put our Smith Cup-winning programs in position to be as competitive as possible on the field and in the classroom."

Westfield Bank serves as the title sponsor of the event. Additional sponsor packages are still available; contact Associate Athletic Director Dave Caspole at 413-572-5433 or dcaspole@westfield.ma.edu.

DEATH NOTICES

Michael A. Simpkiss

Died on July 25, 2024 Services August 4, 2024 Beers & Story Funeral Home

Robert G. Simpkiss, Sr.

Died on July 25, 2024 Services August 4, 2024 Beers & Story Funeral Home

Rose Tyburski

Services Aug. 4 & 5, 2024 Motyka Funeral Home

The Journal Register **OBITUARY POLICY**

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

One is a free, brief Death Notice listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral

The other is a Paid Obituary, costing \$225, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph. Death Notices & Paid **Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

Rose Tyburski

PALMER—Rose Tyburski,1928-2024, died Peacefully in her home under Hospice Care, surround by family and loved

A resident of Palmer all her life, she is the last of 10 children born to Piotr & Rozalia Mozden. A graduate of the Palmer School System, she received her nursing education from Mercy Hospital School of Nursing and her Gerontological Degree from Boston University. She retired from Quaboag Valley Nursing Association (VNA) and Palmer Board of Health.

Rose was always interested in community health. She served on Palmer's first drug committee, Western MA Health Planning Council, was a member of the advisory board to Pathfinder Regional Technical School, was a board of director for Palmer Council on Aging & Home Health Care of Springfield and was instrumental in bringing the Meals on Wheels program to Palmer.

She was also a member of the library building committee and was the first woman elected to the Palmer Board of Health and served for 21 years. She was honored at the State House by the MA Department of Health for a career of distinguished service.

Rose also served her church community of SS Peter & Paul Church (now Divine

Mercy Parish) and was secretary of its parish council over 20 years, a member of its Rosary Society and the Polish Women's' Alliance. She also served on a Republican Committee.

Rose found great comfort in aging due to the continual love and support she received: frequent communication with grandchildren on her I-Pad, Facetime and personal visits from family/relatives and Happy Time with her nephew, Michael and other community friends (too numerous to mention, but they know who they are) who often stopped by to check on her. She was immensely grateful for everyone in her life.

Rose was predeceased by husband Fred in 2004 and sisters Bertha Walukiewicz, Jennie



Lopata, Irene Mozden and brothers Stanley Mozden, Dr. Walter and Dr. Peter Mozden, Stephen, John and Joseph.

She also leaves 3 sons and their (spouses): Fred (Charlotte) of Newport, VT, George (Roberta) of

Charlton, MA and Mark (Terri) of Hingham, MA. Plus, 9 Grandchildren: Jason (Shannon), Karin (Gil), Michael, Kyle, Amy (Zach), Matthew (Emily), Alexandra (Joe), Eugene and Kevin. As well as 5 Great Grandchildren: Colin, Jack, Gabriel, Raphael and Bailey.

Guests are welcome to remember, Rose at the Motyka Funeral Home in Three Rivers, MA on Sunday, August 4 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. or Monday, Aug. 5 at 8-9 a.m. A funeral Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 10 a.m. at SS Peter & Paul Church and St. Anne's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to SS Peter & Paul Church or, to a local VNA of vour choice.

Robert G. Simpkiss, Sr.

Robert G. Simpkiss, Sr., also known as "Senior" and back in the day, "Bobby G.", aged 81, peacefully passed away on July 25, 2024, in Coral Springs, Florida. Born on August 27, 1942 in Wilmington, Delaware, Robert led a remarkable and fulfilling life, leaving behind a legacy of love, dedication, and hard work. Robert's life was marked by

a range of careers, all of which demonstrated his incredible versatility and commitment. In his youth, he served as a milkman and paperboy, setting the stage for a future of industrious endeavors. His role as a volunteer firefighter in Claymont, Delaware, epitomized his selfless nature and desire to serve his community. Subsequently, Robert's work with Chicago Bridge and Iron, alongside his brother Jimmy, showcased his strong work ethic, building bridges and contributing to the factory's operations.

In addition to these early efforts, Robert played a pivotal role in various other enterprises. He worked with Palmer Home Maintenance and Fontaine Enterprises, contributing his skills and dedication. Notably, he assisted his son in growing RGS Communications, testament to his unwavering support for his family. However, Robert was best known for his work in car hauling for Subaru of New England and Diversified Automotive, a career that highlighted his reliability and expertise.

