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MONSON

Clarke announces retirement at School **Committee** meeting

By Marcelo Gusmão Staff Writer mgusmao@turley.com

MONSON - At last week's School Committee meeting, prior to the public session, the superintendent announced that she will be retiring after this year.

At the Oct. 23 meeting, after receiving the student reports and voting to approve the minutes for several previous meetings, the committee was informed by Superintendent Dr. Cheryl Clarke that she will be retiring, effective in June of next year.

"It has been an honor to serve the students, staff, and families of the Monson Public Schools for 20 years," Clarke said. "I am proud of the work that we have accomplished during the 12 years of my superintendency."

Clarke listed some of these accomplishments, including moving Quarry Hill School out of DESE's Level Three designation, bridging gaps between the community and the schools, maintaining and expanding programming on a limited budget, and serving as an exemplar to surrounding districts during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The administrative team that I have put in place is one of the best," Clarke said. "They're dedicated, knowledgeable, committed to the town, and most importantly, truly care about our staff, students, and their families." "There is much more work to be done, and I am confident that this team, along with our exempla-

Old Mill Pond PTO holds annual Halloween event

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PALMER - This past weekend, families were invited to gather around Converse Middle School for the Old Mill Pond annual Trunk-or-Treat.

On Friday, Oct. 25, community members gathered at the closed school for the PTO Trunk-or-Treat. Cars were lined up in the parking lot and decorated with lights, streamers, and mannequins that wowed children and families alike.

In addition to volunteers from local businesses around the community, school staff and



trunks to hand out candy to local trick-or-treaters. All night, a crowd of people in costumes lined up around the Converse building to pick up

candy. The cost for each child to participate in the Trunk-or-Treat was \$5, with a maximum of \$15 per family.

Highlights at the event included Principal

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Adult Prom held as local fundraiser

Second Time's A Charm and Miss America partner

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PALMER - This past weekend, Second Time's A Charm held an adult prom fundraiser at the Ludlow Country Club.

Second Time's A Charm is an affordable alternative to dress-shopping, based out of the Palmer Technology Center and run by friends Michelle Annecchiarico and Natalina Tulik. On Saturday, Oct. 26, the shop held its fifth annual Adult Prom.

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Holly Riopel's Beetlejuice booth, a group of students dressed as hippies from the '60s, and a massive skeleton hanging out of a trunk. There were also a number of impressive costumes among the

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Melinda Darby had a whole barn set up in her trunk last Friday.



Rivalry football game challenge

With the 100th year of the Palmer and Ware high schools' football rivalry being celebrated at the Saturday, Nov. 2 game being held in Palmer, a friendly wager has been made between Matt Lemieux, president of Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce and Dan Flynn, president of the Ware Busi-



ness & Civic Association and Beyond. The losing team's supporting president will be at Rondeau's scooping ice cream on Sunday, Nov. 3. Best of luck to both teams!

MONSON **Tri-Board discusses Siemens** contract and school budget

By Marcelo Gusmão Staff Writer

MONSON - Last week, members of the School Committee, Finance Committee, and Select Board held a Tri-Board Committee meeting to discuss the contract with Siemens Energy and the school's end-of-year budget.

Greenblat said that the first option would be to "stay the course," with no renegotiation, though the town would still need to address the underbudgeted amount along with budgeting for annual amounts. Finance Director Jamie Farnum added that there was a prior year option to address that bill, and that the funds have been budgeted for Fiscal Year 2025.

"If we stay the course and we don't change or renegotiate our current contract in place, it would be \$850,000 over the life of this,"

Farnum said. Greenblat presented a second option, which would modify the program through scope reduction.

term is about \$350,000 in total," stipulated values.'

Farnum added that an advan-

Greenblat said that under this option, the guarantee will be met annually regardless of annual performance.

"How do you know that this stuff is working?" Greenblat said. "You know by using tools that are available to you to see how the

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Second Time's A Charm owners Michelle Annecchiarico and Natalina Tulik started the adult prom to give families an opportunity to attend a prom

PALMER



Derek Thomas and his son Oliver of West Brookfield take a photo in from of their 2017 Ford Fusion Sport with a "Terrifier" theme.

Trunk or Treat car show benefits local food pantries

By Paula Ouimette pouimette@turley.com

PALMER - Palmer Motorsports Park and the Springfield to Boston Education Foundation teamed up for another car show this season, this time adding in some Halloween fun with a trunk or treat

This past Sunday, over 250 show cars arrived at the track, representing makes and models from various decades, from the 1930s to modern day.

Keeping with its tradition of giving back to the community,

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"The stream of costs over the

Greenblat said. "Siemens would continue to provide an annual performance report reflecting the

tage of this option would be that the town would not need the additional \$12,000 because of the reduction, so available funds would already have been appropriated from fiscal year 2024 and 2025.



LUCIFUR BISCUITS

This is Lucifur Biscuits, who lives with Sherri Bacon in Monson.

Lucifur turned a year old in April. He has an amazing vocabulary; he walks around the house blabbing all day. Sherri thinks he actually has conversations with his human family!

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 rehome? All pets are welcome! Email a high-resolution jpg of your pet with a little information to journalregister@turley.com.



QVFPC reviews community food access assessment

By Paula Ouimette pouimette@turley.com

WARE - The Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council welcomed new Coordinator Sawyer Blake at its general body meeting held on Oct. 23.

Blake is a 2021 graduate of Smith College, having studied food sustainability and biology. They interned with local food nonprofits Grow Food Northampton and Pioneer Valley Workers Center.

"My senior capstone project was studying HIP [Healthy Incentives Program] usage and comparing it to SNAP [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program] usage," Blake said.

They also worked directly in the western Massachusetts food system as a farm worker, butcher and farm store clerk.

Blake said they love cooking, eating and spending time with their partner and cats.

Community Food Access Assessment

Nisha Humayun, Project Coordinator for Community Health with Healthy Quaboag

and the Town of Ware, presented the findings of the council's Community Food Access Assessment which was conducted in conjunction with the Collaborative for Educational Services

"Our purpose was to get firsthand accounts from community members," Humayun said.

Humayun said this included conducting individual and community interviews with various community members, including local veterans. The interviews also helped to strengthen connections with food policy council members.

She said the purpose of the assessment was obtain firsthand accounts from community members and using the results to supplement a study conducted by the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission.

Blake said key findings from the assessment include community assets, access barriers, priority needs and opportunities.

For community assets, they said there was a strong appreci-

ation for living in a rural, smalltown environment from residents, which still offers multiple grocery store options as well as local agriculture.

Blake said public transportation is also available through the Quaboag Connector, and there is also access to local resources including food banks, senior centers and churches.

Access barriers include distance and time, quality and availability of food, benefit programs, transportation, food costs and technology and delivery.

Distance, transportation and technology were some of the biggest barriers preventing residents from having access to nutritious food, Blake said.

The rising cost of food was the biggest concern of all interviewees. Those interviewed said monthly SNAP benefits were not keeping up with this cost, and farmers markets were expensive.

Senior Outreach Coordinator Carol Zins said many of her clients don't use their SNAP benefits due to the small amount of food they can buy for \$23-30

a month.

Blake said while most people interviewed were aware of SNAP benefits and seniors centers and other services available to them, but not as many were familiar with HIP.

"HIP is a complicated process and it's hard to understand," Blake said.

HIP allows SNAP recipients to purchase fresh produce directly from local participating farmers, many of whom setup at local farmers markets in Belchertown and West Brookfield. The HIP program will reimburse the SNAP user's electronic benefits card dollar to dollar up to a monthly cap of \$40, \$60 or \$80.

Priority needs of Quaboag Valley

Blake said priority needs of the Quaboag Valley include access to local agriculture, improvements to food pantries, improvements to SNAP/HIP, discount offers and nutrition education

Birds of prey presentation at Keep

MONSON-Tom Ricardi of the Birds of Prey Rehabilitation Center in Conway is often called when an injured bird is found. Ricardi cares for dozens of falcons, owls, eagles, and other raptors that have been injured in some way.

Ricardi does a lot of work with local animal control and the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. He rescues an average of 125 to 150 birds a year. A bird that is rehabilitated, recovers, and is able to fly is released back into the wild. Those that are permanently disabled remain at the Center for the rest of their life. Ricardi uses some of these birds as part of his traveling educational programs.

Come meet Ricardi and some of his birds on Sunday, Nov. 3, at 1:30 p.m. at the Keep Homestead Museum on 35 Ely Road. All are welcome to this free program, but donations are accepted.

The museum will be open from 1 to 3:30 p.m. to view displays and have light refreshments. New note cards featuring buttons will be available in the gift shop. Visit www.keephomesteadmuseum.org for information.

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ry staff, will continue to do all they can to support their new superintendent in continuing to move the Monson Public Schools forward," Clarke said.

Clarke said that though she's made mistakes along the way and had to make difficult decisions at times, she always

QVFPC Dashboard

Another outcome of the assessment is a dashboard made by CMRPC that shows all of the farms in the region that are available and that accept SNAP and HIP benefits.

"It would be a great resource to share out with our community," Sawyer said.

To access the dashboard, visit https://cmrpc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/ fee2d96f3e424316a71bb-2c4e6e3c0c4.

About QVFPC

The Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council is funded through a grant received by the Town of Ware in partnership with Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation, covering the towns of Ware, Belchertown, Palmer, Monson, Wales, Holland, Brimfield, Warren, Brookfield, West Brookfield, North Brookfield and East Brookfield.

The council is open to all, and everyone is welcome to join in the discussion.

Veterans Breakfast honoring those who served

PALMER-A Veterans Breakfast will be held on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024 at 9 a.m. The Breakfast is free to all Palmer Veterans or surviving spouses and one guest. The breakfast will be held at the St. Thomas Parish Center, 1076 Thorndike St., Palmer.

The menu will be scrambled eggs, waffles, biscuits, gravy, hashbrown casserole, bacon, ham and fruit.

Please register by Nov. 7 by calling 413-283-2610.

Corrections

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> new grandchild who will be arriving in April," Clarke said.

Clarke said that she feels she is leaving the schools in a better place than when she began, and that she is grateful for the experiences and challenges she's faced as superintendent. Clarke pledged

Join us for the Palmer **Veterans Day** Parade

PALMER-Let's come together to honor and celebrate brave men and women who have served in our nation's military. The parade will be held on Nov. 11, 2024 at 10:45 a.m. starting at Amvets, 2150 Main St., Three Rivers and culminating at Hryniewicz Park.

Enjoy a patriotic procession of local Veterans, the Palmer High School band and more.

A special ceremony will take place after the parade at Hryniewicz Park to honor our local heroes. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to

show our veterans the appreciation they deserve. If you are interested in marching in the parade contact Tina Brohman at 413-283-2610.

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WHAT IS IT?

Palmer has received funding in a settlement between Massachusetts and pharmaceutical companies, placing them at blame for the current opioid crisis.

Now we must decide how to best use the money to support our community, and we want to hear from YOU!

COME JOIN US TO DISCUSS THE NEXT STEPS IN THE PROCESS AS WE TALK ABOUT:

- Creating a Community Survey
- How to Support Those With Substance Use
- Preventative Measures
- After Care

WHEN & WHERE

The Second Wednesday of Every Month 3:00pm-4:30pm at The Palmer Public Library

For any questions reach out to: (413)283-2606 or ngauthier@townofpalmer.com

WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

- People with lived experience
- Individuals in recovery
- Family/friends of those with substance use disorder

To Join Our Group!

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kept the faces of the members of the community in her mind.

"I would ask each staff member to look inside their hearts and remember an interaction we may have had, a laugh or a cry, and know that my intentions were always positive and true," Clarke said. "All of us here have navigated through times of uncertainty, negativity, and heartbreak and come out the other side together."

Clarke described the decision as "bittersweet," as she loves coming to work every day, regardless of the challenges, and will miss the connections she's made with people in the community.

"However, I look forward to spending more time with my husband, my children, my granddaughter, and my to continue to work diligently and faithfully until June 30 and offered to assist in the transition process as needed.

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the opportunity to serve the Monson Public Schools," Clarke said. "Each student, staff member, and family with whom I have been fortunate to work will always hold a special place in my heart."

School Committee Chair Alison Morgan noted that Clarke has been superintendent longer than she has lived in town, and thanked Clarke for her service on behalf of the committee.

'We are appreciative of everything vou've done for the town since you've been here," Morgan said.



All Proceeds will be going to Christmas Care packages for our soldiers. You can purchase tickets in advance at the bar or door. Denise 413-668-7324.

Election Preview

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 date and place.

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

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.

Palmer property taxes due

PALMER— The Palmer Town Collector would like to remind all taxpayers of the following:

Fiscal Year 2025 second quarter real estate and personal property tax bills are due and payable by Nov. 1.

The Tax Collector's office is accepting credit and debit card payments for property taxes either on the town website at www.townofpalmer.com or at the tax office. There is a sliding scale fee for each bill paid which is passed on to the taxpayer. The fee structure can be viewed on the town website.

If you are making on-line payments through your bank (EFT's), please set it up to have the check mailed directly to our office, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA 01069. Do not use the lockbox address for this type of payment as no bill is included for processing.

Please call the Collector's office at (413) 283-2601 with any questions pertaining to tax payments. Office hours: Monday 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday - Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday the office is closed

Artist fall exhibition this weekend

MONSON-The Monson Arts Council is pleased to present its 4th annual Artist's Fall Exhibition. This show features a variety of art works in multiple genres by MAC artist members. This year's presentation brings together more than thirty-five artists showing a multitude of original works of art. The two-day show is open to the public at the House of Art at 200 Main St., on Saturday, Nov. 2 and Sunday, Nov. 3 from 11a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. A reception featuring food and beverages will be available to all friends, family, patrons, artists and art lovers on both days. Look us up at www.monsonartscouncil.org. Enjoy all of the beauty this tremendous organization has to offer.

MASSACHUSETTS - The federal election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Voters throughout the state will vote for the next President of the United States of America. The candidates on the ticket are as follows:

Shiva Ayyadurai and Crystal Ellis, of the Independent Party

Claudia De La Cruz and Karina Garcia, of the Party for Socialism and Liberation

Kamala Harris and Tim Walz, of the Democratic Party

Chase Oliver and Mike ter Maat, of the Libertarian Party

Jill Stein and Gloria Caballero-Roca, of the Green-Rainbow Party Donald Trump and J.D. Vance, of

the Republican Party

Senate

Democratic Senator Elizabeth Warren is also running for her third sixyear term in the Senate, against Republican challenger John Deaton. Though all the state's members of

the House of Representatives are up for re-election this year, fewer than half of them are facing challengers to their seats

House of Representatives First District Representative Richard Neal is being challenged by Independent Nadia Milleron. Second District Representative Jim McGovern is facing off against independent Cornelius Shea.

Eighth District Representative Stephen Lynch of South Boston is being challenged by Republican Rob Burke, a videographer from Dedham. Ninth District Representative Bill Keating of Bourne is being challenged by Republican Dan Sullivan, a nurse from Plymouth.

There are five questions that voters will vote on in this election.

1. State Auditor's Authority to Audit the Legislature: A "yes" vote would allow the state Auditor to audit the Massachusetts Senate and House of Representatives, and a "no" vote would make no changes to the Auditor's authority.

2. Elimination of MCAS as High School Graduation Requirement: A 'yes" vote would end the mandate requiring students to pass the 10th grade MCAS test in order to graduate, and a "no" vote would not change the graduation requirement.

3. Unionization for Transportation Network Drivers: A "yes" vote would let rideshare drivers form unions to collectively bargain with transportation companies for better pay and benefits, and a "no" vote would make no changes to the law.

4. Limited Legalization and Regulation of Certain Natural Psychedelic Substances: A "yes" vote would let people over the age of 21 grow and use some psychedelic substances, and a "no" vote would not change the current law and certain psychedelic substances would stay illegal.

5. Minimum Wage for Tipped Workers: A "yes" vote would gradually increase the minimum wage for tipped workers to \$15 an hour by 2029 and distribute pooled tips evenly among staff, and a "no" vote means tipped workers would still make at least \$6.75 as long as total earnings with tips reach \$15 an hour.

Every state representative and senate seat is on the ballot for election to a two-year term. Other local races being contested this November include candidates for Clerk of Courts, Register of Deeds, County Commissioner and Governor's Council.

Audiology Program Offers Free **Hearing Screenings**

PALMER— October is National Audiology Awareness Month a time to be aware of the importance of good hear-

ing health. Hearing loss is one of the most common conditions affecting older adults. The National Institutes of Health's National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders states that approximately 28.8 million Americans could benefit from using hearing aids. While age is often cited as a factor, there are growing numbers of younger people reporting hearing difficulties.

