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TRANSPORTATION

Citizens for a Palmer Rail Stop provides timeline for East/West rail

"We still want to be as close to downtown as possible to bring economic development and housing opportunities to the downtown area"

- Benjamin Hood

By Marcelo Gusmão Staff Writer mgusmao@turley.com

PALMER - The Citizens for a Palmer Rail Stop organization has provided updates on the development of a train station in town.

Things have been moving steadily in the mission to create an East/West passenger rail to connect the two ends of the state. Citizen Benjamin Hood was very optimistic about the ways that the state government has been supporting this effort.

"Governor (Maura) Healey,

in spite of every setback along the way, managed to put money aside with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation," Hood said.

The Department of Transportation and Governor Healey set aside \$4.5 million to plan for a Palmer station. Still more money was set aside for Pittsfield, which Hood said was the boost the project needed to move forward.

Hood said that the Citizens for a Palmer Rail Stop group, led by Andy Koziol, has been working with Town Manager Brad Brothers and Town Planner Heidi Mannarino to organize meetings with the DOT.

Vanasse Hangen Brustlin formed a Master Plan for the project to undergo the initial siting and conceptual

"Even though there's this group, with the state DOT leading it and working with municipal stakeholders and the public and deciding where Palmer's platform will be, we still have to get funding," Hood said. "So another element is how much it will cost and what kind of funding is available."

Hood said that the goal of the Citizens for a Palmer Rail Stop is to make sure this project is something that can be built affordably.

"We don't want to have a design we can't build," Hood said. "We want them to be able to do trackwork between Worcester and Springfield so that when the trains start running they'll be stopping there and won't have lag time."

Hood added, "it will make for a great celebration for The Town of Seven Railroads.'

According to Hood, DOT is hoping to start running trains along this new line by 2029, which will mean track work will begin around 2027. The current state of designs will seek to accommodate long freight trains and the round trip

passenger trains that need to be able to pass each other easily while maneuvering around Boston-New Hampshire and Springfield-Hartford routes.

"We, as advocates, had never considered Steaming Tender to be the only possibility," Hood said. "If you talk to Blake Lamothe, he always wanted it to be at that historic location, but we didn't know if it would be possible, that's a crucial

"We worked with Palmer Redevelopment Authority to identi-

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COMMUNITY



Turley Photo by Marcelo Gusmão Julia Taylor (right) and Recreational Director Andrew St. George had a stand with information about Lemonade Day at National Night Out.

Lemonade Day coming to town with classes at the library

By Marcelo Gusmão Staff Writer mgusmao@turley.com

PALMER - Make sure to set aside a couple bucks on Aug. 24 so that you can help support the many local kids participating in Lemon-

Lemonade Day is an entrepreneurial learning program for youths, designed to teach the basics about money and how to run a successful business by means of having a fun lemonade stand in the summer. Julia Taylor has been coordinating with the town to bring this program to fruition this month.

"I helped do this when I worked for a non-profit when I lived in Alaska," Taylor said. "I love this program and I love volunteering in the community, so we're starting from scratch."

The program centers around a series of weekly classes held at the

library on Thursday, August 8, 15, and 22, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, to teach those participating in the town's First Annual Lemonade Day, which will be held on Aug. 24 from 12 to 3 p.m.

Country Bank has teamed up with the town and LemonadeDay. org, and will be teaching their money management program along with the Lemonade Day program, with a focus on the "Spend, Save, Share" philosophy of money management.

There will also be short presentations about marketing, technology, safe food handling, entrepreneurship, volunteering, and other important skills of the trade. Though the program is designed for children, parents are invited to stay for the classes.

"To be completely honest, I don't know many people that wouldn't be able to learn some-

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Palmer residents enjoy National Night Out



Alexis Joyce and John Pecoy brought Charlie, age 6, and Jax, age 8 to National Night Out for some shaved ice.

Weather holds out for event at Town Hall

> By Marcelo Gusmão Staff Writer mgusmao@turley.com

PALMER - On Tuesday, town officials, residents, and first responders gathered in front of Town Hall for National Night Out.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign to promote partnerships between the police and the community, as well as neighborhood camaraderie. First introduced in August of 1984 through a network of law enforcement agencies, neighborhood watch groups, civic groups, state and regional crime prevention associations and volunteers across the nation, the first event involved

2.5 million residents across 400 communities in 23 states. Town Manager Brad Brothers described the event as "exciting," and that he hopes to hold the event

month-old Landon.

in town every year. "Thankfully the weather cooperated with us," Brothers said. "A couple other towns canceled. Guys, if you ride the line...I haven't looked at the forecast besides Palmer, but it really worked out,

we had a really nice two-hour win-

Town Manager Brad Brothers (right) caught up with Mike Young and four-

Numerous town organizations, ranging from the library, the Chamber of Commerce, Pathfinder Tech, to many local businesses came out to support the event. Members of the fire and police departments were available to provide information for residents.

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COMMUNITY

Good Times Festival raises money for community education and organizing

By Marcelo Gusmão Staff Writer mgusmao@turley.com

BRIMFIELD - This weekend, New England Motel hosted the Good Times Festival to raise money for the Hitchcock Academy.

The Hitchcock Free Academy is a public nonprofit community center, dedicated to enriching the lives of area residents of all ages by providing educational, recreational, and cultural programming. It was established in 1956, following a century-long tenure as a free public high school founded by Samuel



Austin Hitchcock in 1855.

Cindy Skowyra, the Executive Director at Hitchcock, described the event as "a pleasant surprise."

"We were very grateful that they thought of us when they first began to put this event together," Skowyra said. "As a local non-profit community center, we work hard to provide what we can to the community at lower costs. Events and sponsorships like this support our bottom line."

The event was put together by Matthew Skowyra, who is coincidentally a distant relative of Cin-

"This whole thing was his idea," Skowyra said. "He approached New England Motels, who jumped on board to hold it there, and we were just the lucky beneficiaries."



Turley photos by Marcelo Gusmão Kristen Ott, Jacqueline Cunningham, Griffin Ott, and Makayla Ott came from Myrtle Beach to enjoy the Good Times Festival.

Matthew Skowyra said that he loves planning events that bring the community together.

"I was looking for a perfect venue and ended up finding one at New England Motel," Skowyra said. "I thought a great community organization to support would be Hitchcock Academy.'

Cindy Skowyra described the academy as providing events, not just for the town, but several surrounding communities.

"It's open to everyone," Skowyra said. "We have all types of exercise classes, we put on the Concerts on the Commons, music classes, art classes, Tuesday mornings for adults, and we're in the midst of our summer program."

The event featured live music, lots of food from food trucks and local vendors, and a number of crafters and artisans with tables set up all over the property.

"It was great," said Matthew Skowyra. "I actually got to meet and become acquaintances with many vendors of all kinds, including food, arts and crafts, musicians. I got to work with the town of Brimfield, which was very easy and helpful, and got to learn a lot by engaging with the Select Board. We all learned a lot, and we're very excited to do it again next year."

The organizers are still tallying up how much money was raised for Hitchcock Academy, but Skowyra has started talking about holding the event again next year.

"We were really happy with

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PEANUT & KORA

This is Peanut and Kora, who live with Jamie in Monson. 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.

Palmer early voting notice

PALMER— Early voting for the Sept. 3 State Primary will take place at the Palmer Town Clerk's office, 4417 Main St., at the following times:

Saturday, Aug. 24, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Election day is Tuesday, Sept. 3, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the usual polling location.

Local veteran opens cannabis shop to immortalize his son



Mark Harris and his daughter Michaela have worked to open this shop in memory of Matthew Harris.

By Marcelo Gusmão Staff Writer mgusmao@turley.com

PALMER - The new cannabis dispensary, Canna Retreat, will be holding its grand opening next Thursday, August 15,

Mike Harris has lived in town for 35 years, and raised his four children through the school system. He's proud to say that his store is the only locally-owned, veteran-owned cannabis dispensary in town.

Harris shared that he got into the cannabis business after the loss of his son, Matthew Harris, who served as a marine from 2012 to 2017. The elder Harris served in the military as a paratrooper from 1979 to 1982, and was prescribed sleeping pills and antidepressants after his son's death.

They had me on so much medication, it felt like I was in a different world," Harris said. "A friend said cannabis would help me, so I started using it for that reason, and I was off all my medication in a week."