Robert cherished life's simple pleasures and had a knack for making every moment count. He loved drinking wine, dancing, and playing poker, activities that brought joy to his days and to those around him. Known for his sage advice and his unwavering willingness to help others, he truly made a positive impact on evervone he met. He is predeceased by his be-

loved wife and best friend, Marie (Guarisco) Simpkiss in 2001, two brothers, Raymond and Jimmy Simpkiss, a grandson, and his son, Michael Simpkiss, on July 25, 2024. He leaves behind a loving family who will forever cherish his memory: sons Robert G. Simpkiss Jr (Sharon), Ricky Simpkiss (Melissa), Joe Simpkiss (Kelly); daughter Maria Forest (Michael); his brother



Kenneth Simpkiss; 11 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Family friends are invited to honor Robert's life at the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home. Visitation will be held on Sunday, August 4, from 2-5 p.m. On

Monday, August 5, those wishing to attend the graveside service at Oak Knoll Cemetery are invited to gather at the funeral home between 9-9:30 a.m. to proceed to the cemetery for the 10 a.m. service.

In memory of Robert, the family kindly requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (www.ovarian. org) to honor his late wife Marie, or the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation (https://secure.qgiv.com/ for/pulfibfou/).

Robert G. Simpkiss Sr.'s life was one of dedication to family, friends, community, and hard work. His presence will be deeply missed, but his legacy will continue to inspire all who

Michael A. Simpkiss

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Michael A. Simpkiss, who left us on July 25, 2024, in Palmer, MA. He was born on January 3, 1972, in Wilmington, Delaware, and lived a life marked by dedication to his family, hard work, and an unwavering spirit.

Michael was a proud graduate of Palmer High School and furthered his education at a trade school for diesel mechanics, where he graduated at the top of his class. His rigorous training and exceptional skills led him to a distinguished career spanning 20 years with the Connecticut Corrections, from which he retired as a respected corrections officer.

Michael was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Robert and Marie (Guarisco) Simpkiss. He leaves behind a loving family including his also survived by his brothers, Robert Simpkiss, Jr. (Sharon, Ricky Simpkiss (Melissa), Joe Simpkiss (Kelly), and his sisters, Maria Forest (Michael) and Nicole LeBlanc. Michael's memory will also be cherished by his many nieces,

nephews, and friends who were touched by his gentle nature and warmth.

In his leisure time, Michael enjoyed simple pleasures like scratching lottery tickets, and he found solace and joy in fishing and hunting. These interests provided him with moments of peace and reflection amidst the demanding responsibilities of his career.

The family invites friends and loved ones to celebrate Michael's life at the Beers & Story daughter, Carlie Grinnell, and Palmer Funeral Home. Visita- hearts and memories of all who his son, Aiden Simpkiss. He is tion will be held on Sunday, Au- knew and loved him.



gust 4, from 2-5 p.m. A graveside service at Oak Knoll Cemetery will follow on Monday, August 5. Those wishing to attend are invited to gather at the funeral home between 9-9:30 a.m. to proceed together to the cemetery for the 10 a.m.

service.

In these times of grief, the family encourages expressions of sympathy and gestures that reflect Michael's life and struggles. In his memory, donations may be made to the Anxiety and Depression Association of America (https://adaa.org/), supporting those who grapple with depression and mental health challenges.

Michal's legacy of strength, resilience, and devotion to his loved ones will live on in the

Police/Fire

Fire Logs

Three Rivers Fire Dept

For the period of July 21 - July 27 Three Rivers *Fire responded to 3 incidents.*

Sunday, July 25 - Chudy St., Three Rivers, Smoke detector activation due to malfunction

Sunday, July 25 - Main St., Three Rivers, MA 01080 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction Monday, July 26 - Burlingame Rd., Three Rivers, EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury

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BELCHER-TOWN—The New England Small Farm Institute has started fundraising for the Horse Barn located on Jackson Street. Built in 1893, this post and beam barn features a unique oak block center aisle floor. For many years, it was home to the first Therapeutic Riding Center in Belchertown. The barn has had minor repairs over the years, but is now in need of more serious repair. This entails shoring up support beams and replacing the roof. Individuals can access the donation site by typing in "Gofundme save historic Belchertown barn". Please consider a donation to help preserve this Belchertown treasure.

The New England Small Farm Institute is a land-based, non-profit organization. It was founded in 1978, after the closing of the Belchertown State School Farm, by a local citizen's group-Women in Agriculture, Food Policy and Land Use Reform to encourage sustainable regional agriculture. It currently leases land to several farmers and is home to the Belchertown Community Garden and the 4-H Giving Garden.