"Hearing is one of the most important aspects of our health-it connects us to people, keeps us vital in the workplace as we age, and when left untreated it is often associated with other health issues," said Jeanne Coburn, Au.D., CCC-A/SLP, Audiologist at Baystate Rehabilitation Care at Baystate Wing Hospital in Palmer. "In recognition of Audiology Awareness Month, we are offering free hearing screenings to our

community members through November.

'Even with the obvious signs, it still can be difficult to admit a change in one's hearing," said Coburn. "When seniors experience hearing loss, they sometimes feel embarrassed, afraid, and left out. When you have trouble hearing, it can impact nearly every aspect of your daily life. Those with hearing impairment face troubles with work, personal relationships, and even their favorite pastimes.

For patients of all ages, Baystate Wing Hospital's Audiology and Hearing Services and team are located in the Griswold Center, 42 Wright Street in Palmer, and offer routine hearing tests, specialized audiological testing, and a comprehensive hearing-aid program providing hearing-aid evaluations, demonstrations, purchases, fittings, adjustments, and cleanings. For more information or to book an appointment call 413-370-5254.



VOTING BY TOWN

MONSON

MONSON— All Early Voting will take place at Town Office Building in the Public Meeting Room, 110 Main St.

Monson. The hours will be: Friday, Nov. 1, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.- Last

day for early voting. The polling location for Nov. 5 is Quarry Hill Community School, 43 Margaret St., the polling hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

WALES

WALES— On Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 5, Polls are open from 7 a.m. through 8 p.m. at Wales Senior Center.

BRIMFIELD

BRIMFIELD—On Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 5, please come to the Senior Center, 20 Main St. to vote. Polls are open from 7 am through 8 p.m.

PALMER— Early voting will take place at the Palmer Town Clerk's Office, 4417 Main St., at the following times:

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Thursday, Oct. 31, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m

On Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 5, polls are open from 7 a.m. through 8 p.m.

Polling locations are as follows Precint 1 & 4 - Devine Mercy Parish Center, 2267 Main Street, Three Rivers.

Precint 2 & 3 - St. Thomas Parish Center, 1076 Thorndike Street, Palmer

If you are unsure of your voting location go on to the town of Palmer website under voting or go to https:// www.sec.state.ma.us/WhereDoIVoteMA/WhereDoIVote

FCC has opportunities for youth in Monson

MONSON-The First Congregational Church of Monson has two upcoming opportunities for youths in local communities. The community faith-based youth group, Youth United is hosting, Red Carpet Dance at the First Church, 5 High St., Friday Nov. 1, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

This event is just like any other kick-butt dance, except attendees should come dressed to impress. There will be a request list upon arrival so attendees can have their favorite songs played, along with the opportunity to vote on the theme for the next dance. Admission is \$7 which includes one free snack. This dance is for grades 7-12. Never fear, younger ones, there will be another dance opportunity occurring in the winter which will include 4-6th graders.

Starting Nov. 3, the First Congregational Church of Monson is hosting "Community Choir" for youths grades 6-12. Participants will have 5-6 performance opportunities including an end of

the year showcase in May.

This isn't just any choir. Alison Weber, Youth Music director and Erin Wallace assistant strive to inspire and empower participants through relevant, current, and positive music. Participants do not need to have any musical background

Learning basics is built into the program. "We have a chance to be creative and offer a unique opportunity for kids' voices to be heard. We really want the kids to be a part of the creative process and to help build beautiful moments for listeners." said Wallace.

To register or ask questions about this program call or text Erin Wallace 413-668-7284 or the First Church Office at 413-267-3312. Register using the link https://forms.gle/sxXaWhGys-KLx591z9 On-going regular rehearsals are Sundays 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Participants will receive a schedule with performance dates at the first rehearsal.

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Rummage sale at St. Cecilia

WILBRAHAM-The annual Rummage Sale sponsored by the St. Cecilia Women's Club is being held in the St. Cecilia Parish Center, 42 Main St., Friday, Nov. 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 2, 8:30 a.m. to noon. Children and adult clothing, toys, puzzles, games, linens of all kinds, household items, jewelry, holiday decorations, pictures, and more are sold at very reasonable prices. Saturday is Bag Day. Fill a provided bag for a special price.





COLORBLINDGUY APPLAUDS Workshop 13

Workshop 13 has thrived as the premier local artist venue, thanks to the fantastic leadership of Marie Lauderdale, the technical expertise of Brian Jyringi and a team of volunteers. Workshop 13 has become a vibrant hub for creativity, encouraging artists to excel and inviting music and art fans to get involved. Their dedication has fueled growth and inspired a dynamic community where art and music flourish. Expect more great things at Workshop 13 in *Ware-the* colorblind capital of



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Viewpoints



Worried has question about **Taxation of Social** Security benefits

Dear Rusty

I am past my Social Security full retirement age, and I am still working. I am married and we file our income tax jointly. My husband is 64 and is not working now, but he may or may not, be able to work in the next year or so. At what point will my Social Security benefits be taxed, if I decide to take them now?

Signed Worried About Taxes

Dear Worried

Many Social Security recipients are surprised to find that their benefits may be considered taxable by the IRS, so I welcome the opportunity to clarify this topic for you.

Whether or not your Social Security benefits are taxable depends on your overall combined taxable income for your IRS tax filing status. Taxation of Social Security benefits for a married couple (filing jointly) depends on your combined income as a couple, which is called your "Modified Adjusted Gross Income" by the IRS. Your MAGI consists of your normal Adjusted Gross Income on your IRS tax return, plus 50% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year, plus any non-taxable interest you may have had.

If your MAGI, filing jointly, exceeds \$32,000, then 50% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year becomes taxable, but if your MAGI as a couple exceeds \$44,000 then up to 85% of your received SS benefits becomes taxable (at your standard IRS tax rate). Note that these tax thresholds are less for those who file their taxes as a single – e.g., for someone whose IRS filing status is "single," half of their Social Security benefits become part of their taxable income if their personal MAGI is over \$25,000 and up to 85% of their SS benefits are taxable if their individual MAGI is over \$34,000.

Another factor often misunderstood is that only a portion of SS benefits are added to your income amount taxed by the IRS. The amount added, somewhere between 50% and 85% of the SS benefits received during the tax year depending on your MAGI, becomes taxable income at your normal IRS tax rate.

So, in your case, if you claim your SS benefits now and your combined income your MAGI exceeds the above levels for a married couple, then a portion either 50% or up to 85% of your SS benefits received during the tax year will be included in your income taxable by the IRS. Note, too, that it is possible to have income tax withheld from your Social Security benefits by submitting IRS form W-4V to your local Social Security office. You can download this IRS form at www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw4v.pdf. The Association Mature Citizens Foundation and its staff are not affiliated with or endorsed by the Social Security Administration or any other governmental entity. This article is intended for information purposes and does not represent legal or financial guidance. It presents the opinions and interpretations of the Association Mature Citizens Foundation's staff, trained and accredited by the National Social Security Association To submit a question, visit amacfoundation.org/ programs/social-security-advisory or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org. Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.



DAVE GRANLIND @ www.davegranlund.com

Cross garlic off the list

It was a productive weekend "back at the ranch.

I had a very long list of things to get caught up on in and around the garden. For the most part I completed everything on the list, although a new list has started. Doesn't it always?

The last task I completed was planting garlic.

I got started growing garlic because of my Uncle Tony. He always planted his garlic cloves in the spring. I think he was under the impression that garlic wasn't hardy

and wouldn't survive the winter if you planted it in the fall.

It could well very have been the type he grew. As soon as the had

I'd get out

there and plant the cloves he'd given me and in just about three months I'd harvest the fists comprised of seven or eight teeny tiny cloves.

times over the years.

Read on for a refresher on garlic planting.

Garlic should be planted four to lips. The time is now!

Your goal is to have a well devel-

back, shared that she places a sheet of cardboard over the bed, and then applies mulch on top of that.

For the last few years, I have done this and it has worked out great to keep the weeds down. Garlic abhors weed competition.

One year, though, I had a problem. I didn't see my garlic sprouting in the spring, so I lifted the cardboard, and the top growth was stuck underneath! I made holes for it to grow through and all was well.

> I made sure I watered the bed a lot so that the cardboard would soften and this wouldn't be a problem ever again. Garlic ferloves

Last year

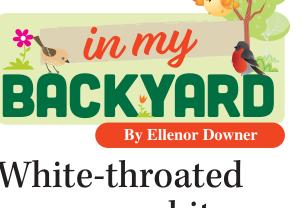
tile soil, so top dress

with more aged manure/compost in the spring, about the time when daffodils are up two inches. I slide back the mulch/softened cardboard and add the compost then replace it for continued weed suppression and moisture retention.

Repeat this process once per month in May and June.

If rain is scarce, make sure that your garlic beds get about one inch of water a week. Stop additional watering one month prior to harvest and cut off curly "scapes" (immature flower heads) as they form.

Garlic is ready to harvest when one third of the leaves have yellowed/ browned. Don't wait much past this time, or bulbs will separate within the fist, and length of storage could be affected. Cure in an airy location, free of humidity and moisture.



White-throated sparrow, white and tan striped morphs

A Brimfield resident reported white-throated sparrows in his yard.

He said, "Adult white-throated sparrows are polymorphic, occurring in two plumage types or forms: white striped (bright) or tan striped (dull). Almost all of the white-throated sparrows I see are the tan striped morph." I also saw white-throated sparrows, but they are mostly the white striped morph.

I put a small amount of bird seed and shelled peanuts in my feeders in the morning. I do not fill them as there are many black bears in my area. With this wonderful Indian summer weather, I have been working outside since I use a laptop computer. Besides working on the two papers I edit, Barre Gazette and Country Journal, I enjoy the weather, and get to see birds coming and going at the feeders.

The white-throated sparrow is 6 1/2 inches long with a dark crown with a buff or tan central stripe and white throat. Depending on which morph, they have either white or tan eyebrows with a yellow mark before the eye. Their breast is gray with a few, faint streaks.

The female has a less bold pattern on the head, duller yellow by eye, more streaking on the breast and grayer. The immature of either sex looks like the female. Immature plumage is kept through their first winter. Breeding pair usually contains one bird from each morph, either a tan female and white male or white female and tan male.

The female lays four to six light blue-green eggs with dark marks in a nest of grasses lined with hairs and rootlets. It is placed on the ground or under a small tree or shrub.

For many years, my family and I had horses. Their hair was a popular nesting material for the birds in our yard. Nests often had horse hair woven into them. After grooming the horses, birds would often come and fly away with strands of horse hair especially from the horses' mane or tail.

White throated sparrows summer in Canada and winter in the northeastern and part of the southern United States. They feed on the ground eating weed seeds, grain, fruit and insects. They come to tray type feeders or scattered on the ground. They like cracked corn, sunflower seeds and millet.

Their song is two long whistled notes followed by three or four higher, quivering notes. It sounds like "sweet sweet Canada Canada." Calls are "tseeet" when birds are in flocks and "pink" in alarm. They inhabit coniferous and mixed woods and brushy



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ground thawed,

Since then, I've gone on to plant my bulbs in the fall and again, it's probably a variety thing, but my cloves are two or three times the size of those I planted in the spring those many years ago. I have a pretty good system going that I've shared with my readers a few

six weeks prior to the ground freezing, much like you would daffodils or tu-

oped root system to anchor the plant through the winter. Because garlic prefers a pH of 6.5 (6.0-7 is OK), a sprinkling of lime won't hurt.

> Mix in a couple of inches of aged manure or compost to planting bed. I use a pitchfork to loosen and mix the soil with the manure and lime so that it's incorporated well.

> Over the years I've learned that the secret to big bulbs has a lot to do with spacing. Space individual cloves eight-10 inches apart pointed side up and plant two-three inches deep (up to the knuckle if you are pushing them into the soil by hand) and firm down.

> If rain has been scarce, water the planting well. A friend who attending one of my gardening talks a few years

I get excited planting garlic. It's the first installation of the "new year!" Funny, how just three weeks ago I was almost sick of the garden, now it's all new again.

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 subiect line.

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Brimfield birds

The Brimfield resident reported not much happening at the Warren ponds. In his yard, he saw a male eastern towhee, a couple of ruby-crowned kinglets, five goldfinches, a chipping sparrow, song sparrow and white-throated sparrows.

Black swallow tail caterpillars

The Brimfield resident also said in an email, "Over a week ago we found a couple of black swallowtail caterpillars on a volunteer 12" tall fennel plant growing out of the space between pavers in our walkway. I collected the caterpillars and put them in the house in a small aquarium with fennel leaves. Last year we found three black swallowtail caterpillars chrysalises in the garden, kept them inside a shed over the winter and in the spring tied the chrysalises to tree branches. All three hatched and flew away."

Fun facts about Canada geese

The Brimfield resident also offered some facts about Canada geese he got from MassWildlife. Human intervention radically altered the status of this species within the Bay State. Before the 1930s, these geese rarely nested here, today many Canada geese are in this state year round.

Theh migratory population still pass through in the spring and fall and stop to rest during migration. Resident population are descendants of captive geese used by waterfowl hunters; live decoys were outlawed in the 1930s and captive birds were released. With no pattern of migration, these geese began nesting in Massachusetts. In the 1960s and early 1970s, MassWildlife moved geese from the coast into central and western Massachusetts to the applause of both hunters and non-hunters. A population explosion followed.

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editor at 413-283-8393. Campaign news

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

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health By Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN Guest Column

e throw the term "gaslighting" around a lot these days when it comes to health care, but I wonder how many people know the origination of the term

The play "Gaslight" - then the 1944 movie with Ingrid Bergman and Charles Boyer – is about an unfaithful and ruthless husband who tries to convince his wife she's going insane by creating noises in the attic and making the gaslights in their home flicker. Spooky. Then he would say, "I didn't hear anything. It must be your imagination."

It took Ingrid practically the whole movie to figure out that Charles was "gaslighting" her. After all, he was her husband and she trusted him.

And it may be hard to figure out if your health-care provider is gaslighting you. Presumably, you like them and trust them – otherwise why stay? But if you feel like your concerns or symptoms are being ignored or dismissed, "gaslighting" may be the reason.

The doctor, nurse practitioner or physi-

How to tell if you're being gaslighted

cian assistant may be doing it unintentionally, or they may even be unconscious of their behavior. The effect is the same: You're not being listened to.

Studies have shown that women and people of color experience gaslighting more frequently. There's something called "unconscious bias," which leads some to make assumptions and draw conclusions about people without realizing that their assumptions and conclusions are rooted in deep-seated beliefs and biases. Medical professionals are humans who, even with all of their education and experience, may bring their existing beliefs and biases into the exam room with them

That's not the only thing at play. The health care system itself, which sometimes leaves only a precious few minutes for a doctor to spend with a patient, is part of the problem. The thing about making assumptions is that it does save a lot of time – but at what cost?

What are some of the signs of medical gaslighting? They're not all that different from what someone may experience in a personal relationship.

Shifting blame: "It's not me, it's you." In a medical setting, this may look like the health-care provider telling you that you'd feel better if only you did ... something (sleep better, eat better, exercise more). While those things may be true, it doesn't mean you're to blame for your condition.

Interrupting: This is one of those things that happens during rushed appointments. On average, doctors spend between 12 and 15 minutes with a patient. In an effort to speed things along, the provider interrupts what you're saying to ask questions.

Dismissing symptoms: It's maddening when someone tells you you're not feeling something that you're feeling, right? Or worse, "it's all in your head." That's what Charles Boyer told Ingrid Bergman.

What can you do if you suspect your health-care provider is gaslighting you? Not surprisingly, these are some of the same recommendations I make in order for you to get the most out of a doctor appointment.

Call them out: Being direct is the best approach, but use "I" language: "You know, I don't feel like you're listening to me." It may be uncomfortable, but if the provider is unaware of how they're coming across, you may be helping them improve their bedside manner.

Keep a record of your symptoms: It can be very helpful to keep a log of the symptoms you want to discuss. For example, if you get dizzy periodically, it would help the doctor to know how frequently it happens, how long it lasts and how you feel afterward.

Write everything down: Come to your appointment prepared with a written list of things you want to discuss, and move through your list efficiently. Write down

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Week History Nov. 4

Howard Carter, a British archaeoligist, and an unidentified companion uncovered the tomb of Tutenkhamun on Nov. 4, 1922

REGION – A look back through history at the momentous anniversaries this week.

On Oct. 30, in 2018, American crime boss Whitey Bulger, head of the Boston-based Winter Hill Gang, was beaten to death in jail.

On Oct. 31, in 1517, Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on a church door in Wittenberg, Germany, that would lead to the Protestant Reformation

On Nov. 1, in 1765, the Stamp Act, Britain's first parliamentary attempt to raise revenue through taxes on Americal commercial and legal papers, went into effect.

On Nov. 2, in 2000, the first resi-



dent crew, which included one American and two Russians, arrived at the International Space Station.

On Nov. 3, in 1793, Olympe de Gouges, a French social reformer and feminist known for challenging conventional views on a number of matters, such as the role of women as citizens, was executed by guillotine.