Harris said he found he didn't need his medication because cannabis was helping him, and decided to open a business in the interest of helping other people.

"I found I was better off using cannabis than swallowing pills that made me feel dreary during the day," Harris said. "Running a business, it's not good to be feeling like that."

After two years of filing paperwork with the town and an arduous process involving attorneys, accountants, surveyors, consultants, and architects, Harris was finally able to open his business five weeks ago. Helping to run his shop are Darren Driscoll, and Harris's daughter, Michaela

"It's been great to see this finally come together for him," Michaela said. "He worked very hard for it for a very long time, met a lot of obstacles along the way and overcame them. I'm just very proud of

> Though Harris has her own full-time job, she helps out at her father's shop approximately every other week.

"I'm trying to help anyway that I can," Harris said. "Just seeing it come to fruition has been awesome from the very beginning."

Employee Darren

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Canna Retreat@

Turley Photos by Marcelo Gusmão

Canna Retreat is located at the corner of the plaza on Park Street.

Driscoll was also enthusiastic about the work Harris has done to get the shop started. He said that painting the shop and installing the screens and counters was all done by he and Harris.

"I'd like to see a local man make it to the top," Driscoll said. "I know Mike, we've known each other for years and he was talking about this years ago. He's been through everything to get the license."

Though Harris refused to speak ill of his competitors in the area, he did note that unlike other developers, he knows that the money made from Canna Retreat will be funneled back into the community.

'The other dispensaries, I won't talk badly about them, they're all good people, all trying to make a good living," Harris said, "but we're from town. Most of our money is going to stay in here. Most of our money's going to be reinvested in this town, compared to, if you're owning one from Maine, the money's going to Maine, or if you're from New York, it's going to go to New York.'

Driscoll added that Harris spends his money by supporting the schools and other businesses in town. One examples was that, after Matthew Harris's passing, his family donated a security system to the High School and Old Mill Pond School.

"Matt's last post on Facebook was about school shootings. He just couldn't understand why we can't protect our children," Harris said. "So in his memory, the

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family donated a security system to both schools. When you walk into the schools you have to show your ID. They call it the MATT system at the school."

In his shop, Harris created a memorial for his son, which includes his portrait from the Marine Corps. and some Cheech and Chong memorabilia, including a picture Harris took with Cheech Marin at a convention.

"I have a big album collection at home," Harris said. "I thought, 'I think I $\,$ have some Cheech and Chong.' So I found some and I brought them and when I was shaking his hand, I said, 'I want to show you, I've had these for 45 years.'

Harris shared that Marin was impressed, and offered to sign the albums for

"The guy behind him, running the show, said 'no, he didn't pay,' but Cheech said, 'if this guy's had them for 45 years, I'm gonna sign them," Harris said.

But the story didn't end there; the very next day, Harris was cleaning out the basement of the dispensary he is opening in Ware, where his kids had stored some of their stuff.

"I'm going down there cleaning it out, and I found Matt's skateboard," Harris said. "I flipped it over and Cheech and Chong was on it."

The skateboard and signed albums are also hanging in the dispensary.

Canna Retreat has partnered with 15 different companies throughout to purchase their product. Harris said that he hopes to partner with local organizations for fundraising and community organiz-

ing opportunities. A grand opening is scheduled to be held on August 15 at 1 p.m., with Town Manager Brad Brothers, members of the Chamber of Commerce, and a State Representative expected to

If you'd like to check out visit Harris's shop, it's open every day at 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (7 p.m. on Sundays) at 1240 Park St.



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DEADLINE

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

We appreciate the cooperation of our readers.

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thing," Taylor said. "Children being able to learn it at an earlier age helps the youth of the future."

The classes will also be available through Zoom, and will be recorded for later viewings. Taylor praised Tween Services Librarian Olivia Chartrand and Recreational Director Andrew St. George for their work to support this event.

"Olivia is on a cloud with me," Taylor said, "as is Country Bank and Andrew St. George.'

In addition to the classes at the library, there will be workshops for building lemonade stands at

"Part of the program is the kids designing and painting their own stand," Taylor said. "Kits can be picked up to put together at home, or families can join us during one of two on-site build events."

Taylor said that if a family is worried about taking a stand home from the event, there will be methods to deliver the stand to them.

"I'm trying to build what it was where I came from," Taylor said. "We approached Palmer to ask about this program, and have been working together to get it started by reinventing the wheel."

Taylor said that it's been moving somewhat slowly, and noted that the state's regulations when it comes to food preparation are "pretty stringent."

'We're doing this as a blueprint that will hopefully enable us to send it to other towns," Taylor said, and indicated an interest in expanding it to Belchertown and Ware.

A map will be provided to show the locations where stands will be set up, which Taylor said are primarily at businesses. She said that the map will be posted online.

"We'll release the map the week of the event," Taylor said. "We're just asking the community to come out and celebrate these kids' accomplishments of hosting their own business by means of lemonade

Taylor named a number of sponsors already associated with the event, including Country Bank, St. Stanislaus Polish Club and Pulaski Park, the Palmer Domestic Violence Task Force, and G Labier Home Improvements.

The classes will be held at the library on Aug. 8, 15, and 22 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. A date is still being set for the Lemonade Stand Building workshop at Pulaski Park.

Lemonade Day will be held all over town on Aug. 24. If you'd like to learn more about the

program, visit Lemon-

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adeDay.org.

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Delta Dental makes generous donation

proud to announce a donation to the Monson Substance Use Community Partnership, supporting the expansion of the wellness cart. This contribution marks a pivotal step in enhancing the resources available to Monson High School students, aiming to promote wellness and reduce substance use.

The wellness cart has been an essential resource for students, providing access to wellness items and basic needs. With Delta Dental's donation, the wellness cart will expand its offerings in the upcoming year and continue to accept donations of wellness items. This expansion underscores the critical role of providing students with the necessary resources to foster a healthy and supportive environment, ultimately making them less likely to engage in substance use.

MONSON— Delta Dental is Monson Substance Use Community Partnership has been dedicated to driving positive change within the community. The partnership recently received the prestigious Drug-Free Communities Grant, a CDC-funded program aimed at reducing substance use among youth in Monson. This grant will further empower the MSUCP to implement effective strategies and initiatives to support the well-being of local youth.

This generous donation was facilitated by Dodie Carpentier and Joe Lawler. Carpentier serves as FVP Human Resources at Monson Savings Bank and chairperson of the Monson Substance Use Community Partnership. Lawler is a partner and SVP Employee Benefits at USI Insurance Services.

In addition to the expansion of the wellness cart, the Monson Sub-Since its inception in 2017, the stance Use Community Partnership is sponsoring this year's Summer Bus Tour for Monson residents, Tuesday, Aug. 20. This initiative involves a bus traveling around town, distributing free school supplies to families. This year's supply bags will include valuable information on youth substance use, ensuring that families are equipped with the knowledge and resources to support their children's health and safety.

Delta Dental's donation is a testament to their commitment to community wellness and youth development. For more information about the Monson Substance Use Community Partnership and their initiatives, please visit drugfreemonson.com or contact Rachel McRobbie at 413-351-6505.

Submitted photo The wellness cart has been an essential resource for students, providing access to wellness items and basic needs.



Monson Community Preservation Committee accepting applications

MONSON—The Monson Community Preservation Committee is now accepting applications for 2024 projects. If people have a community-based project relating to Historical Preservation, Open Space, Recreation, or Community Housing, we encourage them to apply for funding. The deadline for applications is Aug. 28.

Interested applicants can refer to the town website at www.monson-ma.gov for the CPC guidelines, the application, and qualifications. Applicants are reminded that prior to submitting their applications they must get approval from the appropriate Town committee for thier project. This contact information can be found on the first page of the appli-

Although the Committee vets the projects, the residents of the Town of Monson make the ultimate funding decisions regarding CPC funds at the Town Meeting. The committee also welcomes voter participation and inquiries during its process of evaluating projects to be voted on at the Town Meeting.

For any questions, please feel free to attend a CPC meeting, which normally commences at 5:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the small meeting room of the Town Administration Building at 110 Main Street.

The Committee would prefer that an application be e-mailed to us up to two weeks prior to the deadline at: monsoncommunitypreservation@gmail.com. In addition, 8 copies of the proposal must be mailed to (or dropped off either inside or outside the building): Monson Community Preservation, 110 Main Street, Monson, MA 01057.