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HELPING YOU FIND HELP

Town of Warren, MA POLICE OFFICER Job Posting: Full/Part Time Openings

The Warren Police Department is accepting applications for the position of full time and part time Police Officer. Applicants are preferred to be academy trained and must be willing to work weekends, nights, and holidays

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The Patrolmen's contract provides an education incentive and a candidate with prior experience may also be considered to start at a higher step rate of pay.

Resumes and cover letters must be returned no later than Monday, August 5, 2024, to the attention of Lt. Kyle Whitcomb, WPD PO Box 606, Warren, MA 01083 or whitcomb@warren-ma.gov.

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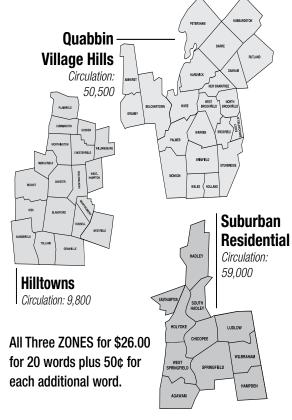
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Jennifer Gumlaw, Collector of Taxes

Assessed To GULAS GEORGE & ANN E

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 3920 Square Feet located and known as PINE CREST DR shown on the Town of Holland Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier R14/D/06 and being part of the premises recorded in book 3681 on page 0587 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

Assessed To LANDING ROCK LLC

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Assessed To LANDING ROCK LLC

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Assessed To MAHAN BRUCE M

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 3049 Square Feet located and known as CHEROKEE RD shown on the Town of Holland Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier R37/C/23 and being part of the premises recorded in book 9079 on page 0149 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds. 2022 Tax \$27.97

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Assessed To MAHAN BRUCE M

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 3049 Square Feet located and known as CHEROKEE RD shown on the Town of Holland Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier R37/C/27 and being part of the premises recorded in book 9711 on page 0467 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds. Tax

Assessed To MAHAN BRUCE M

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 3049 Square Feet located and known as CHEROKEE RD shown on the Town of Holland Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier R37/C/34 and being part of the premises recorded in book 12425 on page 0342 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

2022 Tax \$27.97

Assessed To MAHAN BRUCE M

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 3.97 Acres located and known as OLD COUNTY RD REAR shown on the Town of Holland Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier R37/C/39.02 and being part of the premises recorded in book 9473 on page 0096 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

> 2022 \$884.23 Tax

Assessed To MAHAN BRUCE M

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 3049 Square Feet located and known as DEER RUN shown on the Town of Holland Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier R38/A/23 and being part of the premises recorded in book 9079 on page 0149 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds. 2022 Tax

Assessed To MAHAN BRUCE M

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 3049 Square Feet located and known as 51 CHEROKEE RD shown on the Town of Holland Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier R38/A/42 and being part of the premises recorded in book 23941 on page 353 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds. Supposed Present Owner C/O MAHAN BRYCE HAMELIN 2022 Tax \$116.55

Assessed To MAHAN BRUCE M

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 3049 Square Feet located and known as CHEROKEE RD shown on the Town of Holland Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier R37/C/20 and being part of the premises recorded in book 9473 on page 0096 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds. Tax

Assessed to US BANK TRUST NA And CALIPER HOME LOANS INC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 2178 Square Feet located and known as EAST BRIMFIELD RD shown on the Town of Holland Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 01/G/16 and being part of the premises recorded in book 22369 on page 0247 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

Tax \$27.97

Assessed To WADDELL BARBARA A

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 3049 Square Feet located and known as OVERLOOK RD shown on the Town of Holland Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier R36/H/05 and being part of the premises recorded in book 5465 on page 0572 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds. Tax

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. HD24P1578EA Estate of:

Anwar Kamal Afrede Date of Death: 02/01/2024 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 Khanshahana A Afrede of Brimfield, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Khanshahana A Afrede of Brimfield, 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 08/23/2024. 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.

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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: July 26, 2024

Rosemary A Saccomani, Register of Probate 08/01/2024

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. HD24C0218CA

In the matter of:

Joseph Bettencourt, Jr.

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by Joseph Bettencourt,

Jr. of Palmer, MA request-

ing that the court enter a

Decree changing their name

Joseph Enrico Wilson IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Hampden **Probate and Family Court** before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/20/2024.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court. Date: July 15, 2024

Rosemary A Saccomani Register of Probate 08/01/2024

LEGAL NOTICE **MORTGAGEE'S** SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Theresa M. Brothers to Mortgage Electronic Registration, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Liberty Home Equity Solutions, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated February 19, 2013 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 19713, Page 148 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Seattle Bank is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration FEET TO AN IRON PIN

ee, as nominee for Liberty Home Equity Solutions, Inc., its successors and assigns to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development dated December 31, 2019 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 23240. Page 162, and Assignment from Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Seattle Bank dated March 20, 2024 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 25383, Page 519, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 15 Bliss Street, Monson, MA 01057 will be sold at a Public Auction at 12:00 PM on August 27, 2024, at the mortgaged premises, more