On Nov. 4, in 1922, a British archaeologist named Howard Carter discovered the tomb of the Egyptian pharaoh Tutankhamen.

Finally, on Nov. 5, in 1605, Roman Catholics led by Robert Catesby tried to blow up Parliament and the king as part of the Gunpowder Plot.



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

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

Special events **NOVEMBER**

Monday, Nov. 4- 10:30- 11:30 a.m. Therapy dog, 5:30 p.m. dinner to celebrate Veterans,* evening outreach by appt. only, call Cindy

Tuesday, Nov. 5- 10:30 a.m. Trip to McKinstry Market Garden, they accept snap Wednesday, Nov. 6- 9 a.m. Hockey

Game, Springfield Thunderbirds

Thursday, Nov. 7- 10 a.m. Tai Chi, 1 p.m. Sunshine Village Craft

Friday, Nov. 8- 1-3 p.m. Brown bag pick-up, 1 p.m. build a birdhouse or feeder with Justin. Space is limited

Monday, Nov. 11- Closed for Veterans Day

Tuesday, Nov. 12- 11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch Farmer Matt (outside subject to change

Palmer Senior Center

for weather)

Wednesday, Nov. 13- 11:30 a.m Lunch and learn with Luso Federal Credit Union, 1 p.m. Wii bowling

Thursday, Nov. 14- 1 p.m. Greeting cards with Marlene

Friday, Nov. 15- Noon Trip to the Springfield Armory National Historic site with Justin

Monday, Nov. 18- 10:30 a.m. Marathon Bingo, 5:30 p.m. craft puzzle wreath

Wednesday, Nov. 19- 11 a.m. Thanksgiving Celebration

Thursday, Nov. 20- 10 a.m. Tai Chi, 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. memory café, 1 p.m. Sunshine village paint

Friday, Nov. 21- 12:30 p.m. showing movie "A Good Person"

Monday, Nov. 25-1 p.m. take and bake Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29-Closed for Thanksgiving

MENUS

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

Friday, Nov. 1- Chicken Pot pie, California blend veggies, biscuit topping and pear crisp

Monday, Nov. 4- Creamy roasted pepper pasta, with chicken, steamed broccoli, WW bread and chilled applesauce.

Tuesday, Nov. 5- Bacon, egg and cheese croissant.

Wednesday, Nov. 6- Chicken Fajitas, fajitas blend veggies, yellow rice, flour tortilla,

sour cream and fresh fruit.

Thursday, Nov. 7- Sausage, egg and cheese biscuit.

Friday, Nov. 8- Beef stew with carrots and peas, mashed potatoes, wheat roll, Jello with topping.

Monday, Nov. 11- Closed for Veterans Day.

Tuesday, Nov. 12- French toast and sausage.

Wednesday, Nov. 13- Hamburger with cheese, onions and mushrooms, roasted red potatoes, wheat burger bun and mandarin oranges.

Thursday, Nov. 14- Waffle and Sausage. Friday, Nov. 15- Breakfast sausage, scrambled eggs, syrup, potatoes O'Brien, snack loaf and spiced apples.

Monday, Nov. 18- Lazy stuffed cabbage, peas and onions, WW bread, Jello with topping

Tuesday, Nov. 19- Ham, egg and cheese croissant

Wednesday, Nov. 20- Turkey with gravy, steamed peas, mashed potatoes, cranberry stuffing and pumpkin pie

Thursday, Nov. 21- Cinnamon buns

Friday, Nov. 22- Chicken Marsala, tossed salad with Italian, penne noodles, garlic bread and mixed fruit.

Monday, Nov. 25- Mac and Cheese, stewed tomatoes, WW bread, cranberry juice and Jello with topping.

Tuesday, Nov. 26- Egg, bacon and cheese croissant.

Wednesday, Nov. 27- Birthday meal, BBQ pulled pork, broccoli slaw, half a baked sweet potato, WW burger bun and birthday cake.

Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29 will be closed for Thanksgiving.

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what the provider says, including if they're prescribing a new medication or ordering a test.

Take someone with you: An advocate, whether it's a family member or a private patient advocate, is a valuable resource at any medical appointment, but especially those where you're dealing with a potential case of gaslighting. They can confirm what you and the doctor are saying and (not incidentally) witness the provider's behavior.

Find a new doctor: As a last resort, find someone you trust who listens to you. Ask friends and neighbors for recommendations and look at their social media reviews on Yelp and Google. But don't leave without telling the provider why you're going.

Gaslighting is troubling behavior, but if Ingrid Bergman could figure it out, so can you. Next week, I'll take a look at another behavior that's fitting to discuss during the spooky season: Ghosting. What does it mean when your doctor "ghosts" you, or you "ghost" your doctor?

Monson's will receive \$83,500 in funding

BOSTON-The Healey-Driscoll Administration today announced over \$2.4 million to support ecological restoration projects across Massachusetts. These projects, funded by the Department of Fish and Game's (DFG) Division of Ecological Restoration (DER), will strengthen community resilience to climate change, reduce flood risks, improve infrastructure and public safety, and restore crucial wildlife habitat and water quality.

"Funding restoration projects is key to building a climate-ready



them was the Town of Mon- of biodiversity loss and climate son with funding for Twelvechange," said DFG Commissioner this amounts to nearly \$4.2 million Tom O'Shea. "By partnering with invested in culvert replacement, communities to upgrade culverts, we will reconnect habitats for fish and wildlife and boost public safety. These projects are a win-win for \$344,000 to two restoration projpeople and nature—we are proud to be ushering them along."

placement Municipal Assistance (CRMA) Grant Program and the Culvert Replacement Training Site Initiative. This funding will help municipalities replace outdated culverts with new, improved crossings. These upgrades will improve fish and wildlife passage, reduce flood risks, and improve public safety. The funding will also support DER's Culvert Replacement Training Site Initiative, which aims to build a network of road managers skilled in replacing culverts that meet the Massachusetts Stream Crossing Standards. This will include training opportunities, site visits, and technical assistance. In August, DER awarded \$2.1 million to communities. Together,

ects through its Priority Projects Program. This program supports wetland and river restoration that will have the greatest benefit to the state ecologically, socially, and economically. Priority Projects underway include removal of aging, unsafe dams; restoration of freshwater wetlands in former cranberry farmlands; replacement and removal of undersized and degrading culverts; and restoration of tidal flow to degraded coastal habitats.

"We are proud to support these projects and work hand-inhand with partners to achieve our shared restoration goals," said DER Director Beth Lambert. "We are excited to see communities tackle these much-needed projects and look forward to the many

State Awards \$2.4 Million to support culvert replacement and restoration projects

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Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN, is a board-certified patient advocate and Monson resident. A critical care nurse for 30+ years, she is founder of NShore Patient

Advocates, (www.NorthshoreRN.com). Her book, "How to Be a Healthcare Advocate for Yourself & Your Loved Ones is available on Amazon. She is offering a free phone consultation to Turley Newspaper readers. Contact her at Teri@northshorern. com to set it up.

future," said EEA Secretary Rebecca Tepper. "These awards will support municipalities and partners in restoring healthy waterways and enhancing resilience against increased precipitation and extreme weather. For residents, that means cleaner water, lower flood risks, and safer communities ready to withstand the challenges ahead."

Municipalities were awarded funding through DER's CRMA Grant Program among

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mile Brook Culvert Replacements in the amount of \$83,500. The Town of Monson will conduct field data collection and design/engineering work to replace two undersized culverts on Nieske Road and Reimers Road over Twelvemile Brook and a tributary, where flooding has been an issue. The stream has also been identified.

"Ecological restoration is a crucial piece of the puzzle for solving the interconnected crises

Continuity Program is awarding over \$2 million to 17 municipalities small bridge improvements, and technical assistance in 2024.

DER is also awarding

benefits ecological restoration will bring to Massachusetts' people and environment."



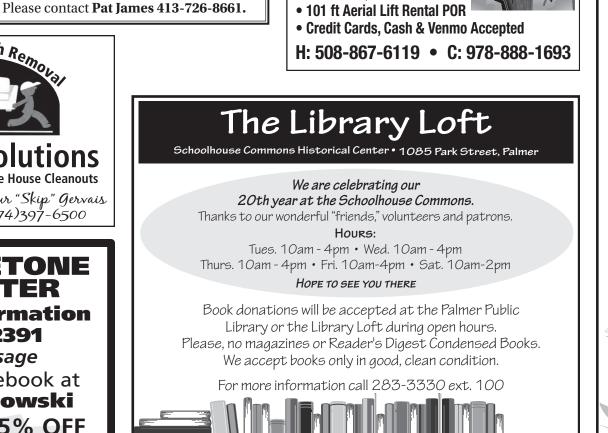
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Trunk-or-treaters August and Oliver held up the baskets they had filled with candy.



Victor, Andrew, Hunter, Sophia, Juliet, and Logan dressed as Godzilla, Mario, a princess, and Spider-Man to get candy from volunteers.



Ali Dugre and Nikki Caco handed out candies at Converse Middle School.



A blow-up ghost beckoned trick-or-treaters to the truck from the fire department.



Skeletons and farm workers teamed up to create the Bone Barn for this year's Trunk-or-Treat.





Theresa Hayden and Sally Nay had a trunk set up for American Legion.

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trick-or-treaters, who went all-out to create costumes that were funny, scary, or otherwise iconic.

"Thank you to our Old Mill Pond Parent/Teacher Organization, the busi-

nesses and families that had trunks, our
DJ, and all the volunteers that made tonight so much fun," said Riopel. "We
had such a blast, we belong right here."



Volunteering from behind glowing blocks at their Mario-themed trunk, (from left) Nell Wood, Kayla Bluteau, and Mike Kapust from the Learning Factory.

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Trunk-or-treating as Toy Story aliens and in South Park costumes visible from the street, (from left) Emma and Lexi Gomes, Megan Galarneau, Zoey Murphy, and Madison Lizak.



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UPCOMING

AMVETS POST 74 will sponsor the annual Three Rivers Halloween Parade on Thursday Oct. 31 at 6pm. The parade will start at Hryniewicz Park and proceed up Main St. to the Post, where the Halloween Party will be held. For more info call the Post at 413-283-4518.

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INTERESTS

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

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the Palmer Library at 1455 N. Main St.). Free and open to the public. Play available board and card games or bring your own. Must be 16 or older unless accompanied by an adult. No Registration Required – just show up! Questions? Call 283-2329, or 283-3691, or email palewis19@yahoo.com.

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

QI GONG: Qi Gong at Monson Free Library with Randy Emerson. Every Tuesday 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.



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Devon Kennedy brought his 2019 Dodge Challenger to the track.

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Jennifer and Calvin Therkelsen dressed as Cruella de Vil and a Dalmatian.



Paul and Dimitri Dellas of Millbury stand next to Paul's 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle.







Food donations filled a van to be donated to both the Palmer Food Share and the Jubilee Cupboard in Ware.





Scott Wrzesien of Ware stands with "The Boss," a 1934 Chevy-powered Ford sedan.



Gabriel Balser, Zaylee Brodeur, Ray Brodeur and Sue Brodeur showed off their costumes.

CAR SHOW I from page 1

Palmer Motorsports Park collected nonperishable food items to donate to the Jubilee Cupboard in Ware and the Palmer Food Share. A steady stream of attendees helped to fill a van supplied by Sarat Ford Lincoln.

For many, this event was a chance to spend time with their families, either dressing up in costumes, or sharing their passion for horsepower.

Scott Wrzesien of Ware brought his Chevy-powered, 1934 Ford sedan "The Boss," taking a break from his usual Sunday races up in Lebanon Valley.

"It's a big part of my life," Wrzesien said of his sedan. "It gives us time to have fun."

Wrzesien said the Ford belonged to his dad, Stan, who purchased it when he was in the U.S. Navy. The car originally was owned by one of Stan's close friends, who passed away from an aneurysm.

'He's had it since," Wrzesien said

said. "It was my Pop's car."

Duncan said his father was the second owner of the car, and he remembers helping him pick it out when he was just 4 years old.

"This would be my dream car. I fell in love with this when he got it," Duncan said.

Duncan was joined by his friend Casey Westcott of Woburn, who celebrated his birthday just the day before. Westcott drove his 2001 Pontiac Trans Am WS6.

"I've had it since August," he said. "It's actually completely stock," he said.

Westcott said he decided to buy the car after being involved in a bad accident, when he was hit riding his motorcycle. He's the third owner of the car, which came from New York before he bought it in New Hampshire, and it's always been garage-kept with just under 80,000 miles on the odometer.

He said this car has the same drive in as a Camarao or Corvette.

Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette Corey Duncan of Worcester also brought a 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle.

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Chloe McGrath, from Monson, was dressed as the Grim Reaper and Jude McGrath was dressed a character from Minecraft.



Jen Adams sits in her 2019 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray.

"My father and friends raced it as teens."

The car has a gangster theme, as it was the same type of car driven by the infamous duo of Bonnie and Clyde (although with two less doors).

The McGrath family from Monson brought two cars with them to the event, an Audi S4 and an Audi TT. The family has attended events at the track before and all agreed that they love it here.

Jude McGrath said he's rode 11 parade laps on the track.

Traveling from Millbury were Jen Adams, Paul Dellas and Dimitri Dellas.

Adams, who has always been part of a "Chevy family," arrived in her 2019 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray, experiencing Palmer Motorsports Park for the first time.

"I can't even believe this exists," she said.

The Stingray is her 20th Corvette, she said.

Paul Dellas drove his 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle, which he's had for about a year. He bought it because he was looking for a black car with "red gut."

"I had a '69 Camarao all set up and had to get rid of it," Dellas said. "This is my second choice.'

Also driving a 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle was Corey Duncan of Worcester who was also enjoying his first time at the track.

"I did three laps," he said.

Duncan has had the car for five years, after inheriting it from his late father.

"He had it my whole life," Duncan

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"It's just different," he said.

Westcott said he was able to take the Trans Am out on the track for three parade laps.

"It was a fun experience," he said. Another one Duncan and Westcott's friends brought his 2012 Mitsubishi Evolution GSE, which he bought brand new. He said he's completed 90% of the upgrades to the car, with the tune done by Cosmic motorsports.

"Her name is Sasha," he said of the car. "A name that fits."

Driving the car on the track has "been a heck of a time," he said.

Joined by his son Oliver, Derek Thomas (lightfury_fusion on TikTok) brought his 2017 Ford Fusion Sport to the track for the first time.

Thomas has spent a lot of time and money to add upgrades to the car, including adding a 2005 Dodge Neon SRT spoiler to it.

"There's like \$10,000 worth of mods in it," he said.

Thomas said he chose the Fusion because he could use it as his daily driver, and still having fun with it.

Also joining him was his friend Devon Kennedy (barn_find_generally on TikTok) with his 2019 Dodge Challenger RT.

Kennedy said he normally drag races his car all over New England and decided to enjoy the picturesque fall day from the top of Whiskey Hill.

"I just drive it everywhere," he said. About Palmer Motorsports Park

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FOOTBALL

Palmer wins, heads into big matchup **5-2**

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

GREENFIELD—Following back-to-back home losses to Intercounty North Division foes Franklin County Tech and Athol, the Palmer football team made the long bus ride to Greenfield High School looking to get back into the win column.

Junior Dylan Doherty scored three second half touchdowns as the Panthers pulled away for a 28-12 victory over the Green Wave in a league contest held at Veterans' Memorial Field, last Thursday night.

"We've lost our last two games at home, and this win should give us some momentum heading into Ware week," Doherty said. "We're also undefeated on the road, which is very special."

Two years ago, the Green Wave celebrated a 22-12 home win over the Panthers. They also squeaked out a 14-7 victory at historic Legion Field last year.

The Panthers (5-2, 2-2), who only had 15 players in uniform during last Thursday's game, outscored Pathfinder Tech and Mahar Regional, 76-13, in their first two road games of the 2024 regular season. They have a 2-2 home record.

"It's always very important to play well both at home and on the road," said Palmer head coach Matt Marciniec. "I gave the guys a speech in the locker room at halftime and we pretty much controlled the second half of tonight's game.'

SOCCER

Mustangs edge rival Rams in rematch

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

MONSON-Hannah Murphy is the only junior listed on the Monson girls' varsity soccer roster

Unless one of her classmates decides to join the varsity team next year, Murphy will have the spotlight all to herself during the Lady Mustangs 2025 senior day celebration.

Murphy made sure that the four current seniors had a very enjoyable experience on their senior day.

The Central Division contest versus Granby was tied 1-1



Natalie Hull battles for possession of the ball.

when Murphy scored a goal with a minute remaining in regulation. It wound up giving her team an exciting 2-1 victory on a warm and sunny fall afternoon at Larry Tassinari Field, last Monday (Oct. 21).