Cruise for Critters is coming back

MONSON— Cruise for Critters is coming back 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.

The festivities starts 10 a.m. and ends 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 more.

The event will welcome spec-

tators 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.

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 fami-

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 community.

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.

Recycled puppets workshop to be held in Ware

WARE— The recycled of animating crumpled paper, puppet workshop will be on Saturdays, Sept. 14 through Oct. 5, from 1 to 3 p.m. In this four week Workshop, create a recycled puppet and discover characters, stories and scenes through the magic

an old baby blanket, a discarded umbrella. Engage with others in short scenes and discussions about objects that are precious and the cost of knick knacks on the planet. Explore sustainability in a completely new creative hands on approach. Geared toward teens and adults. The fee is \$125. For more information or to register go to workshop13.org or call 413-277-6072.

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downtown for the big economic boost it would give to Main Street businesses, but there are a number of options surrounding the diamond junction where the tracks meet," Hood said.

Hood said that there have been as many as 11 sites identified, and the group is not pushing for any particular location, and these are going to be narrowed down based on the criteria needed from the station's design.

"We still want to be as close to downtown as possible to bring economic development and housing opportunities to

Arthur "Skip" Gervais

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fythe need to have the stop be but also bring people on foot New Hampshire. There's also into downtown that will create a more vibrant residential and business district.' Hood noted that the state

> should look to the success of Connecticut's rail system, and that he "can't imagine this won't be as big as that." One consideration has been the environmental impact

of cutting down pollution from traffic on the MassPike. Hood said that the project is taking electric fuel into consideration.

'Mass transit is just a better way than everybody in their individual cars," Hood said. "We're at the point where mass

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"and to reinforce that Palmer also they've been electrifying a the possibility of battery trains, and in Europe they have hydro. There are lots of ways to improve environmental impacts from passenger rail, so it makes it possible to go in that direction."

Hood said that DOT is working designing tracks between Worcester and Springfield.

really emphasizing a public meeting, to in-

"We're

the downtown area," Hood said, transit still has a big edge, but volve everybody as publicly as we can," Hood said. "We want is not going to be just a stop, lot of tracks, all the way up to the public to know what's happening, so stay tuned and you be very involved at the public will get info you need.'

If you'd like to get involved with the Citizens for a Palmer Rail Stop group, Hood said to check out their Facebook page. There are also plans to hold a

meeting with the public in the

"We're hoping people will meeting," Hood said. "This is the biggest thing that's happened in the campaign to get the Palmer rail stop."

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Does Congress pay into Social Security?

Dear Rusty:

I've been told that members of Congress do not have Social Security deducted from their pay. Additionally, their retirement dollars come from the Social Security Administration purse even if they only serve as a member of Congress for a short number of terms. Also, if this is true, are there other individuals that enjoy these advantages?

Thank you in advance for your service as a Social Security Advisor.

Signed: Concerned Senior

Dear Concerned Senior:

I'm afraid this is one of those "urban legend" kind of rumors that just seems to keep popping up, especially when the issues surrounding Social Security's financial problems come up. In addition to being untrue, it often is used to display the public's animosity toward elected officials and the feeling that Congress and other elected officials are above the frav. so to speak, and therefore not affected by the implications of Social Security's looming insolvency problem.

Here's the reality. Since Jan. 1, 1984, all members of Congress, the President and Vice President, Federal judges, and most political appointees, are covered under the Social Security program. The rumor that these elected officials do not pay Social Security tax most likely is attributable to the fact that from 1920 to 1983, they were participants in the Civil Service Retirement System, the federal retirement plan federal workers used even before the Social Security Act was passed. CSRS provided a pension for federal employees, so they were exempted from contributing to or collecting from the new Social Security program.

In 1987, then, the federal government officially changed over to the Federal Employee Retirement System and all employes hired from that point forward are now covered under FERS. There are multiple parts to FERS, and one of them is mandatory FICA contributions. So, all federal employees including members of Congress are subject to the 6.2% FICA tax, are eligible for Social Security retirement benefits and are governed by the multitude of rules and regulations associated with Social Security.

But other than standard SS benefits which they may normally be entitled, no Social Security funds are used to supplement Congressional retirement. In other words, the rumor that Congress didn't pay into Social Security was actually true prior to 1984, but today it is a misstatement of fact. And the federal employee retirement plans (both the prior CSRS plan and the current FERS plan) are totally independent of Social Security and do not negatively affect program solvency.

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POEM

Song of Summer for children and elders

'Twas midsummer's eve and a road that went along Heard a solitary voice... from further on? Overhead the moon appeared in her pastel gown And we danced 'til you were nearly grown.

We passed down a courtyard of cedars and elm; A crowned figure asked could he enter on our realm: You may, Sir, step with us until all music's done, And we see the coming carriage of the sun.

The drowsy bees nestled, on your nectared hair And moths by your dear light, fluttered everywhere; There proceeded behind us in seasoned pairs of two Were those that we knew, evernew.

With pebbles underfoot, we wore out the shoes And what were cares we took to lose; And the moon worn out, still peered sweetly down, As we danced down the night to the town.

And down in our hearts, we could hear the summer

After the fields are mown, and the grass comes to

Should you listen to me, though it seems distant murmur

On the road somewhere, you will hear the song of summer.

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Maintenance tips for flowering annuals

humidity, and a fair share of downpours,

feel like going out into the flower garden. But then, sometimes around 7 or 8 o'clock at night, after it has cooled down a bit, I'll get out there like a woman on a mission.

Read on for a reminder of important tasks you should consider tackling this month to keep your annuals blooming through to the first frost!

I deadhead. A lot. Deadheading is a fun term used to describe the removal of spent flowers.

A plant produces flowers for one purpose: to survive. You see, once a flower has been pollinated it will produce seed, seed that will grow future plants. If a plant has produced enough flowers that have gone to seed it will consider its job to be done, flower production will cease,

and it will begin to decline. By deadheading, we keep the plant in reproductive mode, in other words, in flower! When you remove dying blossoms, make sure to pinch off the entire flower, not just the petals, or it will do no good. Include the stem as well to keep the plant tidy.

Petunias, marigolds, zinnias and salvia, among others, are examples of plants that require regular deadheading to look their best throughout the growing season. Some annuals start to get a leggy

brown tips. These plants require more drastic measures to bring back youthful good looks. Consider shearing them back.

appearance about now. Others may have

Usually you can look within the plant and find healthy, green growth. Cut calendulas, pansies and snapdragon back to that point. Plants like alyssum or lobelia can often be sheared to within inches of the ground.

Don't worry; they won't look bad

Recently, we've had a lot of heat and for long! You can jump start regrowth with a bit of liquid fertilizer.

I feed, feed, feed them, especially There are many times that I don't if lower leaves start to yellow. It means flowering plants are hungry for nitrogen.

If flowering has slowed, phosphorus may be in low supply. Annuals planted in soilless mix of containers or "reused" soil in raised beds will especially need a boost.

You can use a balanced, water soluble, liquid feed every couple of weeks. If going natural is your cup of

tea, make some! Compost or manure tea has long been used to keep growth lush. Steep a bur-

lap bag of either compost or aged manure in a large trash bucket filled with water and use as needed.

Smaller batches can be made right in a watering can. Likewise, there are numerous blends of seaweed and fish emulsions on the market that can be watered in or sprayed on the surface of the leaves as a foliar feed.

If Mother Nature decides to delay the deluges, don't forget to water your plants. I know this task is not nearly as much fun as it was when they were first installed, but don't stop now!

Sometimes plants show signs of a nutrient deficiency, especially a nitrogen deficiency simply because they haven't had a drink. When you water the garden, remember to do so longer but less often to encourage deep, penetrating roots.

Watering at the soil line either early in the day or after the sun has set are your best options.

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.



My daughter, Paula and family along with their dog JoJo experienced an unusual bird sighting.

Last

week my daughter, Paula and family were running on the rail trail from the covered bridge to the Gilbertville mill. She said, "A hawk dropped a dead pigeon into the woods about ten feet away from us. JoJo thought it was a food delivery for him. I couldn't tell what kind



Sharp-shinned hawk

of hawk it was, but it didn't seem big enough for a redtailed."