Systems, Inc., as mortgag-

to wit: The land described herein is situated in the State of Massachusetts, County of Hampden, and is described as follows:

particularly described below.

all and singular the premises

described in said mortgage,

A certain real estate situated in Monson in the County of Hampden. Bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING AT A

HIGHWAY MONUMENT IN THE NORTHERLY LINE OF BLISS STREET AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF PARCEL NO 1-A. AS SHOWN ON A PLAN RECORDED IN THE HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS. ENTITLED ESTATE OF RICKSHAW, INC. IN BANKRUPTCY #54988 MONSON MASS., IRVING SALVAGE, TRUSTEE IN BANKRUPTCY; THENCE S 33° 56' W A DISTANCE OF 68.00 FEET TO HIGHWAY MONUMENT: THENCE S 45° 56' W A DISTANCE OF 56.35 FEET TO A HIGHWAY MONUMENT; THENCE S 54° 26' W A DISTANCE OF 60.26 FEET TO A HIGHWAY MONUMENT; THENCE BY A CURVE TO THE RIGHT WITH A RADIUS OF 179.20 FEET A DISTANCE OF 146.55 FEET TO A POINT AT LAND OF ELLIS MILLS; THE LAST 4 COURSES BEING ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF BLISS STREET; THENCE BY SAID LAND OF ELLIS MILLS N 3° 54' W A DISTANCE OF 211.20

IN A ROCK: THENCE N 29° 46' W A DISTANCE OF 40.90 FEET TO A POINT AT PARCEL NO. 1-A; THENCE BY THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID PARCEL NO. 1-A, N 82° 14' E A DISTANCE OF 46.06 FEET TO A POINT: THENCE S 76° 44' E A DISTANCE OF 53.09 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S 67° 32' E A DISTANCE OF 69. 10 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S 62° 42' E A DISTANCE OF 125.84 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

BEING PARCEL NO. 2 AS SHOWN ON THE ABOVE MENTIONED PLAN.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 17065, Page

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

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

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Seattle Bank Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Brothers, Estate of, Theresa M., 24-044777 08/01, 08/08, 08/15/2024

Are you afraid of outliving your money?

Do you worry about running out of money during your retirement years? If so, how can you help prevent this from happening?

In the first place, if you have this type of fear, you're far from alone. Consider this:

58% of retirement savers from all age groups, including current retirees, say that outliving their assets is their greatest retirement fear, according to a study by Cerulli Associates, a financial services research organization.

This type of fear can certainly affect your quality of life when you retire. Still, there's no need to panic - because you can take steps to help prevent the running-out-of-money scenario.

Here are a few to consider:

• Know how much you'll need during retirement. You need to get a clear picture, or at least as good an estimate as possible, of how much money you'll need to support your retirement lifestyle. Once vou do retire, some costs, such as transportation or other work-related expenses, might go down, while others - medical expenses, in particular - will likely go up. The fear of running out of money, like many fears, is caused largely by what you don't know, so having a good sense of how much you'll need in retirement can help reduce your anxieties.

• Build financial resources before retirement. You're probably at your peak earning capacity in the years close to your retirement, so consider contributing as much as you can afford to your IRA and 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.

• Maximize your Social Security payments. You can start collecting Social Security as early as 62, but your monthly benefits will be larger if you can afford to wait until your full retirement age, between 66 and 67. (Payments will "max out" at age 70.)

• Re-enter the workforce. Going back to work in some capacity is one way to possibly help build retirement resources and delay taking Social Security. If you have a particular area of expertise, and you enjoyed the work you did, you might be able to go back to it on a parttime basis or do some consulting. You could boost your cash flow, and potentially extend your contributions to an IRA and to an employer's retirement plan.

• Cut costs during retirement. Possibly the biggest cost-cutting measure is downsizing - are you willing and able to move to a less expensive area or scale down your current living space? Of course, this is an emotional decision, as well as a financial one, and downsizing isn't for everyone, but it might be something to at least consider. As for the lesser ways of reducing expenses, take advantage of senior discounts, which are offered in many areas, including entertainment, public transportation, restaurants and retail establishments. And look for other opportunities, such as cutting out streaming services you don't use.

 Look for more income from your investments. As you get closer to retirement, and even when you do retire, you might want to adjust your investment portfolio to provide you with more income-producing opportunities. However, even as a retiree, you'll want some growth potential in your investments to help keep you ahead of inflation.