"Hannah is a very special soccer player and she's an extension of me," said Monson first-year head coach Larry Pagliaro, who was previously an assistant coach under Eric Degnan. "Whenever hard and they're very good leadwe're huddled in a circle, she's al- ers," Pagliaro added. "In the past, ready talking with the other players before I do. She's going to be time lead, but we had to grind out a



Emma Maziarz

pivots to get the

Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Avery Beaudoin kicks the ball away.

anymore."

fielder.

our only senior next year and she's already a tremendous leader."

The four Monson seniors, who were honored during a postgame ceremony, are Ella Corthell, Natalie Hull, Addison Peterson, and Emily Provost, who's the starting goalie.

"This season has been a little defensively than Natalie is, but bit different for us, but the four se- they both do a very good job back niors have continued to work very we would always have a large half-

Panthers lose to Quaboag

afternoon, Palmer field hockey Panthers are 0-12-1 for the season.

Neila Lachance is pressured by a Quaboag defender.

WARREN - Last Wednesday was defeated at Quaboag 4-0. The

Hannah Roy attempts to keep possession.



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While Marciniec downplayed the halftime speech following the game, Doherty said it was some-

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there," Pagliaro added. "Addison is a very fast midfielder."

lot more games this season. We're

not the favorites in every game

defenders while Peterson is a mid-

ie. Ella is a little more aggressive

Corthell and Hull are starting

"Emily is a fantastic goal-

The Lady Mustangs, who

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SOCCER

Pioneers shut out Sizer

PALMER - Last Monday afternoon, Pathfinder girls soccer picked up a 10-0 shutout of Sizer School, a Central Mass. school. The Pioneers scored early and often and were in control of the game throughout. The Pioneers improved to 2-10-1 and were scheduled to have non-playoff games earlier this week.



Autumn Doktor traps the ball for the Pioneers.



Samantha Lowe goes after the loose ball.



around.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli Hannah Mellor makes a stop on defense.

Eldi Arroyo makes a play on defense for the Panthers.



Goalie Scarlett Larose looks to make a save.



Camden Kimball heads up the field with the ball.

Danielle **Croteau nearly** collides with an opponent.

Mustangs advance in tournament, likely for states

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MONSON - Last Sunday afternoon, Monson boys soccer defeated the Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion School 3-2 to advance into the semifinals of the Western Mass. Class D Tournament.

The Mustangs were scheduled to face Granby in the semifinals earlier this week.

Against PVCIC, Austin Meacham had a big game with two goals scored. Trey Dillahunt had the third goal for the Mustangs.

Ingoal, KyleBeaudrymadesevensaves. With the win, Monson improves to 6-8-1 for the season. The Mustangs were ranked No. 25 in Division 5 with just five wins, so an additional victory will help Monson's standing for the upcoming state tournament. Provided they do not drop drastically, the Mustangs should qualify for the state tournament. In their current position, the Mustangs may host a preliminary round game as several more teams in Division 5 qualify for tournament with .500 records.





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Bogey Doubles League

EAST BROOKFIELD -The Monday Doubles League at Bogey Lanes reached their eighth session of the season.

As of Oct. 21, the team of Tom Clauson & Gary Santora are in first place with a total of 40 wins so far this season. Pellet & Nester are currently tied for second place with the team of Mondor & Brayton with 34 wins.

Murphy & Kenneson are in fourth place with 33 wins. There are three teams tied for fifth place with 32 wins, Sandman & Marvin, Gauthier & Clough, and Talamini & Gravel.

The team of Renaud & Ward have 31 wins, Halbedel & Fontaine have 30 and Rando & MacDougall have 26.

Murphy & Kenneson bowled against the team of Gauthier & Clough. In game one, Murphy & Kenneson won by a score of 243-222. In game two, Trever Kenneson bowled a 134 on his team's way to another victory, 277-263.

In game three, Gauthier & Clough won the last game 247-233. Total pinfall was in favor of Murphy & Kenne-

Pellett & Nester bowled against Clauson & Santora. In game one, Pellett & Nester defeated Clauson & Santora 266-235. In game two, Pellett & Nester won again 260-241. In game three, Clauson & Santora won 269-246. Tom Clauson finished with a 125 in game three.

Total pinfall was in favor of Clauson 7 Santora 772-745.

Talamini & Gravel bowled against Rando & MacDougall. In game one, Talamini & Gravel won 248-240. In game two, Talamini & Gravel won 279-267. Jack Talamini bowled a 115 in game two.

In game three, Talamini & Gravel won to get a threegame sweep over Rando & MacDougall, 280-255. The total pinfall was won by Talamini & Gravel, 807-762.

The team Halbedel & Fontaine bowled against Renaud & Ward. In game one, Renaud & Ward were victorious with a score of 285 to Halbedel & Fontaine's 254. Tina Ward started the match with a 133. Aaron Fontaine also began with a 133 in game one.

In game two, Halbedel & Fontaine won by a score of 293-276. Fontaine followed up with a 150 and Ward had

ated a shooting lane. The rookie's

flip shot into traffic found a home

through Domingue's legs and gave

Springfield its first lead of the day,

er, Tanner Dickinson entered the

scoring realm as he took a beauti-

ful setup from Michael Buchinger

and lifted a forehander over

Domingue's stick at 11:08. Dick-

inson's first AHL goal of the sea-

son also marked Buchinger's first

career point as a pro, and it gave

Springfield a 3-1 lead into the

nal period, Springfield added to

the lead as Hugh McGing spotted

Just nine seconds into the fi-

Not even three minutes lat-

2-1, at 8:52.

third.

In game three, Halbedel & Fontaine won the last game 289-288. Fontaine finished strong with a 145 and had a series of 428, which is

now leading in the high series category. Ward had a strong showing in game three with a 122 and a series of 384. Her teammate, Steve Renaud, Sr. finished with a 122 as well. The total pinfall was in favor of Renaud & Ward, 849-836.

The team of Sandman & Marvin bowled against Mondor & Brayton. In game one, Sandman & Marvin were victorious, 261-229. In game two, Sandman & Marvin won 292-284. Luke Marvin bowled a 134 in game two and Travis Sandman bowled a 109. In game three, Mondor &

Brayton won the final game, 249-240. Marvin's series was 345 and his team won total pinfall, 793-762.

As of Oct. 28 the top three high singles in the Bogey Doubles league are Luke Marvin with a 183, Trever Kenneson with a 163 and Aaron Fontaine with a 154. Top three high series scores are Aaron Fontaine with a 428, Marvin with a 425 and

Kenneson with a 414.

T-Birds scored bounce-back win over Hartford

HARTFORD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (3-5-0-0) bounced back from a pair of defeats to finish the three-game weekend with a 5-2 win over the Hartford Wolf Pack (3-2-0-1) on Sunday at the XL Center.

The T-Birds faced challenges before the game even began, as seven lineup regulars were unavailable due to injury. Despite their shorthanded lineup, Steve Konowalchuk's T-Birds came out with a purpose, generating a pair of power plays in the opening half of the opening period, and forcing Louis Domingue to make many great saves in tight. Domingue's best work was when he reached back the paddle of his stick and pulled a loose puck dangerously close to the goal line.

managed to get on the board first, Dvorsky was rewarded at 8:52

pounced on a loose puck in center, roared in on the right wing, and snapped a perfect wrist shot off the inside of the post behind Colten Ellis to make it a 1-0 game at 8:16. That precise shot would be

the only blemish on Ellis's record in an opening period that saw the young T-Birds backstop deny 11 Hartford chances, including several on a pair of Wolf Pack power plays.

At the other end, the T-Birds' third line evened the slate less than three minutes after Groulx's opening marker as Drew Callin swooped in front from behind Domingue's net and surprised the veteran with a wraparound through the legs to make it a 1-1 tie at 11:12.

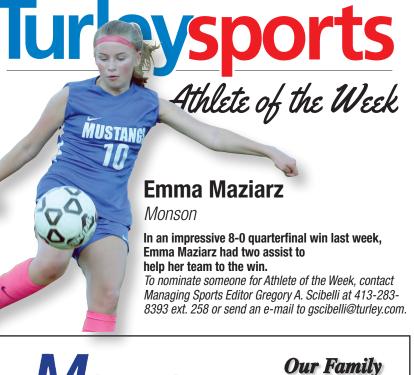
The gutsy effort continued The Wolf Pack, though, still in the middle stanza, and Dalibor as top-line centerman Bo Groulx with his third goal of the cam-

paign. After skating the puck out for the fastest goal in any period of danger and entering the offenin team history and propelled the sive zone, the 19-year-old pulled T-Birds to a 4-1 advantage. up on the left-wing boards and cre-

Ex-Hartford defenseman Hunter Skinner exacted some payback against his old team at 3:28, taking a drop from Dylan Peterson and rifling a wrister under the crossbar to build the lead up to 5-1.

Hartford mustered only one goal in response when Dylan Roobroeck stuffed a rebound through Ellis at 10:32. The Springfield goaltender put up his fourth consecutive start with just two goals allowed, stopping 27 shots for the game.

The T-Birds look to build upon the win on Friday night when they welcome the Bridgeport Islanders to the MassMutual Center for the first time this season. Puck a wide-open Marcus Sylvegard at drop is set for 7:05 p.m.

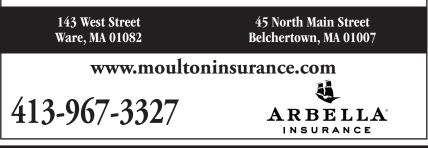


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Owls fall to Plymouth State

WESTFIELD – Plymouth State took advantage of three short fields in the first half to build a big lead, as the Panthers topped Westfield State 35-7 in a Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference game at Panther Field in Plymouth, N.H. on Saturday.

The Panthers capitalized on drives of 41, 39, and 40 yards, capped by two 2-yard TD runs from Willie Lombard sandwiched around a 3-yard plunge from Greg Walker to build a 21-0 halftime lead.

Westfield drops to 2-5, 2-4 in the MASCAC with the loss, while Plymouth evens its record at 3-3 overall and 3-3 in the league.

The Panthers tacked on a punt return TD and recovered a scoop-andscore fumble recovery on a 70 yard TD

Anthony Messore led the Owls with five tackles each.

Plymouth got 12 tackles from Evan Wilson.

Westfield was limited to just 79 yards rushing on the day, led by 46 from Dylan Disabella. Conor Schlittler led the Owls receivers with two catches for 36 yards. Westfield QB's combined to go 14-24 passing for 172 yards, led by Ryan Scott, who completed 10 of 17 for 125 yards.

Plymouth's offense was led by an efficient performance from Braden Lynn, who completed 13 of 17 passes for 144 yards. Mitchell Cripps was his top target with six catches for 47 yards. Walker finished with 27 yards on the ground.

Westfield actually outgained the

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are the defending Division 5 state champions, defeated Hopkins Academy, 3-1 on the road in a make-up game the following afternoon. They closed out the regular season with a 10-6 overall record and entered the Western Mass. Class C tournament as the second seed.

Granby (6-10), who also lost the first meeting of the regular season to Monson, 3-1, are the top-seeded team in the Western Mass. Class D tournament.

"I thought today's game was a hard fought battle between two very good soccer teams," said Granby head coach Bob Weaver. "We played much better during the second half. It's very frustrating losing 2-1."

The seven Granby seniors, who were recognized before the start of the match, are Autumn Sicard, Margaret Crawford, Molly Zumbruski, Cassandra Flaherty, Olyvia Redmond, Mabel Carillon, and Lydia Kicza.

In their previous six meetings on the soccer pitch, the Lady Mustangs had outscored the Lady Rams, 38-6.

The Lady Mustangs held a slim 1-0 lead in the second meeting of the regular season with seven minutes remaining in regulation.

The Lady Rams tied the score when the ball got past Provost and sophomore Kaili White was in the right spot to fire a shot into the back of the net.

"When the goalie misplayed the ball, I just snuck in there and was





Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Hannah Murphy sends a pass forward.

able to score a goal," said White, who leads the Lady Rams with 19 goals this season. "It felt good to score the tying goal late in the second half. We were really hoping to score another goal after that. We haven't been able to beat Monson in the three years that I've been playing for the varsity soccer team."

Since she joined the varsity squad as an eighth grader, White has scored a total of 57 goals and has 14 assists.

"Kaili is an outstanding soccer player, and she never gives upon a play," Weaver said. "Her second half goal gave

> us some momentum, but we couldn't take the lead."

> > The game tying goal was assisted by freshman McKenna Cudworth.

Just when it looked like contest the would end in

a tie, Murphy received a pass from Chelsea Hull before putting a low shot into the right corner of the net past Granby sophomore goalie Meredith Bartosz (17 saves) with a minute left in regulation.

The only goal of the first half came on a corner kick during the 32nd minute.

sophomore Avery Monson Beaudoin sent the ball into the box from the left corner where Murphy headed it into the left corner of the net giving her team a 1-0 lead.

Granby did have a couple of chances to tie the score before halftime. Two shot attempts by White sailed high over the crossbar. Another shot taken by Crawford was deflected away by Provost.

The Lady Rams did score the tying goal late in the second half before Murphy, who has scored more than 165 career goals, became the hero for the home team.

The third meeting of the season between the Central Division rivals could take place during the Division 5 state tournament.

return by Nick Marcinowksi to put the finishing touches on the win.

Westfield got a late 4-yard rushing touchdown from Matt Varteresian around for their next game, as the Owls for the Owls lone score of the day. Defensive linemen Cade Nelson and

Panthers, 251-197 yards on the day, and had 15 first downs to Plymouth's 10.

Westfield will have a quick turntravel to conference foe Mass Maritime for a rare Thursday night kickoff.

Railers score shutout of Maine Mariners

PORTLAND - The Worces-HC ter Railers (2-2-0-0 4pts) beat the Maine Mariners (1-4-0-0, 2pts), on Sunday afternoon by the final score of 4-0 in front of a crowd of 2,947 at Cross Insurance Arena. The Railers are back on the ice next at Norfolk Scope taking on the Norfolk Admirals on Wednesday, October 30th at 7:05 p.m. EST.

Worcester got the scoring started tonight with Justin Gill (1-2-3) breakaway goal 6:22 into the period. Seven minutes later at 13:33 Matthew Kopperud (1-0-1) finished backside to give the Railers a 2-0 lead at the end of the first. The Railers continued their scoring late in the second when Riley Piercey (1-0-1) got his first goal of the season. Piercey

scored with two minutes remaining in the period extending Worcester's lead to 3-0. Worcester finished the scoring off on the player play with a power play goal from Mason Klee 8:41 into the third, cementing the Railers 4-0 win.

Worcester found the back of the net first tonight, as Justin Gill (1st) forced a turnover and took it down the ice all alone scoring with his backhanded shot just 6:22 into the first. Matthew Kopperud (2nd) took an intercepted pass down the ice and scored off passes from Justin Gill and Jack Randl out in front 13:33 into the period. Neither team scored after Kopperud, ending the period with Worcester leading 2-0. Maine outshot Worcester 16-9.

as if it would come without a score from either team until the Railers extended their lead to 3-0 thanks to Riley Piercey (1st). Piercey broke the scoreless period 18 minutes in when he got one by Brad Arvanitis on the crossing dish from his teammate Justin Gill. Shots favored Worcester 12-11 in the second.

The Railers kept their great scoring night going in the third. Mason Klee (2nd) found the back of the net on the power play at 8:41 to make the Railers lead 4-0. The Mariners had a late power play opportunity, but the Railers penalty kill held strong on their perfect night. Shots favored Worcester 10-4 in the third and were even on the game 31-31.

The second period seemed

Hall of Fame Series heads for Vegas

PHOENIX - Position Sports, in partnership with the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame and the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority (LVCVA), announced that the 2027 Hall of Fame Series Las Vegas will take place at the iconic Allegiant Stadium on November 12, 2027, marking the first-ever basketball game at the renowned stadium.

The historic event will feature two marquee matchups between elite men's basketball programs: Arizona vs. Duke and Indiana vs. Kansas. Both games will once again be showcased on TNT Sports' networks and platforms, with additional programming information to be announced at a later date.

These four teams represent some of the most storied traditions in college basketball, with a combined 15 national championships, over 35 Hall of Famers, and a legion of passionate fans. The rivalry between Duke and Arizona, which will be on display in Tucson, Ariz., on November 22, as well as the timeless Kansas vs. Indiana matchup, is set to provide fans an unforgettable experience and signal a significant milestone in Las Vegas' sports history.

Allegiant Stadium, home of the NFL's Las Vegas Raiders and Super Bowl LVIII, will be hosting its first college basketball games, showcasing the versatility of the venue. The stadium will also serve as the site for the 2028 NCAA

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Linda May (Bernier) Day

Linda May (Bernier) Day, born July 3, 1944, in Ware, MA, passed away peacefully on Oct. 23, 2024, surrounded by her cherished family and friends. Linda took ill in July of this year and battled bravely until her body was just not strong enough to fight any more.