It was rusty/brown color on wings and back and barred feathers on underside. They didn't see it come back for the poor pigeon.

Since it was smaller than a red-tailed hawk, I think it might be a sharp-shinned hawk. The sharp-shinned hawk is 11 inches long and has rounded wings with a long narrow tail. It has heaving streaking on the breast and belly. It has reddish brown barring. The adult is blue gray above. The immature is dark brown above, lighter brown below and keeps that plumage for one year.

Sharp-shinned hawks feed by catching small birds in midair and carrying them off to eat. They also may hunt around bird feeders. A plump pigeon would be quite heavy for this smaller hawk and probably that is why it dropped it.

The female lays three to eight whitish eggs with dark marks in a platform nest of sticks lined with bark, placed in a tree. They inhabit mixed deciduous and coniferous woods in summer and winters in woods and near bird feeders.

They make a rapid series of high "kek kek kek kek" notes given during alarm. The largest number of sharpshinned hawks are seen on spring and fall migrations as it flies alone the coasts or mountain ridges.

Hummingbirds

I saw at least two ruby throated hummingbirds feeding on the flowers on my hostas and on the tall phlox in my yard. I knew it was two different birds because I saw them at the same time and the flowers are located about 15 feet away from each other. Usually, hummingbird moths come for nectar at the tall phlox, but I have not seen one vet.

Wild turkeys

Wild turkeys are a common site and I often seen them when driving. Usually, there are several turkeys and sometimes I see poults with the adults.

Tuesday night I saw two foxes and in different towns. The first fox was smaller than the second one. I saw its eyes reflect in my headlights near Deacon Allen Drive on Barre Road. The second fox was a bit larger and I saw it on Depot Road in Barre near the Oakham line. Both looked healthy and had good coats of fur.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@ aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

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Calendar of Events

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UPCOMING

BRIMFIELD WINERY EVENTS: Aug.10 - Cajun boil and N'orleans Entertainment. Cajun Dinner only \$35. Performance by the Catnip Junkies. Event starts at

2 p.m.

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

60th REUNION PALMER HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1964 The event will be held at The Brimfield Winery on Saturday, Sept 14, from 1 to 5 p.m. Contact Carol at 413-283-9495 for more details.

ONGOING

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

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

INTERESTS

PIONEER VALLEY QUILTERS Guild meets at the Elks Lodge #61 at 440 Tiffany St., Springfield. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. and all are welcome. The mission of the guild is twofold: to share the joy of quilting with others and to work for the betterment of the community. Monies raised (as in the biannual quilt show) support various workshops and speakers for the meetings, as well as allow the guild to buy materials that are then used to create donated items. The guild has donated quilts, baby bibs, cardiac pillows, and Christmas stockings for veterans to a variety of community agencies, including but not limited to the Springfield Rescue Mission and the Gray

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

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

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

LINE DANCING CLASS: 3-5 p.m. and/or 6:30-8:30 p.m., every Thursday at the Monson Polish Club, 7 Bliss St, Monson. Rose's line dancing classes include absolute beginners and beginners, and participants get to dance to all types of music. \$10 per class. Please wear comfortable footwear, no san-

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

QI GONG: 6 p.m., every Tuesday night at the library from 5:45 to 7 p.m. FREE, all levels welcome!

Palmer National Night Out



The Boy Scouts had a table for National Night Out, (from left) Stephen Salmond, Logan Cussin, Stephen Salmond, Michael Roblinski, Jaycub Parker-Gregory, Adyen Nay, John and Sarah Dee, Matthew Nay, Garrett Lafond with Bob the dummy, Jaden Roblinski and Rora, and Bill Mullen.



Margaret Sullivan and Janel Julien deserved a ribbon for the decorations at the Behavioral Health Network table.



Donna Wilson, Amanda Rodrigues, and Martyna Currie ran the table for



Vocational Director Amy Skowyra spun Pathfinder Tech's wheel of prizes for the residents.



Firefighters in front of the Bondsville fire truck, (from left) McKinley and Shane Chase, Nicholas Mainville, and Brian Sullivan.



Stephanie Sumwalt and Emily Geoffrion brought Elias, age 6, and Asher, age 4, to National Night Out.



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Standing in front of a fire truck from Three Rivers, (from left) Private Samantha Hoy, Private Lucas McDiarmid, Private Kaylee Robinson.



Vicki Baldyga, Amber Messer, and Heather Dupuis ran a table for Monson Savings Bank.



Police officers with a K-9 unit, (from left) Mark Gee, William Kennedy, Ben Austin, and Richard Patry.

Residents crowded around the police department's tents, where police officers were handing out hot dogs.

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Kaitlyn Madden, Elliana, age two, and Paul and Cindy Shepardson were happy to enjoy some shaved ice at National Night Out.

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"It's a pretty straightforward thing," said firefighter Ian Grimes. "We've got a couple things for the little ones, like helmets, a couple of goodie bags, coloring books. It's a great time to include fire prevention tips as well, so it includes cooking safety, and the usual advice, like don't play with matches."

Grimes said that the fire department rounds up firefighters and brings the truck out to let members of the community walk around and see the equipment.

"When you see the fire truck coming down, it might not always be just for fire," Grimes said. "We carry everything."

In addition to the Town Manager, numerous members of the Town Council also attended, including Vice Chair Jessica Sizer.

"I'm really proud of the police department and all of our emergency services pulling together their resources to put on a great event for the community," Sizer said. "It exposes our community to all of the great resources that we provide."

Recreational Director Andrew St. George also had a table to support the occasion, as well as to promote the upcoming art festival to be held on August 15.

"It's always awesome to be part of these events that bring the community together," St. George said.

For more information about National Night Out, visit NATW.org.



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Turley Photos by Marcelo Gusmão lan Grimes and Amber Duby were available to answer questions about the fire department.



Val Rodrigues and Town Councilor Mark Caci, pictured in front of Town Hall at National Night Out.

Professional magician Jonas Cain entertained the crowd with magic tricks.



The J. Stolar Insurance Agency had a table, run by (from left) Rachael Slozak, Danielle Kowal, Chris Stolar, Blanca Carbajal-Gonzalez, and Denise Kokoszka.



The Lemieux family at the table for the Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce, (from left) Madison, Matthew, and Sharon.



Rich Clark and Stephanie Maher ran the table for the Palmer Public Library.



Rachel and Joe Talbot and Ian, age 3, pictured in front of Palmer's Engine 1 fire truck



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Lieutenant Erin Sullivan and Janice Garabedian in front of the Paws 4 Blue tent.



Tween Services Librarian Olivia Chartrand (right) attended National Night Out with Chris Piros.



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SOCCER

Palmer soccer gets upset on Ludlow in PVSSL quarterfinals

Loretta Petrashewicz tries to get around an opponent.

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Ludlow beat Palmer, 4-1, in a B-Division girls' match-up during the final week of the Pioneer Valley Summer League regular season. The two teams faced each other again in the quarterfinals eight days later.

This time, the fifth-seeded Palmer Lady Panthers celebrated a 4-1 victory over the fourth-seeded Ludlow Lady Lions in a hard fought battle at the Paul R. Baird Middle School soccer field in Ludlow, last Tuesday night.

"It feels really good to win a playoff game because we lost to Ludlow last week," said Palmer co-captain Loretta Petrashewicz. "We came into tonight's match knowing how they played. We played very well in tonight's game."

league playoffs with a 5-3-3 record, while Ludlow had a 6-3-2 mark. Palmer had several very good

Palmer entered the summer

scoring chances during the first ten minutes of the contest. Petrashewicz had two shots on goal, which were sandwiched

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Lainey Haley makes a stop on the ball.



Addyson Petrashewicz follows through on a pass between two defenders.

BASEBALL

St. Joe's survives **Teddy Bear** Pools in quarterfinals

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

THORNDIKE — The best of three Tri-County League first round series between the fifth-seeded St. Joe's Saints and fourth-seeded Teddy Bear Pools & Spa was originally scheduled to take place on July 24,25, and 26. Because of a couple of rain outs and a suspended game, it took them eight days to complete the series.

Teddy Bear won the first game of the series 1-0, which was held at Westfield State University.

St. Joe's kept their season alive the following night by squeaking out a 10-9 victory in an old fashion slugfest held at St. Joe's Park.