Ultimately, the more you can bolster your financial security before and during retirement, the less fear you may have of outliving your

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LEGAL NOTICE **MORTGAGEE'S** SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by William P Carter to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. as mortgagee, as nominee for Urban Financial Group Inc., its successors and assigns, dated February 6, 2013 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 19682, Page 599 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for VRMTG Asset Trust is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Urban Financial Group Inc., its successors and assigns to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development dated March 19, 2021 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 23822, Page 500, and Assignment from Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for VRMTG Asset Trust dated February 21, 2024 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 25374, Page 433, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 3021 Main Street South, Bondsville (Palmer), MA 01009 will be sold at a Public Auction at 12:00 PM on August **15, 2024**, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

PARCEL I A certain tract of land in Bondsville in said Palmer containing approximate two thousand six hundred and ninety-five and five-tenths (2695.5) square feet, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin set on the Easterly side of South Main Street and at the Northwesterly corner of the parcel to be conveyed herein all as shown on a plan entitled 'Plan of Land Owned by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Springfield" by Harold Eugene Melllin, Registered Land Surveyor, dated 17 June 1975, said plan recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds. and running South 89° 29' 29" East for a distance of forty-seven and sixty-nine hundredths (47.69) feet to an iron pin; thence South 3° 48' 06" West for a distance of fifty-one and ninety-one hundredths (51.91) feet; thence North 86° 07' 35" West for a distance of fifty-nine and forty-five hundredths (59.45) feet to South Main Street; thence North 17° 21' 20" East along South Main Street for a distance of fifty and fifty hundreths (50.50) feet to the point of beginning.

Subject to restrictions of

Being the premises conveyed by deed dated August 7, 1975, recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4166, Page 222.

PARCEL II A certain tract or parcel of land situate in Bondsvillage in said Palmer and bounded and described as follows to wit: Beginning at the North East corner of land of V. D. Potter at a point on the East line of lands of Mrs. Southwick, David M. Squier and said Potter. Thence Northerly about 100 feet in a continuation of said line and, on land of the Boston Duck Company to a stake and stones. Thence Westerly about 38 feet on land to be occupied for a Catholic Church to a stake and stones said line being 40 feet from and parallel with the Northerly side of the shop on said premises. Thence Westerly on said last named land about 73 feet to a stake and stones. Thence Southerly about 53 feet to a stake and stones on the North Side of the private way leading to said shop.

Thence Westerly to a bound on the highway leading from Palmer Depot to Bondsville. Thence Southerly on said highway about 30 feet to the North West corner of land of said Potter. Thence Easterly on said Potters land to the first mentioned bound.

Being the same premises conveved by deed dated February 19, 1976 recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4235, Page

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 11842, Page

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

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

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for VRMTG Asset Trust

Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Carter, William, 24-044633 07/18, 07/25, 08/01/2024

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 33 Brimfield Road,

Holland, MA 01521 By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by John R Ebersold to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for TD Banknorth, N.A, and now held by U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition **Trust**, said mortgage dated February 8, 2008 and filed in the Hampden County Registry District of the Land Court as Document No.: 175628 and noted on Certificate of Title No.: 30201, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for TD Banknorth, N.A. to PHH Mortgage Corporation by assignment dated July 1, 2014 and filed with Hampden County Registry District of the Land Court as Document No.: 200515 and noted on Certificate of

Title No.: 30201; said mortgage was assigned from PHH Mortgage Corporation to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage of sale. Servicing by assignment dated December 16, 2020 and filed with Hampden County Registry District of the Land Court as Document No.: 224506 and noted on Certificate of Title No.: 30201; said mortgage was assigned from NewRez LLC f/k/a New Penn Financial. LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing to U.S. Bank Trust National Mortgage (401) 217-8701 Association, not in its indi-

vidual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust by assignment dated February 1, 2023 and filed with Hampden County Registry District of

the Land Court as Document No.: 233828 and noted on Certificate of Title No .: 30201: for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on August 19, 2024 at 12:00 PM Local **Time** upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

to wit: THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN IS SITUATED IN THE STATE OF MA, COUNTY OF HAMPDEN, CITY OF HOLLAND AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: T H EL A N D

HOLLAND, HAMPDEN COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS, BOUNDED ANDDESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: NORTHEASTERLY BY BRIMFIELD ROAD, 100.00

SOUTHERLY BY LOT 15, AS SHOWN ON PLAN HEREINAFTER MENTIONED, 330.07 FEET;

WESTERLY BY LOT 9, AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAN, 80.00 FEET:

NORTHERLY BY LOT 17, AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAN. 297.97 FEET: SAID LAND IS SHOWN AS LOT 16 ON SAID PLAN.