Linda was the daughter of the late Adelard (1964) and Alice (Kowalker) Bernier (1991). She was raised in Bondsville, MA and attended Palmer schools.

Linda met her future husband while both were working at the Alamac Knitting Mills in Bondsville and married him on Jan. 11, 1964. Linda was a wonderful mother to 5 children and worked as a baker for many years at Wilbraham and Monson Academy. Linda loved and accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and was a member of Faith Baptist Church in Palmer.

Linda loved hosting her children and grandchildren to her lavish lasagna, magnificent macaroni and cheese, and mouthwatering meatball dinners that were often requested for birthday meals or just a reason to eat over at Grammie and Papa's. She also loved baking cakes and cookies, but mostly her world-famous pumpkin bread...with or without nuts. Linda loved treating her grandchildren to a mini golf match followed up by a trip to McDonald's. She belonged to a candle pin bowling league for multiple years.

Later in life, she found her talent in arts and crafts. Linda enjoyed painting rocks, sometimes with a special image specifically for a neighbor. When the neighbor left their house, she would leave the rock on their doorstep and let them wonder where it came from. She created beautiful projects from a wide variety of materials. Most often, her end results were gifted to loved ones. Each Thanksgiving and Christmas, she crafted seat markers for the table, each tailored to the individual at that place.

Survivor. She was a big fan of watching the Boston Red Sox, specifically during the Don Orsillo and Jerry Remy era. For over a decade, she could be found working the polls at the Divine Mercy Parish for local, state and national elec-

tions and will be truly missed by the voters in her precinct. Linda enjoyed sitting outside watching the birds, squirrels, chipmunks, woodchucks, and all the other animals that ventured through her yard and neighborhood. She was an avid reader of all things about the Holocaust. She could often be found after supper beating her husband Forris at a game of Skip-Bo.

In addition to her parents, Linda is predeceased by her brother Adelard Bernier, Jr. (1999) and his wife Joan (Sweet) (2007), brother-in-law William Jalbert (2024), sister-in-law Elaine (Couture) Bernier (2024), father in law James A. Day (1980) and mother in law Orinda (Morris) Day (1986), brothers in law Barry Day (1999) and C. Douglas Day (2022), sister-inlaw Verdice (Day) Lynch (2014), nephew Johnnie Holt (2011), and daughter-in-law April (Before) Day (2009).

Linda leaves behind Forris B. Day, Sr., her husband of 60 years, nine months and 12 days and her five children, Forris "Butch" Day, Jr. and wife Renee (Frydryk), Scott C. Day and wife Catherine (Fay), Jeffrey Day, Sr. and wife Catherine (Carlson), Eric Day and wife Erica (Mercer) and daughter Tammy Foster. Grammie will be deeply missed by her 13 grandchildren, Christine (Day) Hood, Aaron Day, Samuel Day, Rebecca Day, Jeffrey Day Jr., Devin Foster, Joshua Foster, Meghan Salisbury, Aidan Day, Kathleen Day, Amber Houle, Chris Ulrich and John Ulrich. Linda was great Grammie to Tyler Desrochers, Haile Desrochers, Madison Houle, Tristan Houle, Kira Houle, Kayden Ulrich, Ava Ulrich, Rhiana Ulrich and was thrilled to have met and held Lennox Avery



Day, her newest great grandchild, on the day before she passed. Linda was also excited about the arrival of her great granddaughter Day due in January 2025. She was able to cradle her in Mom's belly.

Linda also leaves

behind her siblings Raymond Bernier, Janet (Bernier) Jalbert, Theodore Bernier and wife Frances (Picard) and Robert Bernier. She was blessed with 23 nieces and nephews, nearly 30 great nieces and nephews, as well as a handful of great great nieces and nephews.

Her husband and children would like to acknowledge her neighbors Allyne and Christine Barthlette for all their support and assistance throughout the years but especially during Linda's illness.

Her family would also like to send a special thank you to the staff at Mercy Medical Center for the care given to Linda over the past few months. They were instrumental in aiding Linda on her final journey with compassion and love and supporting her family throughout.

A viewing was held at Faith Baptist Church, 251 Shearer St. Palmer, MA, on Wednesday, Oct. 30 from 9 a.m. until 11a.m., followed by a service. Linda was then escorted to her final resting place at Four Corners Cemetery, 4137 Main Street, Thorndike, MA. Linda's service was streamed and recorded through Faith Baptist Church. Please go to https://www.faithbaptistchurchpalmer.org to join and celehr ate Linda Anyone who knew Linda, knew her love of glittery and sparkly things. Her favorite color was turquoise. She requested those in attendance wear her color or sequins, sparkles or anything that shines. Linda also requested, in lieu of flowers, to please consider a donation to Shriners Children's New England Hospital, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

S B A R E U $\left(\right)$

Edward Szlachetka

PALMER—Edward Szlachetka passed away suddenly on Oct. 25, 2024. Born Dec. 3, 1937 to Joseph and Mary (Kurasz) Szlachetka. He is predeceased by his siblings Stanley (Dora) Jaworski, Viola Jaworski, Bertha (John) Barnish, Jennie (Henry) Prasol, Sophie (Leo) White, Rose (Edward) Prasol, Jane (Herbert) Hayde.

He leaves his wife of 62 years Eleanor (Plumley) Szlachetka, son Peter (Colleen) Szlachetka, daughter Sandra (Victor) Szlachetka, granddaughter Nicole llsie, great granddaughter Alaina, grandson Christian Szlachetka and many nieces and nephews and dear cousins. Eddie worked at Zero Manufacturing for many years as a tool and die maker. He

Visitation will be held

Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024 from 4-6

p.m. at Lombard Funeral Home

Funeral services will begin at

Lombard Funeral Home at 9:45

a.m. Nov. 8, 2024 with a pro-

cession to St. Thomas Church,

Bridge St., Monson, MA.

also ran a small engine

repair business where

he required customers

to listen to his political

views



In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation, 12151 Avenue of the Chiefs, Crazy Horse,

SD 57730-8900 or Gun Owners Action League, 287 Turnpike Rd, Suite 115, Westborough, MA 01581. For on-line condolences please visit www.lombardfuneralhome.com.

Police/Fire

Fire Logs

MONSON

responded to seven fire calls and

22 emergency medical calls for the

partment responded to Palmer Road

for a railroad trestle fire, and re-

turned to service at 3:10 a.m. The

Department received assistance

from Palmer FD, Three Rivers FD,

Bondsville FD, Brimfield FD, Wil-

partment responded with mutual

aid to the state line at South Road in

Hampden/Somers for a brush fire,

and returned to service at 5:27 p.m.

ment responded to Palmer Road for

a smoke investigation, and returned

to service at 3:07 p.m. The De-

Palmer FD.

Oct. 25 at 2:02 p.m., the de-

Oct. 25 at 2:39 p.m., the depart-

braham FD, and Hampden FD.

Oct. 24 at 11:49 p.m., the de-

week of Oct. 21 to Oct. 27.

for a smoke investigation, and returned to service at 5:53 p.m. The Monson Fire Department

Oct. 25 at 7:40 p.m., the department responded to Silver Street for a burn complaint, and returned to service at 8:03 p.m.

ment responded to Maxwell Road

Oct. 26 at 11:48 a.m., the department responded with mutual aid to Ames Road in Hampden for a brush fire, and returned to service at 2:06 p.m.

Oct. 27 at 3:59 p.m., the department responded with mutual aid to Brimfield Fire Department for a station coverage, and returned to service at 5:14 p.m.

THREE RIVERS

The Three Rivers Fire Department responded to nine calls for the week of Oct. 20-26.

partment received assistance from Oct. 21, the department responded to Belanger Street for an Oct. 25 at 5:02 p.m., the depart-EMS call, excluding vehicle acci-

dent with injury.

Oct. 22, the department responded to Kelley Street for an EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury.

Oct. 22, the department responded to Skyline Terrace for an EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury.

Oct. 22, the department responded to Main Street for a fire.

Oct. 23, the department responded to Springfield Street for an unintentional alarm system activation. no fire.

Oct. 23, the department responded to Bourne Street for a brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire.

Oct. 25, the department responded to Palmer Road for a fire.

Oct. 25, the department responded to Boston Road in Palmer, was dispatched, and then cancelled en route.

Oct. 25, the department responded to Bridge Street for a natural vegetation fire.

Halloween Safety Tips from American Medical Response

REGION - Halloween should batteries to help see and be seen.

28,000 AMR paramedics, EMTs, RNs and other professionals work together to care for more than 4.8 million patients nationwide each year in critical, emergency and non-emergency situations. For more information about AMR, visit AMR.net and follow American Medical Response on Facebook @AMR_Social on Twitter and Instagram. AMR is part of Global Medical With nearly 36,000 team Response. members, Global Medical Response delivers compassionate, quality medical care, primarily in the areas of emergency medical services and patient relocation services in the United States and around the world. GMR was formed by combining the industry leaders in air, ground, mobile healthcare services, and community, industrial/specialty and wildland fire services. For additional information, visit their page on LinkedIn or on their website at GlobalMedicalResponse. com.

Linda enjoyed watching The Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy each night and looked forward to her weekly reality shows, Big Brother, Amazing Race and

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thing that he and his teammates really needed.

"Coach Marciniec yelled at us in the locker room at halftime," Doherty said. "It was something that we really needed to hear. It motivated us during the second half."

Things didn't start out very well in the first half for the Panthers, who won the pregame coin toss and elected to defer until the start of the second half.

Starting the opening series of the game at their own 10-yard line, the Green Wave (2-5, 1-3) put together an eight play scoring drive which took almost six minutes off the scoreboard clock.

The home team took a 6-0 lead when senior quarterback Mason Cummings completed a 30yard TD pass to senior Erik Martineau, who made a diving catch in the endzone. The duo of freshman Hunter White and sophomore Dylan Holbrook tackled Greenfield sophomore running back Angel Politis short of the endzone on the two-point conversion play.

The Panthers offense responded with an eight-play scoring drive of their own.

On the second play of the series, Doherty rushed for 19 yards before being tackled from behind at the Green Wave 26. A couple of plays later, junior QB Matt Santos connected with junior Jordan

gave the visiting team a first and goal at the 10. The Panthers drive ended four plays later when Jones caught a 4-yard pass in the endzone with 1:55 remaining in the opening quarter. The extra point attempt was blocked.

Jones for a 15-yard reception. It

The Panthers defense, which was led by junior's Jared Perry and Gavin Smola, managed to stop the Green Wave final two offensive series of the first half inside the Red Zone.

The Greenfield defense also intercepted two passes during the second quarter and the contest was still tied 6-6 at halftime.

Sophomore Taydem Haley returned the second half kickoff 73 yards for a touchdown, but it was nullified due to a blocking in the back penalty on the Panthers.

It only took the Panthers two plays to reach pay dirt once again.

Starting at midfield, Doherty rushed for 28 yards on first down before scoring his first touchdown of the game on a 22-yard scamper with 11:13 remaining in the third quarter.

"We've hurt ourselves with penalties so far this season," Marciniec said. "We had a penalty on the opening kickoff of the second half, but we were able to capitalize on it this time."

Just like Palmer did in the first quarter, the Greenfield offense answered right back with a touchdown.

The Green Wave tied the score at 12-12 following a 21-yard TD run by Politis with 9:11 left in the quarter. There was a fumble on the conversion try.

Doherty took over the spotlight during the ensuing series.

After carrying the ball seven times, Doherty caught a 20-yard TD pass from Santos. The Panthers quarterback also scored a rushing touchdown on the two-point play.

Less than three minutes into the fourth quarter, Santos and Doherty hooked up again for a 68yard touchdown. Overall, Doherty rushed for a total of 144 yards on 16 carries against Greenfield. He also had seven catches for 149 vards.

"Dylan is an unbelievable football player. He always finds the holes even when there aren't any," Marciniec said. "I also thought the offensive line did a nice job blocking for him in tonight's game."

White carried the ball into the endzone on the two-point conversion play extending the Panthers lead to 28-12.

Smola and Jones recovered fumbles which helped the Panthers maintain their 16-point lead during the final nine minutes of the game.

The Panthers will have a couple of extra days to get ready for their 98th meeting against archrival Ware which is scheduled to take place at Legion Field at 1pm on Saturday afternoon.

be fun and scary, not dangerous and scary. American Medical Response reminds everyone to take extra precautions when celebrating the spookiest day of the year.

Twice as many children are hit by cars while walking on Halloween than any other day of the year. While everyone wants a great costume and lots of candy, health and safety should be top priorities for every family this Halloween.

Dressing appropriately for trickor-treating and carefully planning your evening can increase the likelihood of a safe and injury-free Halloween.

Kim D'Angelo, AMR Operations Manager, recommends that, before trick-or-treating this year, parents and guardians consider the following safety tips:

Children under 12 should be accompanied by an adult. Travel only in familiar, well-lit

areas.

Never enter a stranger's home. Agree on a specific time to return home.

Carry a flashlight with fresh

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buildings are performing."

The third option would be to terminate the performance assurance with Siemens. The town would still be required to report to the state even after terminating the contract.

After hearing the different options, Select Board Member Pat Oney asked Farnum and the School Facilities if they feel they would be able to do what they need to do without Siemens.

Farnum said that the 20-year lease agreement with ESCO came onto the budget without passing a debt exclusion, and that this has been discussed through the budget process.

"Then there was this additional piece that, over the 20 years, was \$850,000 in cost," Farnum said.

Farnum said that she didn't

Review pedestrian and traffic safety rules.

Do not eat any treats until they are inspected by adults.

When making or purchasing Halloween costumes, follow these safety precautions to ensure your children remain safe while looking great:

All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant.

 Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags for better nighttime visibility.

Halloween makeup should be non-toxic.

Non-toxic makeup or decorative hats are safer than Halloween masks, which can also limit or block eyesight

Wear good-fitting costumes and shoes to avoid trips and falls.

For more information on Halloween safety, visit the National Safety

Council's website at NSC.org. American Medical Response, Inc., America's leading provider of emergency medical services, provides mobile healthcare in 40 states and

the District of Columbia. More than

have transferred between each other. "There is a lag time," Zippin said. "By the time a bill comes in and it processes at the school level, then it goes to the town, and then it comes to have a check sent out, you're looking at a good six to eight weeks.

There was some discussion as to how this misunderstanding got past the school department prior to the issue being brought to the town's attention. Town Administrator Jennifer Wolowicz said that as the town's Finance Director, Farnum has been identifying inefficiencies in each department.

The committee concluded that with the newly implemented practices, including quarterly expense sheet check-ins and rooting the initial budget draft in usage, will help the town keep track of these expenses.

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initially recognize the cost of this, and though she understood the guar-

anteed savings, she said she thinks "there would be value in utilizing the resources that we do have, in order to have the annual savings that are currently built in."

Farnum added that the savings are recorded as kilowatt hours rather than savings in the budget, which can complicate how savings are met when compared to the current cost of the commodity.

'We didn't have this much of an issue before," noted Superintendent Dr. Cheryl Clarke. "We had the same amount every year and it never was an issue like this."

Leah Zippin, the school's Director of Business and Operations, said that she looks at the budget and energy bills every day, and that there have "been a lot of complicated moving parts" as energy companies

Pathfinder secures historic **\$1.25 Million Grant Award**

Eric Duda is excited to announce that Pathfinder Tech has secured a historic \$1.25 million grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the largest in the school's history.

This unprecedented funding not only exceeds previous awards but also underscores a strong commitment to

enhancing career and technical education for the nine towns-Belchertown, Monson, New Braintree, Palmer, Ware, Granby, Hardwick, Warren, and Oakham—that make up the Pathfinder Regional School District.

Superintendent Eric Duda emphasized, "Investing in career and technical education is crucial for preparing our students for successful futures. This grant will enhance two programs and ease financial burdens on local taxpayers, ensuring our students receive exceptional training and resources."

In addition to enhancements in the Electrical program, the grant will also support significant improvements to the Horticulture program. Upgrades will include revitalized greenhouses, new equipment, and investments in modern technology-essential components for the continued success of this program, which has long needed substantial and expensive upgrades.

This grant award is more than double the district's previous largest awards, which were allocated for the establishment of the Plumbing program and a comprehensive overhaul of the HVAC program, each valued at just under \$500,000. This funding will enable a complete renovation of the Electrical program, including brandnew floors, walls, mock house, tools, and equipment.

These upgrades will allow them to expand the program, meeting the vital need for increased capacity, as the Electrical program has been the top choice for freshman exploratory studies for three consecutive years.

The journey to securing this competitive grant was collaborative,

PALMER, MA - Superintendent involving the dedicated efforts of administrators, teachers, and business partners.

> "We extend our gratitude to Governor Healey and her administration, Secretary of Education Patrick Tutwiler, and Assistant Secretary for Career Education Bob LePage for their support of career and technical education, as well as to all legislators who played a role in making this funding possible," said Duda.