"I thought it would take us only three days to complete this series," said first-year St. Joe's manager Brian Hayes. "We dealt with some weather and a few other things that were out of our control."

At that point everything went wacky.

Game three was postponed due to an umpire shortage. The series was set to resume back at Westfield State on July 29, but that game was

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Emily Ottomaniello, of Agawam, makes her way up the field for

Heat falls in semifinals

CHICOPEE - Last Wednesday evening, the Heat, which features players from throughout the region, fell in the semifinals to Luistano Women in the Women's Division playoffs of the PVSSL 3-1.

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Samara Robles looks to make a

Kassandra Liquori sends a pass away.

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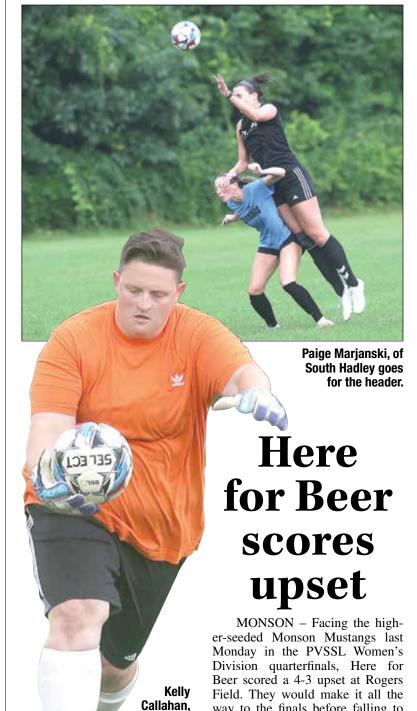
Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Mackenzie Shean, of Agawam, fights to keep the ball.



Joanna Mull, of Belchertown, makes her way up the field.



Gwen Duggan, of Palmer, looks to get around a Monson player.



of Monson,

punts the ball

way to the finals before falling to

the Lusitano Women last Friday

night. Highlights from that matchup

will be in next week's edition.

Candlepin League News

By Ryan Drago Staff Writer rdrago@turley.com

EAST BROOKFIELD - The Wednesday Night Summer Mixed League at Bogey Lanes has two regular weeks left.

As of July 31, Rolling Stones are hanging on to a three-point lead in first place at 63-33. Close behind in second place is Team Seven at 60-36. Team Nine is in third place at 58-38. Team Swish is in fourth place at 56-40. Split Smashers are in fifth place at 54-42.

The remaining five teams, Clock Barn, Straight Shooters, Gutter Dolls, Gutter Snipes and Gutter Fingers are under a 50% winning percentage and are mathematically out of reach to catch the #1 seed.

During league night on July 31, Team Swish bowled against Team Nine. In game one, Team Nine won by a score of 503-421. Emily Black of Team Nine bowled 119 and her teammates Jesse Mondor and Trever Kenneson bowled great with scores of 126 and 114.

In game two, Team Nine stayed strong and won game two by one point, 470-469. Black bowled 112 to follow up her first game of 119. Mondor continued to stay well over his average with a 116 in game two.

In game three, Team Nine won for a three-game sweep over Team Swish, 462-442. Black finished with an 86 and a series of 317. Mondor finished with a 102 and series of 344. The final scores were Team Nine at 1435 and Team Swish at 1332.

Team Seven bowled against the Rolling Stones. In game one Team Seven defeated Rolling Stones by a score of 470-425. Ethan Levy led his team in game one with a 116 to start the night.

In game two, Team Seven were victorious again by a score of 460-435. Tim Brayton had the high game of 105 in game two.

Barnett leads way at

Thompson Speedway

had a one point victory over Rolling Stones, 441-440. High Series of 315 was bowled by Levy. Team Seven won total pinfall by a final score of 1371-1300.

Gutter Fingers bowled against Gutter Dolls. In game one, Gutter Dolls defeated Gutter Fingers 478-452. In game two, Gutter Dolls defeated Gutter Fingers 483-397. In game three, Gutter Dolls won again for a three-game sweep over Gutter Fingers, 454-451.

The final score was Gutter Dolls 1415 and Gutter Fingers

Gutter Snipes bowled against Split Smashers on lanes seven and eight. In game one, Gutter Snipes won the first game by a score of 482-454. Marc Vinciulla of Gutter Snipes started off with a 116.

In game two, Split Smashers won 478-459. Ryan Drago of Split Smashers was high bowler on his team with a 117 and Vinciulla was high bowler on his team with 112.

In game three, Team Seven Sophia Hearnlaye of Split Smashers had a good game, scoring 114.

In game three, Gutter Snipes defeated Split Smashers by a score of 481-445. Vinciulla ended with a 116 and a series of 344. Drago finished with a 129 and a series of 360. Gutter Snipes took six points as they won total pinfall, 1422-

The Straight Shooters bowled against Clock Barn. In game one, Clock Barn defeated Straight Shooters, 434-406. In game two, Clock Barn won again by a score of 438-413. In game three, Straight Shooters won the last game 436-431. Phil Clough of Straight Shooters finished with a 106.

The final score was Clock Barn 1303 and Straight Shooters 1255.

The final regular week of league bowling for the Wednesday Mixed Summer League will be Aug. 14 and the banquet will be on Aug. 14.

acebook.com/turleysports Loretta Petrashewicz Athlete of the Week

Petrashewicz contributed a pair of goals to Palmer's 5-4 upset win in the B Division quarterfinals last Tuesday in Ludlow.

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





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ule on Thursday, Thompson Speedway litup the night for the final round of Thursday Night Thunder this season. Dominance was the word to describe Thursday's racing action at Thompson Speedway with the night starting off under the command of the fan-favorite Street Stock class. Former multi-time track champion 'Leadfoot' Larry Barnett led the 20-lap main event for the Street Stocks from the drop of the green flag to the twin checkered flags for his first win of the season. While 'Leadfoot' dominated up front, all eyes were on Ryan Waterman as he charged from eighth-place to third in the fast-paced feature event. The dominance continued in the AZ

THOMPSON, CT — Although early

rains made for a shortened practice sched-

Roofing SK Light Modified ranks. While Nick Hovey led from the point, point leader Tyler Chapman came to the front for a side-by-side battle with plenty of sparks. Chapman would pull up bumper to bumper before getting loose on the outside groove again and again, finally getting just the right push off to claim his fourth win of the year over Hovey and Meghan Fuller.

The Mini Stock showcase saw one of the fiercest battles of the night between defending champion and point leader Jarred Roy and Ryan Pomposelli. The two fought tooth and nail across the 0.625-mile Thompson Speedway with Roy making his final pass with just two laps remaining to claim his fourth win of the year with Pomposelli taking second and Kevin Moore turning around a tough-luck season

The growing Thompson Sunoco Modified division was once again under

event on Thursday with the young-gun never leaving the lead position. Puleo took down his third win of the season followed by Keith Rocco and leading rookie Isaiah Newcomb at the line. The Late Models rounded out Thurs-

the control of young Jon Puleo. The Mr.

Rooter Plumbing machine was on rails for

the Twisted Tea Midsummer 50-lap main

day's showcase. A final show of dominance saw former Late Model track champion Brian Tagg lead all 25-laps on the field for his first win at Thompson Speedway this season with defending track champion Nick Johnson coming home second followed by Kulwicki Driver Development Program (KDDP) finalist Derek Gluchacki in third.

Thompson Speedway returns to Wednesday night racing action in less than two weeks on Wednesday, August 7 for the Tripoint Showdown 50-lap main event for the Thompson Sunoco Modifieds. The Late Models, AZ Roofing SK Light Modifieds, Street Stocks and Mini Stocks make it a five division card with a 6:00pm Post Time on Wednesday, August 7.

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T-Birds sign three for upcoming season

SPRINGFIELD — The Springfield Thunderbirds announced today that they have signed goaltender Cam Johnson, as well as forwards Tarun Fizer and Reece Newkirk, to one-year AHL contracts.