ALL OF SAID BOUNDARIES, EXCEPT THE ROAD LINES ARE DETERMINED BY THE COURT TO BE LOCATED AS SHOWN UPON SUBDIVISION PLAN NUMBERED 6712-G, DRAWN BY JALBERT ENGINEERING, SURVEYORS, DATED APRIL 17, MODIFIED 1980. A N DAPPROVED BY THE COURT, FILED IN THE LAND REGISTRATION OFFICES, A COPY OF A PORTION OF

CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 19853. BEING THE SAME PARCEL CONVEYED TO JOHN R. EBERSOLD FROM JOHNEBERSOLD AND JOHN E. EBERSOLD, BYVIRTUE OF A DEED DATED 10/17/2001, RECORDED 10/22/2001. AS INSTRUMENT NO. 141, 369 Cert # 30201 COUNTY OF HAMPDEN, STATE OF

WHICH IS PILED WITH

TAX ID #: 13/B/03.06 For information only: Property Address: 33 BRIMFIELD RD.

MASSACHUSETTS.

HOLLAND, MA, 01521 The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated October 17, 2001 and registered with the Hampden County Registry District of the Land Court as Document No.: 141369 and noted on Certificate of Title

No.: 30201 TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said

mortgage above described. FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Brock & Scott, PLLC 23 Messenger Street 2nd Floor Plainville, MA 02762 Attorney for U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust Present Holder of the

07/18, 07/25, 08/01/2024

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. HD20P0578EA

Estate of: **Gale Alice Howard** Also known as: Gale Brown, Gale Howard Date of Death: 09/30/2019 CITATION ON PETITION FOR REMOVAL

To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by: James B Howard, Jr. of Monson, MA requesting that Carl A Trant, Jr. of Thorndike, MA be removed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate.

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 08/21/2024.

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 date, action may be taken with-

out further notice to you. WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M. Hyland, First Justice of this Court. Date: July 25, 2024

Rosemary A. Saccomani Register of Probate 08/01/2024

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. HD24P1545EA Estate of:

Joan A Hudon Date of Death: 04/04/2024 CITATION ON **PETITION** FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons A Petition for Formal **Adjudication of Intestacy** and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Richard Scaife of Brimfield, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the

Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Richard Scaife of Brimfield, 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 08/27/2024. 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.

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estate, including the dis-

tribution of assets and

expenses of administration WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court. Date: July 23, 2024

Rosemary A Saccomani, Register of Probate 08/01/2024

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: TOYOTA VIN:JTDBR32E370104484 Angel Delgado 150 Beacon ST Apt 1 Worcester, MA; VOLVO VIN:YV449MRU5H2225161 Erica Walch 16 Maplecrest DR Belchertown, MA:TOYOTA VIN:4T1G11AK9LU339110 Yonathan Vargas-Jimenez 275 Chestnut ST Apt 507 Springfield, MA. This auction is to take place on August 16, 2024, 10:00 A.M. at LaBontes & Son LLC, 241 Wilbraham St., Palmer, MA 01069

08/01, 08/08, 08/15/2024

Monson Housing Authority Insulation & Air Sealing REBID **Project #191072** Section 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT

TO BID MGL c.149 Over \$150K MONSON The HOUSING AUTHORITY, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the Insulation & Air Sealing REBID at State Aided Development:

Colonial Village (705-2) 70-72 Main Street / 21 Flynt Street, Monson, MA

290 Main Street (705-1) 290 Main Street, Monson, MA 01057

Colonial Village (667-2) 31 State Street, Monson, MA 01057

Colonial Village (667-1) 31 State Street, Monson, MA 01057

in accordance with the documents prepared by LEONARDI ARAY

ARCHITECTS LLC. The Project consists of but not limited to:

Attic insulation and air sealing of Colonial Village 667-1 & 2, 290 Main St 705-

1, & 70 Main St 705-2. The work is estimated to cost \$185,000.00.

All bidding Requests for Information (RFIs) shall be submitted online by 08/20/2024 at 2:00PM EDT for general bids.

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

M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to

27H inclusive. THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRON-ICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. All Bids shall be submitted online at biddocs.com and received no later than the date and time specified.

General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the following category of work, General Building Construction, and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime/ General Contractor Update Statement.

General Bids will be received until 27 August **2024 at 2:00PM EDT** and publicly opened online, forthwith.

Filed Sub-bids for the trades listed below will be received until NULL at **NULL** and publicly opened online, forthwith.