> This significant investment in career technical education is a testament to a shared commitment to training career-ready students, whether it's directly into the workforce upon graduation from high school or if they decide to pursue post-secondary education to ultimately enter the career of their choosing.

Duda emphasized, "With this grant, we aim to increase capacity, allowing us to offer more seats to students seeking training in these critical fields while providing them a wellequipped and appropriate space for training."

As demand continues to grow for career and technical education, specifically at Pathfinder Tech from the nine towns that make up the district, this funding represents a small step toward addressing the larger capacity challenges.

Pathfinder Tech aspires to eventually open its doors wider by expanding its capacity to accommodate the growing number of eighth-grade students who apply each year to Pathfinder Tech in pursuit of career and technical education. The number of applicants each year continues to far exceed the available seats.

In addition to upgrading tools and equipment, they are committed to exploring ways to expand their square footage and make Pathfinder Tech more accessible to those who desire this model of education for their high school experience.

'Operation Safe Campus' aims to keep students safe from alcohol-related harm

BOSTON - The Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, under the direction of State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg, implemented Operation Safe Campus in September.

The annual program is designed to target underage drinking on college campuses and in surrounding communities when students return to colleges and universities throughout Massachusetts. The goal of the program is to keep alcoholic beverages out of the hands of underage students and prevent tragedies.

"Operation Safe Campus helps to start the school year right. It is important to remind college students, servers, and sellers alike the true danger of underage drinking," said Goldberg, who oversees the ABCC. "We want to increase awareness and avoid tragedies before they happen while protecting minors and their families from experiencing serious consequences.'

During the run of the program, approximately 157 cases of beer and 153 bottles of alcohol were confiscated by Investigators, preventing delivery to an estimated 2,100 underage individuals. Operation Safe Campus enforcement efforts found:

302 minors in possession, transporting or attempting to purchase alcoholic beverages,

21 adults procuring alcohol for minors, and

108 individuals in possession of false identification.

"This operation focuses on the immediate safety of Massachusetts college students and the surrounding communities while drawing attention to the dangers of underage drinking," said Jean Lorizio, chairperson of the ABCC. "We want to make sure that underage people are aware that drinking alcohol can have devastating consequences upon them and those they love."

Enforcement efforts focus primarily on the parking lots and surrounding

streets of liquor stores and bars that have had significant problems with underage individuals purchasing alcoholic beverages with false identification or through adults buying alcoholic beverages for them. In Worcester, ABCC Investigators worked in partnership with the Worcester Police Department's Alcohol Enforcement Unit.

Several bars and liquor stores will face charges related to the sale to, or possession of, alcoholic beverages by individuals under the age of 21. The businesses include McGovern's Package Store, Broadway Wine & Liquors, Creed, Ju's and White Eagle of Worcester; Teele Square Liquors and The Pub of Somerville; Uptown Tap & Grille of Amherst, Scott's Fine Wines & Spirits of Easton; Chansky's, Quick Pick Convenience, Bijou and Two Saints of Boston

Annually, approximately 1,519 college students between the ages of 18 to 24 die from alcohol-related injuries, including motor vehicle crashes, 696,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 are assaulted by another student who has been drinking, and 14 percent of college students meet the criteria for an alcohol use disorder. In Massachusetts alone, the overall annual cost of alcohol abuse by youth is estimated at \$1.4 billion.

In addition, Massachusetts IM-PACT impaired driving data shows that 10% of all traffic fatalities involve drivers under the age of 21.

Massachusetts is among the top ten states for binge drinking, with more than 1 in 4 (27.75%) adults ages 18 or older reporting they binged on alcohol in 2020.

Among young people ages 12 to 20, 20.77% reported alcohol use in the past month and 11.81% reported binge alcohol use in the past month in Massachusetts. The national averages were 17.32% and 10.14%, respectively.



Submitted Photo

Vice President of Community Relations Jodie Gerulaitis. left, presents a donation to West Brookfield Elementary **School Principal Melissa Provost.**

Country Bank supports local schools with donations

WARE - Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving central and western Massachusetts, is pleased to announce its recent donation of \$250 Visa gift cards to 35 local schools, totaling \$12,000.

These schools have been long-standing partners in our financial literacy initiatives, and this contribution aims to support teachers and students as they head into the new academic year.

"At Country Bank, we are deeply committed to the communities we serve, and we believe that investing in education is critical to our future. Our financial literacy programs have empowered students with essential money management skills, and we are excited to continue working closely with local schools to enhance financial education," said Jodie Gerulaitis, Vice President of Community Relations, in a press release.

As part of its ongoing commitment to financial literacy, Country Bank offers a robust Money School program. The program includes a variety of resources designed to teach students about managing money, budgeting, and saving.

Most recently, the program introduced a new debit card option for kids, allowing them to learn hands-on how to manage money earned from chores. This innovative approach to financial education is designed to give young people the skills they need to succeed financially throughout their lives.

For more information about Country Bank's Money School program or to inquire about our community initiatives, please visit www.countrybank.com.

About Country Bank

Country Bank is a full-service \$1.8 billion mutual community bank serving central and western Massachusetts with 14 offices in Ware, Palmer, West Brookfield, Brimfield, Belchertown, Wilbraham, Ludlow, Leicester, Paxton, Charlton, Springfield and Worcester. With a commitment to personalized service and community involvement, Country Bank offers individuals, businesses, and municipalities a comprehensive range of banking products and services. Country Bank is a member of FDIC, DIF, and the SUM network.

Springfield College's Anne Wheeler Receives Grant

SPRINGFIELD – Springfield College is proud to announce that Anne Wheeler has been awarded a prestigious Expand Massachusetts Stories grant of \$7,777.00 by Mass Humanities.

This grant will support Wheeler's work on The Western Massachusetts LGBTQ+ Oral History Project, which seeks to document and preserve the experiences of LGBTQ+ individuals from the region, spanning from the 1940s to the 1980s.

Wheeler, who is an Associate Protessor of Composition & Rhetoric and the Chair of the Department of Literature, Writing, and Journalism, has been at Springfield College since 2015.

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30. Brief Yankees sensation

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60. Commemorates

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ganization that fosters civic engagement, encourages conversations, and strengthens communities by supporting nonprofits and initiatives that enrich lives through the humanities. Their funding aims to bring diverse perspectives to light, and the award granted to Wheeler's project exemplifies these goals.

The Western Massachusetts LGBTQ+ Oral History Project originated when Wheeler was approached with the idea of documenting the lives of LGBTQ+ individuals in the greater Springfield area. The initiative has led to the creation of a community-centered effort to capture the oral histories of LGBTQ+ elders.

has conducted eight interviews with LGBTQ+ individuals, whose stories provide a deep and nuanced understanding of life in the area during a time of social and cultural change. Interviewees have shared their experiences growing up LGBTQ+, navigating long-term same-sex relationships, and living through pivotal moments in the gay liberation movement and the marriage equality era. The project has revealed the vibrancy of previously undocumented LGBTQ+ communities in Western Massachusetts, with stories touching on life at Classical High School, Holyoke Community College, the McKnight district, and local institutions like the Arch Cafe. The grant from Mass Humanities will enable the project to expand its scope beyond Springfield to the broader Western Massachusetts region and fund equipment to digitize and archive images and other ephemera shared by participants, preserving invaluable memories for future generations.

In addition to Wheeler, the project's team includes Ian Delahanty as Springfield College's Humanities Advisor, Springfield College Archivist Jeffrey Monseau, and student assistants Maegan Boucher and James Uyar. Together, they are committed to ensuring that the stories of LGBTQ+ elders in the region are not only preserved but also accessible through a searchable

online.

Mass Humanities is a statewide or-

Since its inception, the project

Springfield College is an independent, nonprofit, coeducational institution founded in 1885. Approximately 3.500 students, including 2,050 fulltime undergraduate students, study at its main campus in Springfield, Mass. Springfield College inspires students through the guiding principles of its Humanics philosophy - educating in spirit, mind, and body for leadership in service to others.

Country Bank can be reached at 800-322-8233 or online at countrybank.com.

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Public notices

10/31, 11/07/2024

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MORTGAGEE'S

SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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Sale contained in a certain

Construction Mortgage,

Security Agreement, and

Assignment dated March

15, 2024 given by Alycar

Investments, LLC to ASW

Fund 1, LP, said mortgage

recorded with the Hampden

signed is the present holder,

for breach of the conditions

same will be sold at Public

Auction at 12:00 p.m. on **the**

described in said mortgage.

The land with the build-

ings thereon situated at

2041-2043 High Street,

Palmer, Hampden County,

Massachusetts, bounded and

A certain tract of land,

described as follows:

To wit:

By virtue and in exe-

PALMER PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 11 M.G.L., the Palmer Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 18, 2024, at 8:00 PM in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA.

The applicant, Low Key Collective, is seeking site plan approval and special permit as required by sections 171.28, 171.29 and 171.67 to conduct online used motor vehicle sales on the property located on 21 Wilbraham Street, Palmer also known as Assessors Map 12 Lot 23.

A copy of the application may be inspected at the Planning Department office in Town Hall from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday.

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

52. Home of the Flyers

54. Short official note

61. Atomic #18

62. Not from, but.

55. Emit coherent radiation

57. In the year of Our Lord

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

with the buildings there-Michael Marciniec, on situated in the Village of

MA

Chairman Three Rivers, in said Palmer, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING on the Southerly side of High Street at a stone bound at the Northeasterly corner of land formerly of one Powell, thence

SOUTHERLY on land formerly of said Powell 118.60 feet to a stone bound a land now or formerly of the Otis Company; thence

EASTERLY on line of land now or formerly of the Otis Company 72 feet to a bound; thence

County Registry of Deeds in NORTHERLY on land Book 25357, Page 302, and now or formerly of Joseph W. Cheney to said High which mortgage the under-Street 73 feet easterly from the first mentioned bound; of said mortgage and for the thence purpose of foreclosing the

WESTERLY on said street 73 feet to the first mentioned bound;

21st day of November, 2024 Also, a certain other tract of land situated in the Village on the premises at 2041-2043 High Street, Plamer, MA, all of Three Rivers, in said and singular the premises Palmer, lying next Southerly on the tract above described, as follows:

BEGINNING at a bound Property Address: 2041-2043 High Street, Palmer, at the Southeast corner of the tract above described and at the Southwest corner of land

> now or formerly of J. William Cheney; thence

S. 22° E. along land now or formerly of the Otis Company 33 feet to a stake; thence

S. 74° W. along land

now or formerly of the Otis Company 72.17 feet to a stake in line of land formerly of one Powell; thence

N. 23° W. 33 feet along last named land to a stone bound in line of above described tract; thence

N. 74° E. along last named land 72.42 feet to the place of beginning. For title reference see

Quitclaim Deed of Xing Gao Wang to Alycar Investments, LLC a Massachusetts limited liability company dated February 9, 2022 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 24417, Page 498.

Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens and rights of any tenants and parties in possession, if there be any, or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. The successful bidder

will pay all costs of record-

ing the foreclosure deed and

any other foreclosure documents including, without limitation, all state and county excise stamp fees, and shall also be responsible for any Title V inspection and repair requirements. Terms of sale: A depos-

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it of Ten Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$10,000.00) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale to bid on the aforesaid sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check to Baker, Braverman & Barbadoro, P.C., 1200 Crown Colony Drive, Suite 610, Quincy, MA 02169 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

ASW FUND 1, LP Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, Baker, Braverman & Barbadoro, P.C. 1200 Crown Colony Drive, Suite 610 Quincy, MA 02169 10/31, 11/07, 11/14/2024

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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. HD24P2183EA Estate of: Wayne P Butler Also known as: Wayne Paul Butler Date of Death: 12/11/2021 **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 Carol Maillet of Bondsville, 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: Carol Maillet of Bondsville, 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 11/15/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS **UNIFORM PROBATE** CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 17, 2024 Rosemary A Saccomani, Register of Probate 10/31/2024 **Town of Monson Planning Board** LEGAL NOTICE In accordance with Section 7.4 of the Monson Zoning Bylaws the Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing, Tuesday, November 19th, 2024, at 7:05 P.M. in the Select Board meeting room at the Town Administration Building,110 Main Street, Monson to review a petition for Site Plan Approval from H.A.V Inc., DBA Dunkin' Donuts for property located at 153 Main Street, Monson Map 115, Parcel 27. The petitioner proposes to make exterior alterations to an existing commercial building. The property is zoned General Commercial. A copy of the application is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, Planning Board Office and is available for viewing during regular office hours. Craig Sweitzer, Chairman 10/31, 11/07/2024

in Book 15920, Page 61 and as affected by a judgment dated October 25, 2019 and recorded with said Registry on November 15, 2019, in Book No. 22955, at Page 245, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, as receiver of Washington Mutual Bank f/k/a Washington Mutual Bank, FA to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, recorded on August 16, 2013, in Book No. 19975, at Page 1 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at **Public** Auction at 10:00 AM on November 20, 2024, on the mortgaged premises locat-OF MASSACHUSETTS. ed at 10 Pine Tree Drive, Holland, Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT: ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OR TRACT OF LAND SITUATE IN THE TOWN OF HOLLAND, COUNTY OF HAMPDEN, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS AND BEING THE SAME REAL PROPERTY CONVEYED TO HOLLIE L. FLANNERY AND THOMAS J. FLANNERY BY DEED ON 07/25/1986 AS DOCUMENT NO. 49336 BOOK 6165 PAGE 586 AMONG THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE COUNTY O F HAMPDEN, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Being more accurately described in the Judgment recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 22955, Page 245, as follows: ALL THOSE CERTAIN

HAMPDEN COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, DESCRIBED FOLLOWS: PARCEL 1:

HOLLAND, ΙΝ HAMPDEN COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS, BEING LOT " A SITUATED ON THE NORTHERLY SIDE OF PINE TREE DRIVE, AS SHOWN ON A PLAN OF WILLIAMS PARK, ENTITLED "REVISED PLAN OF LOTS 23, 24, 25, IN HOLLAND, MASS." BY ROBERT P. PARA, LAND SURVEYOR, DATED NOVEMBER 18, 1975 AND FILED WITH THE HAMPDEN REGISTRY OF DEEDS, BOOK OF PLANS 161, PAGE 77, AND MORE PARTICULARLY A N D BOUNDED DESCRIBED A S FOLLOWS: SOUTHERLY BY PINE TREE DRIVE, 88.77 FEET; WESTERLY BY LOT #27, 100 FEET; SOUTHERLY BY LOT #27, 50 FEET; WESTERLY BY MAYBROOK ROAD, 16 FEET: NORTHERLY BY LOT "B", A TOTAL OF 166.9 FEET, IN FOUR COURSES AND EASTERLY BY PINE TREE DRIVE, 50 FEET. CONTAINING 6710 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS. BEING ТНЕ SAME PROPERTY AS CONVEYED FROM CHARLES D. STANLEY JR AND KIMBERLY G. STANLEY TO THOMAS J. FLANNERY AND HOLLIE L. CHURCH, AS JOINT TENANTS. AS DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 5041 PAGE 239 DATED 12/04/1980 AND RECORDED 12/12/1980, HAMPDEN COUNTY RECORDS, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. PARCEL II: THE LAND IN SAID HOLLLAND SITUATED AT THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF MAYBROOK ROAD AND PINE TREEE DRIVE, BEING LOT 27 ON THE PLAN BY BENJAMIN F. TULLEY, ENGR DATED JUNE, 1963 AND FILED WITH HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS, BOOK OF PLAN 100, PAGE 76, AND BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: NORTHERLY BY LOT 25 ON SAID PLAN 50 FEET; EASTERLY BY LOTS 24 ND 23 ON SAID PLAN 100 FEET: SOUTHERLY BY PINE TREE DRIVE 60 FEET;

AND WESTERLY BY MAYBROOK ROAD 101.1 FEET, COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 10 PINE TREE DRIVE, HOLLAND, MA 01521. BEING ТНЕ SAME PROPERTY AS CONVEYED FROM FERDINAND G. VON KUMMER AND PAULA P. VON KUMMER TO THOMAS J. FLANNERY AND HOLLIE L. FLANNERY, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY, AS DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 6165 PAGE 586, DATED 07/08/1986, RECORDED 07/25/1986, HAMPDEN COUNTY RECORDS, COMMONWEALTH

SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD. Subject to a first mortgage dated January 20, 2012 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 19215, Page 207 in the original principal amount of \$75,686.00.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 6165, Page 586 and B5041, P239.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the

PARCELS OF LAND IN deed. TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Five Thousand A S (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be

required to be paid by the LAND ТНЕ purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises con tained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. announced at the sale. HARMON LAW OFFICES, 10/24, 10/31, 11/07/2024 Commonwealth of The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Hampden Probate and Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD24P2234EA Yueh-hua F Giza Also known as: Yueh-hua Chen Giza, Date of Death: 06/19/1995 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 Christopher Giza of Culver City, CA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Christopher Giza of Culver City, CA 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 11/29/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS **UNIFORM PROBATE** CODE (MUPC)

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

WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 24, 2024

Rosemary A Saccomani, Register of Probate 10/31/2024

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Robert H. Hayes to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Freedom Mortgage Corporation, dated February 8, 2022 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 24403, Page 238, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Freedom Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns to Freedom Mortgage Corporation, recorded on October 10, 2023, in Book No. 25183, at Page 555 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will

AND THIRTY-FOUR HUNDREDTHS (86.34) FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN LINE OF LAND OF ONE TREMBLEY:

THENCE SOUTH 77 DEG. 0' WEST ALONG LAST NAMED ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE AND FIFTY HUNDREDTHS (145.50) FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID EAST STREET; THENCE NORTH 13

DEG. 0' WEST ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID EAST STREET SEVENTY-FIVE (75) FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 20706, Page These premises will be

sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION Present holder of said

HEREBY GIVEN IN mortgage ACCORDANCE WITH By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, M.G.L CHAPTER 30A P.C. 150 California St.

manent or temporary easements may be required. The municipality is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions

ing. Project inquiries, written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking may be submitted to Carrie E. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to MassDOTProject Management@dot. state.ma.us or via US Mail to Suite 7550, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Project Management, Project File No. 604136. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days (14 calendar days) after the hearing is hosted.