Johnson, 30, has been the backstop for each of the Florida Everblades' three consecutive Kelly Cup championships. In 63 career playoff games in the ECHL, Johnson has a sparkling 47-13-3 record, 11 shutouts, a 1.97 goals-against average, and a .928 save percentage. He was the June M. Kelly Award winner as ECHL playoff MVP in 2022 and 2023. The former University of North Dakota National Champion also has 53 games of AHL experience with the Binghamton Devils and Cleveland Mon-

Fizer, 23, is entering his third full professional season. As a rookie with the ECHL's Utah Grizzlies in 2022-23, the Chestermere, AB native scored 50 points (27g, 23a) in 62 games. Last season, he skated in 30 games for the Belleville Senators, posting two goals and three assists. He also chipped in 10 points (4g, 6a) in 10 games for the ECHL's Allen Americans. Before turning pro, Fizer skated in five WHL seasons for the Victoria Royals. In 2021-22, he captained the Royals and put up 51 points (17g, 34a) in just 35 games.

Newkirk, 23, is set to begin his fourth professional season. Originally a fifth-round pick by the New York Islanders in the 2019 NHL Draft, Newkirk has skated in 45 AHL games with Bridgeport, putting up 10 points (2g, 8a). In 102 ECHL games with the Worcester Railers, the Moose Jaw, SK native has 78 points (37g, 41). Before turning pro. Newkirk starred with the WHL's Portland Winterhawks, where he accumulated 162 points (69g, 93a) in 205 games.

Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Madison Rathbone passes ahead of pressure.

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around another shot by Gianna Perry.

Ludlow goalie Olivia Laing was able to make the save on all three shots.

Ludlow's first shot on goal was a free kick from the right sideline by Maeve Carter, which bounced over the endline.

Palmer broke the ice during the 17th minute when a player was fouled hard inside the box resulting in a penalty kick. Petrashewicz stepped up to the spot and put a low shot into the left corner of the net.

"I don't like to look at the goalie whenever I take a penalty shot," Petrashewicz said. "I just focused on putting the ball into the back of the net. I've taken a lot of penalty kicks and it's one of my favorite things

Ludlow tied the score about ten minutes later on a corner kick.

Carter booted the ball from the right corner and Audrey Afonso put the ball into the net past Palmer goalie Aubrey Boucher, who was looking into the bright setting sun during the first half.

A couple of minutes later, Evelynn LaDue sent a pass to Ava Przybycien who scored a goal which gave the visiting team a 2-1 halftime lead. Przybycien is also a co-captain.

"I can't believe the ball went into the net because I took the shot from a difficult angle," Przybycien said. "It just felt amazing."

Petrashewicz scored two more goals late in the second half, which extended Palmer's lead to 4-1.

"It was difficult taking shots in the first half because the sun was in our eyes," Petrashewicz said. "The Ludlow goalie is also very good. I managed to score two goals in the second half."

It was Petrashewicz's first hat-trick of the summer league season.

"I'm normally not a goal scorer and it was my first hat-trick of the summer," she said. "This is a very big

Palmer's summer league season came to an end two night's later following a 2-0 road loss to top-seeded Easthampton, who lost to Southwick in the B-Division championship match.

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postponed due to rain. The score was tied 6-6 at the end of seven innings the following night and the game was halted at that point due to darkness.

Unlike in Major League baseball where suspended games are picked up where they left off, suspended games in the Tri-County League are wiped out. They played a whole new game.

Hayes gave his thoughts about the TCL suspended game rule.

"It's nice not to show up at the field and only play one inning," he said. "Starting the game over is fine with me. The field at Westfield State doesn't have any lights, so that's why we decided to move the series here. They were still the home team."

The series was delayed another day because of rain before it was finally completed last Thursday night. St. Joe's wound up winning the wild contest by the final score of 18-10. The game took

more than three hours to be completed.

"The guys were ready to go, and we played a great game," said first-year St. Joe's manager Brian Hayes. "We had to come-from-behind twice in tonight's game. We didn't have a rivalry with Teddy Bear in the past, but I think it'll turn into a rivalry game now, especially after this series.'

St. Joe's, who was the visiting team in game three, jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the top of the first inning.

Centerfielder Aaron Little and right fielder Dillon Slattery had RBI singles. Two more runs crossed on the plate on bases loaded walks by second baseman Greg Vouros and shortstop Devin Slattery. Another run scored on a throwing error by the catcher.

St. Joe's, who drew a total of 19 walks in the game, wound up sending eleven batters to the plate during that frame. They added another run in the second.

Teddy Bear, who scored their first run in the bottom of the first inning,

also sent eleven men to the plate in the second inning. They took the lead for the first time at 7-6 when first baseman Andrew Florek hit a two-run single into center field.

A sacrifice fly by designated hitter Dan Burnett in the third inning extended Teddy Bear's lead to 8-6.

Hayes decided to make a pitching change at that point.

He replaced Brandon Magni with righty Jacob Petrin, who started the game at third base. Petrin, who is Hayes stepson,

wound up being the difference maker in game three. He allowed only two runs on five hits during the final five innings. He had seven strikeouts and issued four

"Jacob is my stepson, and he did a great job for us tonight," Hayes said. "He was also the winning pitcher in game two. This is the first year that I've been his baseball coach, and it has been a lot of fun. He was our MVP in this series."

Petrin, along with Little and Dillon Slattery led the offensive attack with two hits each.

St. Joe's retook the lead at 10-8 after scoring four runs in the fourth inning. The go-ahead runs scored on a two-run double to right field by catcher AJ Dillard.

Teddy Bear tied the score for the final time at 10-10 with one-out in the bottom of the fourth on a run scoring double by pinch-hitter Paul Shibley, who remained in the game in rightfield.

St. Joe's pulled away after that by scoring two runs in the fifth and one in the sixth before scoring five more runs with the help of five walks in their final

St. Joe's season came to an end after they were swept in the semifinals by top-seeded Peoplesbank. That series took less than twenty four hours to be completed.



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DEATH NOTICES

Rebecca Carr Died July 27, 2024 Services are private Lombard Funeral Home

Christine "Tina" Marie Skowyra Died on July 29, 2024 Service August 7, 2024 Beers & Story Funeral Home

Donna M. (Robert) Graveline Died August 2, 2024 Lombard Funeral Home

Sandra Jean Underwood Died July 31, 2024 Services August 10, 2024 Beers & Story Funeral Home

Walter Joseph Zarenko Died August 4, 2024 Services August 9, 2024

Beers & Story Funeral Home

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Rebecca Carr, 1951-2024

HOLLAND—Rebecca Carr, 72, born Rebecca Bradway on December 21, 1951, in Palmer, MA, to the late Richard E. and Roberta J. (Patterson) Bradway, peacefully passed away on July 27, 2024 surrounded by the love of her family in Burlington, MA. She attended schools in Monson

her life to hard work, tending to her home and family. Throughout the years, she worked at various restaurants in the area as both a waitress and a cook.

Rebecca is survived by her beloved husband, Daniel D. Carr; her son, Daniel R. Carr; www.lombardfuneralhome.com.

and Palmer. Rebecca dedicated her daughter, Kimberly Moore, and son-in-law Ken, as well as extended family members and friends.

> All services are private and have been entrusted to Lombard Funeral Home of Monson. For online condolences please visit

Donna M. (Robert) Graveline ~1955-2024

WEST BROOKFIEL—Donna M. (Robert) Graveline, 69, of West Brookfield, MA passed away on August 2, 2024 after a long and spirited battle with ovarian cancer. Donna was born July 9, 1955 in Stafford Springs, CT, to John G. and Patricia (Moriarty) Robert. She graduated from Monson High School in 1973, then went on to study at UMASS Amherst. After earning a master's in social work from Springfield College, Donna spent 20 years working in the Palmer Public School system as a guidance counselor where she served as a passionate advocate for her students.

At home, Donna filled many roles and will be warmly remembered as big sister, devoted mother, favorite auntie, singer, hobby farm manager, and cat enthusiast. She most enjoyed music, being at the beach, building her rock wall, handing out Halloween candy, and doting on Jed and Gemma, who enlisted their "DG" as a loving grandparent with her willing and eager con-

Donna was predeceased by her parents John Sr. and Patricia

(Moriarty) Robert, brother John Robert, and nephew Tommy Harrington. Donna is survived by her daughters Amanda Graveline (Jeanne Frey) of Watertown, MA and Yvette Graveline of Redwood City, CA, and by her former husband Marc Graveline (Sharon Coughlin) of Holland, MA. She also leaves 4 siblings, Jackie Santucci of Palmer, Nancy Plant (Ken Hamel) of Belchertown, Tracey



Mack (Barry Theodore) of Palmer, and Michael Robert (Karen) of Belchertown. Her chosen extended family Norma Barrett (Patrick) and their 2 children, Jedidiah and Gemma, also survive her.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date this Fall. In

lieu of flowers, please make a gift of gratitude to the Gynecological Oncology Department via the Baystate Hospital Health Fund or to Here Today Adopted Tomorrow Cat Sanctuary.