Filed sub-bidders must be DCAMM certified for the trades listed below and bidders must include a current DCAMM Sub-Bidder Certificate of Eligibility and a signed DCAMM Sub-Bidder's Update Statement. TRADES - NONE

General bids and sub-bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (including all alternates) and made payable to the MONSON HOUSING AUTHORITY. Note: A bid deposit is not required for Projects adver-

tised under \$50,000. Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for review at biddocs.com (may be viewed and downloaded electronically at no

cost). General bidders must agree to contract with minority and women business enterprises as certified by the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO), formerly known as SOMWBA. The combined participation benchmark reserved for such enterprises shall not be less than 13% of the final contract price including accepted alternates. Request for waivers must be sent to EOHLC (david.mcclave@mass. gov) 5 calendar days prior to the General Bid date. NO WAIVERS WILL BE **GRANTED AFTER THE** GENERAL BIDS ARE OPENED.

PRE-BID CONFER-ENCE / SITE VISIT: Scheduled

Date and Time: 08/15/2024 at 10:00AM EDT Address: 31 State Street #50, Monson, MA 01057

Instructions: None The hard copy Contract Documents may be seen at: Nashoba Blue Inc.

433 Main Street Hudson, MA 01749 978-568-1167 08/01, 08/08/2024

LEGAL NOTICE **MORTGAGEE'S** SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Lynne R. Riendeau to Wells Fargo bank, N.A., dated March 26, 2008 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 17221, Page 319 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage PHH Mortgage Corporation is the present holder by Assignment from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company dated October 3. 2017 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 21887, Page 457, and Assignment from Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company to Mortgage Assets Management, LLC dated February 21, 2022 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 24415, Page 76, and Assignment from Mortgage Assets Management, LLC to Federal National Mortgage Association dated March 26, 2024 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 25362, Page 82, and Assignment from Federal National Mortgage Association to PHH Mortgage Corporation dated May 31, 2024 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 25442, Page 146, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 46 Meadowbrook Lane, Unit No. 46, of the Meadowbrook Green Condominiums, Palmer, MA 01069 will be sold at a Public Auction at 3:00 PM on August 15, 2024, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, Unit No. 46 (the Unit)

in a condominium known as MEADOWBROOK GREEN CONDOMINIUMS consisting of property having a post office address at 46 Meadowbrook Lane, Palmer, Hampden County, Massachusetts, and which

was created pursuant to and in accordance with. Chapter 183A of the General Laws of Massachusetts by a Master Deed dated December 22, 1977 (the Master Deed). and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Dock 4531, Page 52 (see also Rook 4547, Page 296 and Book 4835, Page 372 and Book 5901.

The Unit is more particularly described in the Master Deed.

The Unit contains 1175 square feet of building area, more or less, and is laid out as shown on the Unit Plan, which Unit Plan is a copy of a portion of the plans recorded with the Master Deed. A verified statement in the form provided for in Section 9, Chapter 183A, of the General Laws of Massachusetts, is attached to such Unit Plan.

The Unit is conveyed together with a 1.755% undivided interest in the Common Areas and Facilities as defined and described in the Master Deed. The unit is subject to and has the benefit of all applicable provisions contained in the Master Deed (including the provisions granting exclusive use, rights), and in the By-Laws of Meadowbrook Green Condominiums, dated February 22, 1977 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 4531, Page 78, and the rules and regulations from time to time adopted thereunder by said Association, including without limitation the provisions for assessment of the common expenses.

Subject to and with the benefit of easements and use of all common elements located within said Units, in common with other Units as set forth in the Master Deed.

Subject to easement rights granted to Massachusetts Electric Company dated March 1, 1973, and recorded as aforesaid in Book 3795, Page 309, and additional easement rights granted to said Massachusetts Electric Company dated May 25, 1979, and recorded as afore-

said in Book 4777, Page 292. Sub (sic) to easement rights granted to New England Telephone and Telegraph Company under instrument dated May 25, 1979, and recorded as aforesaid in Book 4779, Page 183.

Said Unit is intended to be used for single family residence purposes as set forth in paragraph 10 of said Master Deed and is subject to the restrictions as set forth in Paragraph 11 of said Master Deed that, unless otherwise permitted by instrument in writing duly executed by Meadowbrook Green Condominium Association pursuant to provisions of the By-Laws thereof, hereinafter referred to, (1) no such Unit shall be used for any purpose other than as a dwelling for one family, (b) no business activities of any nature shall be conducted in any such Unit, except (1) as provided in Paragraph C of Section 10 and (2) that a lawyer, physician, architect, engineer, accountant, real estate broker, business consultant, or insurance agent, residing in any such Unit may maintain therein an office for his personal professional use and may display a small professional nameplate, but no employees or persons other than a resident of such Unit shall engage therein in any such activities and no such office shall be advertised, held out or used as a place for service to clients or patients, (c) dogs, cats or other pet animals or birds shall not be kept in any Such Unit in such number or of such type as to be noisome or offensive to occupants of other Units, (d) the architectural integrity of the buildings and the Units shall be preserved without modification; and to that end, without limiting the generality, no porch, patio, terrace, garden or yard enclosure, awning, screen, antenna, sign, banner or other device, and no exterior change, addition, structure, projection, decoration or other feature shall be erected or placed upon or