This hearing is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/ or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), TTD/ TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email (MassDOT.Civil Rights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible and prior to the hearing, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the hearing This hearing will be hosted, or a cancellation announcement posted, on the internet at https://www. mass.gov/orgs/highway-divi-

essarily limited to the following in general: Drivers, Transportation Equipment, Maintenance of Equipment, Operation, Supervision, Inspection, Registration, Licensing, Insurance and will be presented in the hearconformance to all applicable laws, rules, and regulations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Departments

of Motor Vehicles, Departments of Public Utilities and the School District. The conditions of employ-ment and minimum state wage rates, as set forth by the Executive Office

of Labor and Workforce Development, apply in the execution of the work under this contract (M.G.L. C.71 S.7A). A non-mandatory pre-

bid conference will be held for all interested bidders, on November 21, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at the School District Conference Room. Specifications and Proposal Forms may be obtained electronically at the School District Business Office, 240 Sykes Street, Palmer, MA. (413) 283-9701 ext. 238, transbid@pathfindertech. org on or after November 8, 2024.

The District reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, in part or in whole, at their sole dis-cretion. The decision of the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical School Committee shall be final and binding on all bidders without recourse.

Eric Duda Superintendent Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical School District October 31, 2024 10/31/2024

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS **REAR MAIN** STREET WETLAND REPLICATION PROJECT

Town of Brimfield, Massachusetts Sealed bids for the Rear Main Street Wetland Replication Project, for the Town of Brimfield, Massachusetts, will be received at the Selectmen's Office for the Brimfield Board of Selectmen, 23 Main Street, Brimfield, MA 01010 until 2:00 PM on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at which place and time said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

SECTIONS 18-25, THAT The work includes but is THE MONSON SELECT of limited to, the replication of a wetland (approximately 5,186 square feet) for work associated with a New Well Siting as required by 311 CMR 10.00, the Wetlands Protection Act (WPA). The New Well Siting is a separate component of this project and is to be completed by another party.

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abnormally low or high may be rejected as unbalanced.

The right is also reserved to accept any bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Brimfield.

No bidder may withdraw his/her Bid for a period of thirty days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays following the effective date of Notice to Proceed.

Complete instructions for filing Bids are included in the Instruction to Bidders.

Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD) under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27D, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Bidder, before bid opening, to request, if necessary, any additional information on Minimum Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed work under this con-

The bidding and award of the contract shall be in full compliance with Sections 39M inclusive of Chapter 30 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as last revised. TOWN OF BRIMFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS BY ITS BOARD OF SELECTMEN

tract.

McClure Engineering, Inc. Charlton, Massachusetts 10/31, 11/07/2024

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD PUBLIC HEARING

The Brimfield Select Board will hold a public hearing on the following pole and wire locations petition filed by National Grid on Monday, November 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. for the following:

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid. requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way:

Tower Hill Road: #31022081

Reason: Tower Hill Road - National Grid to install 1 SO pole on Tower Hill Road beginning at a point approximately 2130 feet North of the centerline of the intersection of Dix Hill Road. National Grid will install SO pole #31-50

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Hollie L. Flannery, Thomas J. Flannery to Washington Mutual Bank, FA, dated May 16, 2005 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 15061, Page 61, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated April 6, 2006, and recorded with said Hampden County Registry of Deeds

be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 AM on December 2, 2024, on the mortgaged premises located at 2015 Other terms, if any, to be East Street. Three Rivers (Palmer), Hampden County, JPMORGAN CHASE Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in BANK, N.A. Present holder of said said mortgage, mortgage

By its Attorneys,

150 California St.

(617)558-0500

Newton, MA 02458

Massachusetts

Family Court

50 State Street

(413)748-7758

Estate of:

Yueh-hua Giza

P.C.

11389

TO WIT: The Land referred to herein below is situated in the County of HAMPDEN, State of MA, and is described as follows: A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND SITUATED ON THE EASTERLY SIDE OF EAST STREET (SHOWN AS C STREET ON PLAN HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO) IN THE VILLAGE OF THREE RIVERS IN SAID PALMER COMPRISING THE NORTHERLY HALF OF LOT #82 AND LOT #83 AS SHOWN ON PLAN OF LOTS OF CHARLES S. RUGGLES RECORDED WITH HAMPDEN COUNTY DEEDS, BOOK 553, PAGE 602 TO WHICH PLAN AND **RECORD REFERENCE** IS HEREBY MADE, SAID TRACT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY A N D BOUNDED DESCRIBED A S FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN IN THE GROUND IN THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID EAST STREET AT THE SOUTHWESTERLY

CORNER OF LAND OF CLARENCE R. BREAULT ET UX AND AT THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF LOT #84 AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAN; THENCE NORTH 77 DEG. 0' EAST ALONG LAST NAMED LAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-

EIGHT AND TWENTY-SIX HUNDREDTHS (188.26) FEET TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT #84 AND IN LINE OF LAND OF ONE PANEK;

THENC Е SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG LAST NAMED LAND EIGHTY-SIX

Newton, MA 02458 (617)558-0500 25546 10/31, 11/07, 11/14/2024

THE COMMONWEALTH **OF MASSACHUSETTS** MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF **TRANSPORTATION -HIGHWAY DIVISION** NOTICE OF A

VIRTUAL DESIGN **PUBLIC HEARING** Project File No. 604136 A Virtual Design Public

Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed Bridge Replacement, M-27-007=P-01-007, State Avenue over the Quaboag River project in the municipalities of Monson and Palmer, MA.

<u>WHEN;</u> 6:30 pm, Wednesday, November 13, 2024

PROPOSAL: The project involves replacing the bridge connecting Bridge Street in Palmer to State Avenue in Monson, with the river marking the town boundary. It will extend from about 200 feet southwest of the existing bridge on State Avenue to about 200 feet northeast of the existing bridge on Bridge Street. The new bridge will be wider, maintaining standard travel lane widths, adding shoulders, and increasing the sidewalk width on the southern side. Roadway approaches will be adjusted with new pavement and striping to fit the new bridge alignment.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and per**BOARD** will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 7:00 **n.m.** in the Monson Town Offices building, Public Meeting Room, 110 Main Steet, Monson MA 01057.

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Town of Monson

Legal Notice

Public Hearing

Tax Classification

NOTICE

The purpose of this Public Hearing will be on the issue of determining the percentages of tax levy to be borne by each class of real and personal property for Fiscal Year 2025.

All interested Monson taxpayers are welcome to attend this hearing to present oral or written comments on the matter. In the event a taxpayer is unable to attend the hearing, written comments may be submitted, in advance, to the Office of the Select Board, Monson Town Offices, 110 Main Street. Monson, MA 01057.

John R. Morrell Chair, Select Board 10/31, 11/07/2024

LEGAL NOTICE PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL **TECHNICAL SCHOOL** DISTRICT SCHOOL **TRANSPORTATION BID**

The PATHFINDER **REGIONAL VOCATIONAL** TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT hereafter referred to as the "District", will receive sealed proposals for the furnishing of School Transportation until December 9, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., at which time they will be publicly opened and read in the School District Conference Room.

The proposal requires the furnishing of scheduled School Transportation for all designated school children of the District to include Regular Transportation and Athletic and Extra-Curricular Activities Transportation for a period of five (5) years, beginning July 1, 2025. The successful bidder shall be required to furnish all services necessary and required, but not nec-

Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security in the form of a certified, treasurer's check, bid bond or cash in the amount of five percent (5%) of the value of the bid.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 AM on Thursday, November 7, 2024 at the Office for the Brimfield Select Board, 23 Main Street, Brimfield, MA 01010. All prospective bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.

Drawings and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following: Town of Brimfield, Town Hall Annex, Selectmen's

Office, 23 Main Street, Brimfield, MA The Bid Documents may be obtained at Town of Brimfield Town Hall Annex, located at 23 Main Street, Brimfield, MA 01010, from 9 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday upon payment of \$50.00 for each hard copy set (includes full size plans), for the cost of copying. Checks shall be made payable to the Town of Brimfield. Electronic versions of the Bid Documents including Drawings will be available at no charge from the Town of Brimfield Selectmen's Office by sending a request via email to selectboard@brimfieldma.org There will be no refunded payment for Bid Documents.

The successful bidder shall furnish a Payment Bond in an amount at least equal to fifty percent (50%) of the contract price.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or reject any or all bids. A bid which includes, for any item, a unit cost that is

approximately 2130' North of the centerline of Dix Hill Road, Brimfield, MA.

Persons with an interest in this public hearing are asked to appear at the Brimfield Elementary School, 22 Wales Road, Brimfield, MA on the date and time affixed to this notice.

Martin J. Kelly Select Board, Chairperson Town of Brimfield 10/31, 11/07/2024

Public Hearing Notice

The Town of Palmer is proposing an ordinance 'Betterments to Improve Private Ways" that would allow for residents to petition for betterments to improve private ways. The ordinance outlines the process for private way residents to request a betterment including the application fee, defining the scope of the project, and potential funding/repayment options for the assessment of the betterment.

The hearing will take place Monday, November 18, 2024 at 6:45 p.m. in the Town Council Meeting Room, Town Hall, 4417 Main Street, Palmer.

Palmer Town Council 10/31, 11/07, 11/14/2024

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

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed

Bridge Replacement, M-27-

over the Quaboag River project. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum

007=P-01-007, State Avenue extent possible.

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PART TIME SNOW PLOW

The Town of Huntington is seeking a part-time Water and Sewer Ad-ministrative Coordinator for 18 hours per week. Applicants must be proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, and Outlook and well organized. Hours are flexible but must be worked during the regular Water and Sewer department hours of Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to assist the Wa ter and Sewer Department as needed. Application and complete job description are available online at www huntingtonma.us or by emailing WaterandSewer@huntington-

ma.us. Position is open until filled. Town of Huntington is an Equal Opportunity Employer WARREN WATER DISTRICT is

hiring for part-time office help. Please apply in person at **988 Main St.**, Warren 413-436-9819.

TOWN OF WILBRAHAM

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DIRECTOR OF **VETERANS SERVICES**

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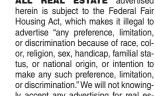
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Warren Housing Authority

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Minimum Requirements: A minimum of 2 years' experience in public or private housing management, community development, public administration, non-profit administration, or a related field that demonstrates strong management and organization skills. Knowledge of the principles, practices of state and federal public housing management programs, capital improvement planning, technology systems, maintenance, and finances desired. Strong organizational and personnel management skills desired. One year of experience overseeing at least three staff persons or as a significant project team leader or program administrator strongly preferred.

Possess excellent written and verbal skills for an ability to communicate effectively with local officials, boards, residents, service providers and funding agencies. Experience working with the public, as well as individuals of various socio-economic backgrounds. Must be bondable. Certification as a Massachusetts Public Housing Administrator (MPHA) desired or obtained within one year.

Must be proficient in Word, Excel and Outlook. Familiarity with centralized public housing wait lists (CHAMP), housing software, HUD and EOHLC databases and reporting systems desired. Other preferred credentials include graduation from an accredited two to four-year college or university and a passion for the mission of affordable housing.

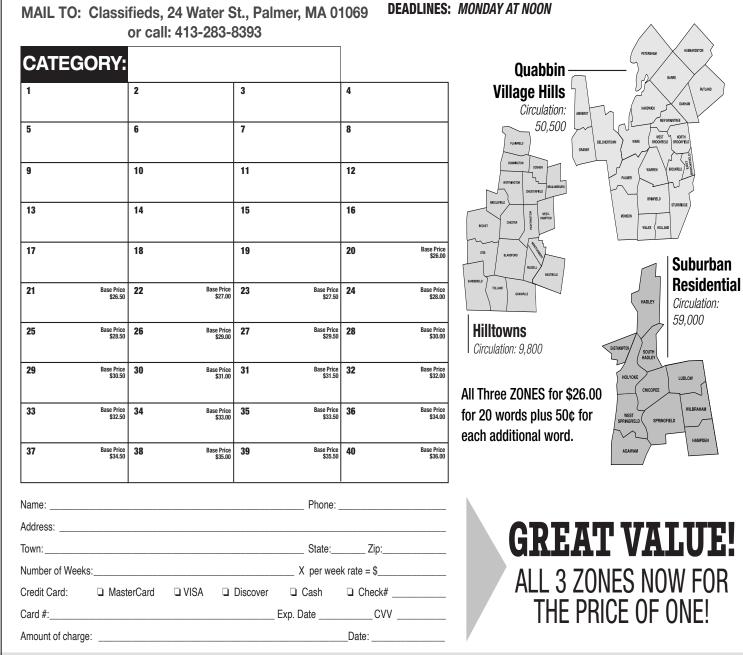
The maximum salary is \$86,667 and is dependent upon experience, education, and certifications in accordance with EOHLC Executive Director Salary Schedule. The required work hours are 32 hours per week and the position includes excellent benefits. The candidate will be subject to qualification verification prior to employment.

> To apply in confidence please submit a cover letter and resume to Kenneth R. Martin, Consultant, at kenmartin1208@gmail.com with "Warren ED position" in the subject line.

The deadline is no later than the close of business on November 1, 2024. Late applications shall not be considered. More detailed information will be required of applicants that advance to the next level of consideration. Diverse applicants are encouraged to apply.

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Wales Community Pantry Volunteers getting ready for their Tuesday opening.

Wales Community **Pantry Launches** New Initiative

"Since December of 2023 we have seen the need for our services grow by an astounding 70 percent and the growth has not abated. Nor do we expect it to." notes Ann Davidson, Director of the Wales Community Pantry

Thanks to a grant from The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts the Wales Community Pantry, located at 85 Main Street in Wales, hopes to be able to provide a consistent supply of fresh milk, dairy items, and bread to its patrons. The Pantry regularly serves 172 households from the communities of Holland, Brimfield and Wales and, according to Ann Davidson, "our numbers are growing weekly. She said, "the Pantry routinely provides nutritious food to seniors, veterans, the disabled, and the working poor and we turn no one who is hungry away."

Currently the Wales Community Pantry's major source of milk and bread is through donations of salvaged food from local grocery stores. "Salvaged" commodities, Davidson said, are those which are within a day or two of expiring, and although we are profoundly grateful for these donations, they are inconsistent." WCP estimates it will cost about \$1,000 per month to provide a steady supply of items such as fresh milk, bread, cheese, and butter, groceries, which are not regularly available from the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts and thus must be purchased from independent suppliers. In hopes of funding this service the Pantry has launched a Sponsor the Fridge For A Month initiative through a mail campaign to local businesses. The campaign asks that one local business step up to fund one month, just one month, to keep the dairy fridge full for its neighbors. "We realize this is a big ask," Davidson said, "but we are not making a one-sided offer." In exchange for their generosity, which is tax deductible, each business that contributes will be heavily promoted through local social media during the month of their sponsorship. The Facebook arm of the WCP, which is Pantry Wales, currently has 516 followers. All of its postings are shared on the Brimfield, Holland. Wales, Fiskdale, and Sturbridge community pages, resulting in an outreach of over 23,000 people. Additionally, once the program is up and running, WCP will send out press releases to local news outlets to highlight the generosity of our monthly sponsor.

The Wales Community Pantry depends wholly on grants and donations for its funding. During its food drives the most donated item is boxed macaroni and cheese, which requires milk and butter to prepare. Sadly, these basic items are too often luxuries for WCP patrons, and the mac and cheese boxes get pushed to the back of the cupboard. The Sponsor the Fridge for a Month drive hopes to remedy this. If \$1,000 a month is too much for a single business, Davidson noted, the WCP would be more than delighted to have two businesses act as dual sponsors. "The truth is," Davidson said, "we appreciate any and all support." If your business wishes to join this initiative you may contact the Wales Community Pantry at 413.245.0055 or via email at walescommunitypantry@gmail.com.