Lombard Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements. For online condolences please visit www.Lombardfuneralhome.com

Christine "Tina" Marie Skowyra

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Christine "Tina" Marie (Bovat) Skowyra, who departed this world on July 29, 2024, at the age of 61. Born on September 29, 1962, in Palmer, Tina was a cherished wife, mother, grandmother, and sister who will be deeply missed by all who knew

Tina is lovingly remembered by her mother, Joyce (Holcomb) Bovat; her husband of 43 years, Leslie M. Skowyra; her children, Joshua Skowyra, Adam (Amanda) Skowyra, and Jessica Skowyra; and her treasured granddaughters, Lily, Addison, and Emilia. She also leaves behind her brother, Glen Bovat,

sister, Sheila Zajac (John), many nieces and nephews along with the Skowyra family. Tina was predeceased by her father, Ralph Bovat, and her brother, Scott Bo-

Throughout her life, Tina simple pleasures. An avia camp er, she relished the peaceful serenity of nature. Her family was her greatest pride and joy, and she delighted in watching her children's numerous dance and sports activities. Additionally, she had a creative spirit expressed through her love of scrapbooking, capturing cherished moments to preserve lifelong memories. Tina also played a supporting role in her

husband's business, working diligently as a bookkeeper at Les's Auto in Palmer.

A graveside service to honor Tina's life was held on Wednesday, August 7, at Brimfield Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the famfound joy and contentment in ily kindly requests that donations be made to the National Pancreas Foundation or a charity of your choice, in Tina's memory. Expressions of condolences and remembrances may be shared at the gathering or sent directly to the family.

May Tina Marie Skowyra rest in eternal peace, forever remembered and cherished by those whose lives she touched.

Campus

Western New England **University Honors** Class of 2024

Western New England University held its undergraduate commencement ceremony on May 19 at the MassMutual Center, celebrating the Class of 2024. The keynote speaker, esteemed journalist Latoyia Edwards, talked about the importance of bringing passion and intensity to one's work without overshadowing what's most important: family. "If you don't remember any piece of advice that I give you this morning, remember to never take anyone who loves and supports you for granted."

Congratulations and best wishes to the newest Golden Bear Alumni. WNE is proud of you!

Maxfield Wyatt Phaneuf of Brimfield, MA graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BSE in Civil Engineering/Environmental Engineering.

Adela C. Storey of Palmer, MA graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BS in Pharmacy Studies.

Brimfield resident named to Clark University's **Spring Dean's List**

Jaiden E. Gombos, of Brimfield, was named to second honors on the Clark University Dean's List. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the Spring 2024

Students must have a GPA of 3.8 or above for first honors or a GPA between 3.50 and 3.79 for second honors.

Molly Szado Receives Elmira College Key Award

Molly Szado of Monson, MA, received the Elmira College Key Award for academic and community leadership. A tradition that goes back to 1935, the EC Key Award is presented to outstanding students in their junior year of high school or preparatory school.

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Sandra "Sandy" Jean Underwood

PALMER — Sandra "Sandy" Jean Underwood, 65, passed away July 31, 2024 at her home surrounded by her family. She was born on April 18, 1959 in Springfield, MA to the late Harvey and Jean (McBride) McAdam. After graduating from West Springfield High School in 1977, Sandra worked as a billing clerk for Baystate Medical Center and later at Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville, NC. After having children, she dedicated her time to raising her family. She will be forever remembered as a beautiful, caring mother and was loved dearly by her husband and chil-

After her children were grown, her kindness and ability to care for others extended beyond her home as she became a caregiver for a number of families. She also worked as a cashier at Kmart in Palmer.

Sandra was guided in life

by her faith, and received Jesus Christ as her Personal Lord and Savior early in her life. She had a deep appreciation for nature and loved visiting Forest Lake with her husband to watch the wildlife, enjoyed birdwatching and feeding the birds that visited her home.

along with supporting many different animal causes. She also loved going out to a family style restaurant with her husband to eat or even to just take 'short' rides around town most evenings. She was artistic in many ways and would work alongside her husband painting wooden cut outs that he prepared. Sandra had a very kind heart, remembering those who had health needs, encouraging them with cards, notes and kind words. But most of all, she loved her family and they



were her entire world. Besides her parents, Sandra was preceded in death by her brothers. John and Glenn McAdam. She leaves her loving husband of 44 years, Barry Underwood; son, Andrew Underwood; daughter, Sarah Dys-

art and her husband, James; son, Jonathan Underwood and his wife, Heather; grandchildren, Isaiah and Abigail Dysart, and Brooke Underwood; and her nephew, Brian Underwood and his wife Emily.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, Aug. 10 at 10 a.m. at the Faith Baptist Church of Palmer, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations in Sandra's name can be made to the Faith Baptist Church Missions Fund. Please visit www.beersandstory.com to extend online condolences.

Walter Joseph Zarenko

THREE RIVERS — Walter Joseph Zarenko, a beloved husband, father, Papa, and a diehard fan of the Miami Dolphins, passed away peacefully on August 4, 2024, at the age of 61. He leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter and cherished memories. Walter was born on December 9, 1962 in Palmer, Massachusetts, where he spent his entire life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Adella (Palka), and his brother Bruce Zarenko. Walter leaves behind his wife of 35 years Dana (Goode) Zarenko, his son Walter Zarenko Jr. and his wife Amy of Lynn, Massachusetts, his daughter Rachel and her husband Jeff Pardo of Palmer, his daughter Jessica Ramondetta of Norfolk, Virginia, and his beloved dog Baxter. Walter's memory will also be cherished by his grandchildren Jeffrey and Jayda (Special J) Pardo as well as Abigail

and Brady Ramondet-

Walter was a hard worker who enjoyed his down time by walking Baxter at Legion Field, playing golf, watching his Dolphins and spending time with his best friend Dana. You could often find him watching his

grandchildren play sports. His love of Christmas and collecting the yearly Grinch ornaments from Hallmark and his cackle when showing everyone, will be missed tremendously. Walter was born with the gift of making people laugh, whether it was performing sound effects or supplying playful sarcasm, he was more often than not the life of the party.

His commitment to his family and friends was apparent in everything that he did from his teal and orange wardrobe to his

Grinch shirts at Christmas. Walter's true personality was never hidden. His legendary status and larger than life persona was one of a kind, and one that will live in our hearts forever.

Visitation hours will be held at the Beers and Story Palm-

er Funeral Home on Friday, Aug. 9 from 4 - 7 p.m. On Saturday, Aug. 10, friends and family are invited to honor Walter's life at Beers and Story at 10 a.m., followed by a graveside service at Oak Knoll Cemetery.

In Memory of Walter, the family is asking in lieu of flowers, donations be made to The Toys for Tots Foundation, which Walter participated in every year. Please visit www.beersandstory.com to extend online condolences.

Police/Fire

FIRE LOGS

MONSON

The Monson Fire Department responded to six fire calls and 17 emergency medical calls for the week of July 29-August 4.

June 29 at 2:31 p.m. Responded to Bliss Street for a structure collapse. Returned to service at 3:26 p.m. June 29 at 9:55 p.m. Responded to Stebbins Road

for an alarm sounding. Returned to service at 10:22 p.m. June 31 at 1:09 a.m. Responded to Moulton Hill

Road for a fire alarm. Returned to service at 1:41 a.m. June 31 at 7:17 p.m. Responded to Bethany Road for a commercial fire alarm. Returned to service at 7:20

August 2 at 3:01 p.m. Responded to Lower Hampden Road for alarms sounding. Returned to service at 3:23 p.m.