any part thereof, no addition to or change or replacement of any exterior light, door knocker or other exterior hardware shall be made and no painting, attaching or decalcomania or other decoration shall be done on any exterior part or surface of any Unit nor on the interior surface of any window unless approved in writing by the Board of Directors of the Meadowbrook Green Condominium Association, (f) all use and maintenance of such Units shall be conducted in a manner consistent with the comfort and convenience of the occupants of other Units and in accordance with the provisions with respect thereto from time to time promulgated by said Board of Directors and (e) all maintenance and use by Unit Owners of porches, patios, terraces, gardens, yards, parking spaces, lights and other facilities shall be done so as to preserve the appearance and character of same and of the grounds and buildings without modifica-

attached to any such Unit or

Subject to rights of the public and others entitled thereto insomuch of said premises as lie within the limits of Mt. Dumplin Street and all rights reserved to the sponsor in said Master Deed which shall, in all instances, be exercisable by the present sponsor and its successors or assigns, and such real estate taxes to said Unit for the current year as are now due and payable which the grantees assume and agree to pay.

The Unit is also conveyed with a right to use the two parking spaces assigned to the Unit as set forth in the Master Deed.

Except as otherwise provided in Paragraph 10 of the Master Deed, the Unit is intended to be used for residential purposes. The Unit is subject to the restrictions on use contained in Paragraph 10 of the Master Deed, which are incorporated by

Being the same premises conveyed to the mortgagor herein by a deed August 8, 1990 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 7520, Page 444.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 7520, Page

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

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

Other terms to be announced at the sale. PHH Mortgage

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Fireworks went off over the Brimfield Winery on Satur-

day night for Olde Home Day.

Many non-profits ran events for the attendees, including the Hitchcock Free Academy's Field Games, where kids played kickball with the Fire Department.



Crowds enjoyed the firework display from the grounds with their families.



The Brimfield Recreation Department helped raise funds for fireworks for 2025 by volunteering to be dunk tank victims.



The event attracted Brimfield residents (from left) Billie Jean Petrie, Liz Simonetti, and Jess Powers.

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Submitted photos

A crowd of local residents sits in the field to watch the fireworks display.



A table at the Old Homes Day offered "Old Brimfield Coots Giving Advice."



The self-proclaimed "old coots" sat together at their table for the event.

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This Aug. 1, Dakin will celebrate 55 years of improving the lives of animals in need and the people who care about them by keeping them where they belong, together. During that anniversary week, from Tuesday, July 30 through Saturday, Aug. 3, Dakin will lower adoption fees for cats six months and older to \$55, and also discount adoption fees for kittens by \$55. The adoption center will be open from 12:30 to 3 p.m. on each day of the promotion. All cats and kittens available for adoption will have undergone spay/ neuter surgery, microchipping, and received age-appropriate vaccinations before they leave the building.

According to Dakin's Executive Director Meg Talbert, the organization

will also celebrate Dakin Day by sharing stories and celebrating the animals helped within our community, and those who make our work possible. "Summer always means lots of animals who need rehoming," she said "Cats and kittens, especially, arrive in large numbers at Dakin, and we're hoping that by reducing adoption fees we can help them find homes that much faster."

People interested in adopting a pet at Dakin can see a listing of currently-available pets online at https://www. dakinhumane.org/adopt-a-pet. The web page continually updates; removing pets that have left the building, and adding pets who become available for adoption, within minutes.



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Backyard cookout summer event



Pennington Painting's team competed in games of cornhole.



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette A Pennington Painting team member sends a beanbag flying.



Ware Business & Civic Association and Beyond President Dan Flynn prepared hamburgers on the grill for the Summer Sizzler.

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within those towns interested in joining the association. For information about joining the Ware Business & Civic Association and Beyond, visit warebca.com, email warebca@gmail.com or call Dan Flynn, president, at 413-297-5886.

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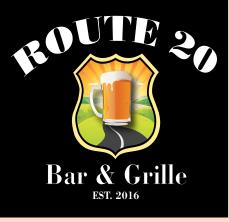
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