New kombucha company

WALES-Bucha Bros in Central, MA. Bucha Bros ed by Wales residents Edward Fisher JR and Ryan Laurie. The business manufactures and sells artisan raw new venture is one of only two kombucha manufacturers

LLC is a new business start- LLC focuses on producing small batches using seasonal flavors. The company has just finished its first batch of product on the 21st of October and kombucha, a non-alcoholic sold out on the same day. The fermented tea product. This next batch of product is available sale since Oct. 28

Historical markers are back

BRIMFIELD— The Brimfield Historical Commission is proud to announce the return of its historical plaque program. Any property that is listed in Brimfield's 1994 Inventory of Historic Properties is eligible to purchase an historical marker for their building. The oval plaques are made of long-lasting aluminum and are approximately 18" x 12" with cream graphics on a dark green background. The typeface is electra.

The plaque will display the name of the original owners or builder associated with the structure along with the year it was built and the street address or other identified historic area.

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Please contact the Historical Commission at historical@brimfieldma.com to check if the property meets the eligibility requirements and to request an order form. Markers are custom ordered and cost \$65.

Eclectic vintage shop, artist studio celebrates 1 year anniversary

PALMER - An eclectic, vintage shop and artists gallery celebrates its one year anniverssry

The "Eclectic Shop and Artist's Studio", known as the Victorian, will celebrate its one year anniversary on Friday, November 1, 2024 at 1500 North Main Street, Palmer, MA. Please join us for an open house and enjoy refreshments as you tour throughout the building.

"The Victorian" provides locals a convenient shop close to home, offering quality painter's products, painted furniture, unique gifts, candles home decor, local Artisan's wares and more.

The shop features a wide variety of Fusion Mineral Paint products, including materials to re-purpose, refurbish and re-imagine furniture.

"Fusion Mineral Paint is primarily a furniture paint," said owner Julia Dias. However, she said the paint works well on a variety of materials, such as wood, metal, glass and fabrics.

In addition to the mineral paint, The Victorian offers milk paint, stains, antiquing glazes, a variety of decorating waxes and both natural and synthetic paint brushes.

The shop caters to artists seeking to add a splash of color to their homes and get creative with refinishing their furniture.

"It's been quite an experience creating this shop and sharing it with the many people that have come though this door. Many people are just curious to know what this olde house looks like on the inside. They're either from the area and have driven by many times or they were customers of the Moulton Insurance Agency, which used to be here for many years" said Dias.

She holds a bachelor's degree in fine arts with a focus on interior design from UMASS Amherst and has a great passion for historical homes. "Ebenezer and Mary Brown built this house in 1868. It's obvious they had great taste in architecture and design, as there are many fine details throughout the home that lend to its stateliness." Considering how many times the trains roll by

The Victorian is located at 1500 Main St., in Palmer, in the former Moulton Insurance building.

grand Queen Anne stands strong.

a wealth of knowledge in design as

well as the Fusion Mineral Paint

pieces," said Dias "especially little

tables you find on the side of the

always been her favorite period in

time, prompting her to scout out the

mine to have a Victorian. This Queen

Anne home was built in 1868 with all

perfect location for her shop.

the traditional mouldings.

"I truly enjoy recreating old

She added the Victorian age has

"It has always been a dream of

Shoppers will not only have

product line.

road?

out back and being 156 years old, this access to a Fusion Mineral Paint carrier locally, but they will also have Dias' experience allows her to access to the full line of colors and provide guests with expertise and seasonal releases.

The shop features an array of colors, furnishings and art; some Victorian style, others more abstract and various handmade products by local Artisans.

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Vintage style "sassy talkin' towels," are on display, adding style and humor to the main shopping area. For those interested in purchasing, duplicates are for sale. Additionally, vintage-style match

boxes are available for purchase, delicately wrapped in wax paper and sealed with a postage stamp.

The Superior Dry Good Vintage Stick matches are a perfect



Shown is the shopping area in the building, with Items in display cases, which are for sale.



The building is a Queen Anne Victorian, decorated to accentuate the charm and authenticity of the building's architecture.

complement to those interested in gifting a locally sourced, 100% soy, 1803 candle.

Dias said the shop is Victorian themed to add an element of creativity and charm to the guests' experience.

Fusion Mineral Paint Worksops will begin this month of October. You can follow her on Facebook and Instagram at theVictorian1868. Her website, theVictorian1868.com, is under development and will be ready soon. Workshops and other events will be posted there along

Services and products have expanded over the year which included past the introduction of "The Downtown Abbey Dining Room" for private small event rentals and the "Newport

with a shop calendar, news

and information.

Room" for Fusion Mineral Paint Workshops, as well as small event rentals. More information will be available on the website or you can call Both rooms are Victorian-

themed spaces equipped with working Victrolas, velvet drapes, vintage lace covered tables for dining and tea, various antique art pieces and full wall collage of the cast of

Downtown Abbey and more! Guests interested in adding a Victorian touch to their home also have the option of purchasing from a collection of vintage glassware come Spring 2025.

"I've always wanted to open my own shop and wouldn't have done it with anyone else but my husband, John. We make a great team" said Dias. "I thank him often for all he has done to make my dream come true."

The shop is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Julia at 603-714-0513.

Friends of Ware Town Hall host holiday wreath fundraiser

WARE - Friends of Ware Town Hall announce they are hosting one of their Bemis Farms fundraising events on Sunday, Dec. 1 at 1 p.m. at the Ware Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road.

This year's workshop project will be a beautiful holiday wreath suitable for outdoor decoration and will last well beyond the holiday season. The workshop will last about an hour.

The fee for the workshop is \$45 and includes all supplies and instruction on how to make a beautiful mixed greens holiday wreath with embellishments. Payment must be made in advance and the reservation deadline for the workshop is Nov. 25.

To make your reservation simply mail a check made payable to Friends of Ware Town Hall for \$45 for each person attending along with your name and phone number to: Friends of Ware Town Hall, P.O. Box 692, Ware, MA 01082.

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Consider tax-smart charitable gifts

As we enter the annual season of giving, you might be thinking of charities you wish to support. But you also might be wondering how to gain some tax benefits from your gifts.

It used to be pretty straightforward: You wrote a check to a charity and then deducted the amount of the gift, within limits, from your taxes. But a few years ago, as part of tax law changes, the standard deduction was raised significantly, so fewer people were able to itemize deductions. Consequently, there was less financial incentive to make charitable gifts.

Of course, this didn't entirely stop people from making them. And it's still possible to gain some tax advantages, too. Here are a few tax-smart charitable giving strategies:

• Bunch your charitable gifts into one year. If you combine a few years' worth of charitable gifts in a single year, you could surpass the standard deduction amount and then itemize deductions for that year. In the years following,

you could revert to taking the standard deduction. • Make qualified charitable distributions. Once you turn 73 (or 75 if you were born in 1960 or later), you must start taking withdrawals from your traditional or inherited IRA. These withdrawals — technically called required minimum distributions, or RMDs — are taxable at your personal income tax rate, so, if the amounts are large enough, they could push you into a higher tax bracket or cause you to pay larger Medicare premiums.

But if you donate these RMDs directly to a qualified charity, you can avoid the taxes. And because these donations, known as qualified charitable distributions (QCDs), will reduce the balance on your IRA, you may have lower RMDs in the future.

Of course, if you need some or all your RMDs to help sustain yourself in retirement, the use of QCDs may not be of interest to you. Keep in mind, though, that you can start making QCDs at 701/2, even before you must start taking RMDs. QCDs up to \$105,000 can be taken in 2024.

· Consider a donor-advised fund. If you're interested in a long-term charitable giving arrangement, you might want to consider establishing a donor-advised fund. You can put many types of assets into this fund, and then direct it to make grants periodically to the charities you've chosen. You get an immediate tax deduction for your contribution, and, if you donate appreciated assets, such as stocks, you'll avoid the capital gains taxes you would have incurred if you simply sold the stocks and then gave the money to the charities. One note of caution, though — your contributions to a donor-advised fund are irrevocable, and once the assets are in the fund, you can't use them for anything except charitable giving

These strategies - QCDs and donor-advised funds in particular - can be complex and involve several issues of which you should be aware. So, you should consult your tax advisor before taking action. But if any of these techniques are appropriate for your situation, give them some thought ---because helping a charitable group and getting tax benefits for doing so is a "win" for everyone.

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PVPA to hold supplemental lottery to fill second semester openings

SOUTH HADLEY – Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School has reopened the application for the current 2024/2025 school year for grades seven, nine, 10 and 11.

A special lottery will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 17, with accepted students beginning to attend PVPA at the beginning of the second semester, on or around Jan. 23, 2025.

PVPA offers an arts-focused, college preparatory education, with over 70 arts classes in dance, music, theater and visual arts available to students in grades seven-12. As a public charter school, enrollment in PVPA is free and open to all Massachusetts students, no audition is required.

If more applications are received than spaces available, admission will be determined by the lottery on Dec. 17.

Applications can be submitted until the deadline on Dec. 15 at 11:59 p.m. Applications are available at www.pvpa. org/admissions.org.

The lottery will be open to the public via a Zoom link that will be shared on the PVPA website, and emailed to all applicants.

While most grades are currently full, PVPA has identified openings in grades seven and nine. Applicants for grades 10 and 11 will be included in the lottery if

openings are available and the waitlists for those grades are exhausted.

All applicants will be notified by email at least a week prior to the lottery. The applications for the 2025/2026 school year, open to all grades seven-12, will open Nov. 1.

All interested families are welcome to visit the school for a tour. Available dates and registration can be found at www.pvpa.org/admissions.

PVPA is a publicly funded charter school authorized by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, enrolling students in grades seven-12. PVPA offers a college preparatory curriculum that provides all students with a broad exposure to the performing arts programs.

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Please contact PVPA by emailing admissions@pvpa.org with any further questions.

Christmas by Candlelight returns to OSV

STURBRIDGE – Old Sturbridge Village is pleased to announce the return of Christmas by Candlelight, a cherished holiday celebration of New England's festive traditions.

Tickets are now on sale to the public for select dates in November and December.

The Village will transform into a stunning winter wonderland beginning Nov. 29, featuring over 85 beautifully decorated trees on the Christmas Tree Trail, over 80 wreaths, hundreds of candles illuminating the pathways, and 5,625 feet of garland adorning historic buildings. Each evening of the program will kick off at 4:30 p.m. with a magical lighting ceremony.

Visitors can experience a variety of activities, including knitting Christmas stockings and baking traditional holiday

treats. Guests can stroll through the picturesque village and cross the enchanting Christmas Wish Bridge, a scenic path lined with trees along the Quinebaug River. Children will have the chance to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus in their new cabin, where they can share their holiday wishes.

Visitors are also encouraged to participate in the annual Gingerbread House contest, where creative entries will be displayed for public voting.

'Christmas by Candlelight is a celebration of the cherished traditions that make the season truly special," said Rhys Simmons, Director of Interpretation at Old Sturbridge Village in a press release. "Our goal is to transport you back in time with an experience that delights all the senses. Picture twinkling lights adorning the trees, the

enticing aromas and flavors of mulled cider and freshly baked gingerbread, and the familiar sounds of holiday carols echoing all around." This year's Christmas by

Candlelight will feature an array of live entertainment, including historical performances and readings of Christmas tales for children. New this year is "Upon a Midnight Clear – An Acoustic New England Christmas," a musical journey showcasing local artists reinterpreting classic carols.

In addition to the festivities, guests can explore the origins of classic traditions such as nutcrackers and gingerbread, along with a remarkable miniature nativity scene featuring over 600 pieces. The Richardson House will showcase Italian Christmas customs.

There will also be plenty of opportunities for holiday shopping at the Miner Grant Store and the Ox & Yoke Mercantile.

'This event has become a tradition for so many guests year after year, and many families look forward to it as the highlight of their holiday season," continued Simmons. "We invite everyone to experience the joy of the season, relish in classic traditions, and create new memories with loved ones this winter at Christmas by Candlelight.'

Christmas by Candlelight is made possible by our generous sponsors: Cornerstone Bank, Country Bank, G&F Precision Molding, and Southbridge Credit Union.

For more information on tickets and full event details, visit the Old Sturbridge Village website.

Christmas Fair in Belchertown

BELCHERTOWN— Mark a calendar, the St. Francis Christmas Fair is back. On Saturday, Nov. 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., the St. Francis of Assisi Annual Christmas Fair will return to 10

Park St. in Belchertown. The fair mugs. The Pine Room Café is includes a giant basket raffle, a holiday crafts and gift bazaar, and a bakery featuring homemade goodies and gourmet coffee served in take-home holiday

serving lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The menu will include homemade soups, sandwiches, burgers, hot dogs, chips, and a variety of beverages. Make a day

of it, buy some raffle chances and select gifts from an assortment of offerings, join family and friends at this traditional Belchertown event.

Senator Oliveira nominates Juan Latorre II for 2024 Latino Excellence Award

SPRINGFIELD –Senator Jake Oliveira welcomed Springfield's Juan "Jay" Latorre III to Beacon Hill to award him with The Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus's 2024 Latino Excellence Award. Every year, the 40 Senators serving in the Legislature nominate a recipient from their district to receive the award to be celebrated at a ceremony at the State House.

"Throughout his life, Jay has consistently demonstrated an unwavering dedication to his community, a commitment to making a difference in the lives of others, and a desire to advance professionally," said Senator Oliveira. "It was my honor to nominate him for the award for 2024."

Jay's commitment to the community began early as an Eagle Scout and has continued throughout his life. He has served in numerous leadership roles, including as an Executive Board Member of the Western Massachusetts Council for the Boy Scouts of America, Vice President of the Sixteen Acres Civic Association, Chair of the Springfield Restaurant Week Committee, and Committee Chair of the City of Springfield's Young Professionals Sub-Committee. Recently, Jay also joined the boards of the Springfield Library Foundation and

Revitalize CDC.

"I am beyond grateful to be honored in such a meaningful way. I have striven my entire life to work in the service of others for the benefit of our entire community. I thank Senator Oliveira and the entire Massachusetts State Senate for their unwavering commitment to highlight ordinary citizens who are pursuing extraordinary work to move our Commonwealth forward," said Latorre.

"Jay leaves every professional and volunteer effort better than he found it," said Oliveira. "I am proud to celebrate his leadership and dedication as this year's Latino Excellence Awardee for the Hampden, Hampshire & Worcester District and couldn't think of a more deserving candidate."

Jay was born and raised in Springfield and is a proud graduate of the University of Massachusetts, where he earned a degree in Computer Systems Engineering. He then received a Master of Science in Engineering with a focus on Electrical and Management Engineering from Western New England University. Professionally, Jay has excelled as a Principal Engineer with Verizon, where he has enjoyed a successful 15year career.



Representatives from the Miss Western Massachusetts Scholarship Organization worked the table at the event, (from left) Faith Ramos, People lined up for food from the buffet at the Ludlow Country Club. Madelynn Hardtke, and Katie Collins-Kalbaugh.

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pened is parents were coming in with young ladies for dresses, and a lot of them would say, 'I never got to go to my prom," Annecchiarico said. "We said, why don't we hold an adult prom every year, and make it an affordable fundraiser for our shop? So that's what we do every year."

Annecchiarico said that the response to the event has been fabulous, and that despite having to make adjustments this year, she

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turnout

"We have 90% of the dresses in here, people came in and took them out of our shop," said Tulik. "They rented a dress for tonight and then they bring it back when they're done."

The event is made possible through a partnership with Miss Western Massachusetts Scholarship Organization, under the Miss America umbrella.

"Since day one of our prom, they come in, they do the raffle table for us, and they work at the front desk for us," Annecchiarico

said.

Photos by Marcelo Gusmão

from meeting and mingling with people at the prom.

"They are literally queens, in every sense of the word," Annecchiarico said.

Executive Director Kensi Riley said that her organization is happy to partner with Second Time's a Charm, noting that the cost of dresses can be a barrier for people interested in competing in Miss America pageants.

"We're a scholarship organization, we don't need girls spending thousands and thousands of dollars on gowns – it's, quite frankly, silly," Riley said. an entirely volunteer basis. People looking to buy prom dresses

are encouraged to visit the store, are given a tour, and then get to try on their dresses, which they can then take for free, with the option of leaving a \$20 donation.

Riley shared that a woman wore a gown from Second Time's A Charm for a competition this year and won.

"It's a great way to grow this partnership," Riley said.

Second Time's A Charm is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m to 2 p.m. through Jan. 13 to May 11. If you'd like to see about getting a dress from them, give them a call at 413-Second Time's A Charm is 530-5966, or send an email to



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