August 3 at 4:12 a.m. Responded to Ayers Road for alarms sounding. Returned to service at 4:43

Three Rivers

The Three Rivers Fire Department responded to six calls for the week of July 28-August 3. Sunday, July 28 - Meadowbrook Lane, Palmer,

Smoke detector activation due to malfunction Thursday, Aug. 1 - 2024 Sykes St., Three Rivers,

Trash or rubbish fire, contained Friday, Aug. 2 - Church St., Thorndike, Overpres-

sure rupture of air or gas pipe/pipeline Friday, Aug. 2 - Main St., Thorndike, Smoke de-

tector activation due to malfunction

Saturday, Aug. 3 - Maple St., Three Rivers, Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional

Saturday, Aug. 3 - Main St., Three Rivers, Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional

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Assessor's Map 34, Lot 15. A copy of the application may be inspected at the Planning Department office in the Town Administration Building from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Thursday.

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Town of Wales Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing In accordance with the

provisions of MGL Ch 40A §10 &§11, the Wales Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on August 29th, 2024, at the Wales Senior Center at 5:30 p.m. on the application of Marron W. Smith Jr. regarding the property at 48 Main St. in Wales. The applicant has applied for a variance in terms of the Town of Wales Zoning By-law Sec. 8.5. The Town of Wales Zoning By-Law Sec. 4.0.2 states "Not more than one principal building shall be erected on a lot unless otherwise specified in this bylaw". Specifically, the applicant wishes to convert the existing barn to an in-law suite. Any person interested and wishing to be heard on this application should refer to August 29th, 2024, agenda on the Zoning Board of Appeals page on the town website (www.townofwales.net). If you have any questions or concerns, please email planning@townofwales.net

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NOTICE

PLANNING BOARD **PUBLIC HEARING** In accordance with In accordance with

the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 11, M.G.L. the Palmer Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 26th, at 7:20 PM in the Town Administrative Building,

4417 Main St, Palmer MA. The applicant, JT Brown Nominee Trust, is seeking a Special Permit as required by section 171.73 of the Palmer Zoning Ordinance to remove Earth materials for a one-year term, on the property located off Ware St, Palmer MA, also known as Assessor's Map 37 Lot 15. A copy of the applica-

tion may be inspected at the Planning Department office in the Town Administrative **Building Monday-Thursday** 8:30am – 4:30pm. Anyone interested in more information or wishing

to be heard on the application can contact the Planning Department at 413-283-2605 or appear at the time and place designated above. This notice shall also be posted on the Massachusetts

Newspaper Publishers

Association's (MNPA) web-

site (http://masspublicnotices.org). Michael Marciniec, Chairman

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Massachusetts **The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court** 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD24C0170CA In the matter of: Brianna Lee Marcille

Commonwealth of

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Brianna Lee Marcille of Wales, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree

FaegasiAurora Lee **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

changing their name to:

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 08/19/2024.

ing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First

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Date: July 22, 2024 Rosemary A Saccomani Register of Probate

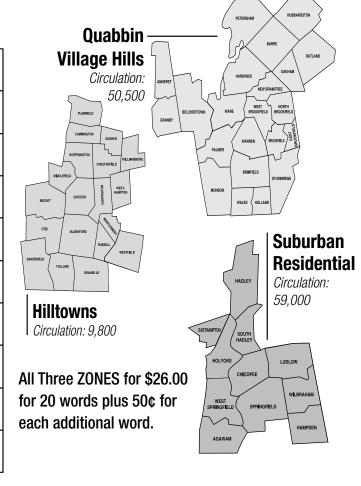
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Justice of this Court.

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of which mortgage Seattle Bank is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, 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 particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

The land described here-

in is situated in the State of Massachusetts, County of Hampden, and is described as follows:

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

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 FEET TO AN IRON PIN 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

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 subiect 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

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

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 Belchertown, $T\ O\ Y\ O\ T\ A$ MA; 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)

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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

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08/20/2024 at 2:00PM EDT for general bids.

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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 advertised under \$50,000.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for review at biddocs.com (may be viewed and downloaded electronically at no

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. and login with an existing gov) 5 calendar days prior account or click Sign Up to the General Bid date. to register for free. Enter

NO WAIVERS WILL BE GRANTED AFTER THE GENERAL BIDS ARE OPENED.

PRE-BID CONFER-ENCE / SITE VISIT:

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Michael Marciniec, Chairman 08/08, 08/15/2024

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The Ware Housing Authority (WHA) is seeking a qualified and experienced **Program Administrator**

The Authority's portfolio includes Ch. 667 Elderly/Handicapped, Ch. 705 Family and Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers. The candidate should be familiar with both the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) and U.S. Department and Urban Development (HUD) program requirements.

Tenant Intake/Outreach, Maintenance of waiting lists, Assist program participants to secure appropriate housing and complete all associated paperwork. Negotiate with landlords for comparable rents. Attend training sessions. Administer the Section Program, Ch. 667 and Ch. 705.

Including but not limited to all other tasks as assigned.

Possess excellent written and verbal skills, ability to communicate effectively. Familiar with centralized public housing wait lists, (CHAMP) housing software, HUD and EOHLC databases.

The maximum salary is \$50,286 and is dependent upon experience. The required work hours are 37.5 hours per week and the position includes excellent benefits. The candidate will be subject to qualification verification prior

To apply in confidence please submit a cover letter and resume to Linda Hanssen, Executive Director, Ware Housing Authority at lindashanssen@

Maintenance Supervisor

The Ware Housing Authority is seeking a qualified full-time Maintenance Supervisor. The incumbent is expected to oversee and perform routine and preventative maintenance of the Ware Housing Authority's entire housing portfolio includes 86 units of Ch. 667 Elderly/Handicapped, 23 units of Ch. 705 family and 61 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers.

The position has management responsibility covering a wide range of duties, including but not limited to, overseeing maintenance staff, contractors, and any additional help to assist with maintenance and repair work and the operation of equipment and vehicles. Oversights of Capital Improvements, Modernization Projects and Massachusetts CAPHUB.

Responsible for scheduling and record keeping of all property mechanical systems such as fire alarms and fire extinguisher inspections. The work requires basic skills such as plumbing, carpentry, electrical, masonry, painting, janitorial and landscaping. The job requires the ability to operate motor vehicles, move heavy objects and lift and carry items up to 75 pounds working in a variety of conditions.

Must have a valid drivers license and be insurable under Housing Authority insurance. The selected applicant must be able to pass a criminal back ground check (CORI).

The maximum salary is \$ 73,632 and is dependent upon experience, education and certifications in accordance with EOHLC Maintenance Supervisor Schedule. (MMA) Massachusetts Maintenance Supervisor certification will be required in a timely manner if applicant is hired. The required work hours are 40 hours per week and the position includes excellent benefits.

To apply, in confidence please submit a cover letter and resume to Linda Hanssen, Executive Director at warehousing@comcast.net. Resume's are due no later than August 13, 2024.

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The Skowyra family united for the Good Times Festival, (pictured) Josh, Rebecca, Norah, Lily, Emilia, Addison, Les, Jessica, Adam, and Amanda.







James and Theresa Cofske had a tent to sell tie-dye T-shirts.



Emily Alexander and JT, age four, pose in front of the bounce house at New England



Tom Brown and two-and-a-half-year-old Finnegan played with giant Jenga blocks.



King Saison played some covers and some original material for the crowd at the New England Motel.



Wicked Potions owner Shannen Green, pictured with her table set up to sell her wares.



Nathan Fortune and Derek Belisle worked the Fry'd Guy food truck at the festival.



Mister Brilliant played out the afternoon for the Good **Times Festival.**



At the table for the Hitchcock Free Academy, (from left) Genise Jackson, Greg Majewski, and Cindy Skowyra shared information about the organization.



Ryan Betronio and Davina Alejo had a table for their artwork, featuring recreations of recognizable cartoon characters.



Rachel and Gabby debuted the new food truck for Cookies by Ray.



The Beer family shared lemonade at the Good Times Festival, Emily, Mike, Debbie, and Spencer.



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to seeing it grow."

"I would just like to say thank you to the community for coming out to celebrate the day with us," Skowyra said. "I hope everyone enjoyed themselves."

and the quality of everything they had. We look forward

Skowyra said that the event will probably be held

"I had a great time," said Cindy Skowyra. "I was re-

Frank Marshall and Maverick, age three, played corn-

hole at the New England Motel.

To learn more about Hitchcock Academy, you can send an email to ExecDirector@HitchcockAcademy. org. To learn more about the New England Motel, you can visit Antiques-Brimfield.com.