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SPORTS

Fire Chief provides updates on forest fire near Bradway Road

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MONSON – The fire department has had its hands full dealing with the massive forest fire, which has been exacerbated by dry winds and fresh leaves.

On Nov. 1, the department was alerted to a large amount of smoke in the area of Butler and Bradway Road. Reports of a large column of smoke from a distance away let the chief to request a second alarm forestry response.

Once on scene, the department observed dry windy conditions and a rapidly moving forest fire and determined that it would be difficult to access, so a State Forestry Task Force was called in, bringing in many departments and firefighters to the area. Firefighters worked throughout the day to contain the fire and protected multiple structures that were endangered by it.

Fire crews remained on-scene in a defensive posture for the remainder of the night to protect structures. A second Forestry Strike Team and Tanker Task Force responded at 7 p.m. on Nov. 2 to assist in the extinguishment of the fire.

The National Guard also performed water drops using a helicopter. Stagecoach Lake was used as the fill site.

The department advised people to avoid the area. No drones or other aerial devices are to be used, as they can cause the helicopter to cease operations. Butler and Bradway Roads were closed to traffic, and the Peaked Mountain and London Pond recreation areas were also closed.

“The Bradway forest fire is completely surrounded, and we have been able to make a 100’ plus FIRE | page 5

REMEMBRANCE



The Boy Scouts Troop marched in the parade with flags held high.

Turley photo by Marcelo Gusmão

Veterans Services holds meals and parade to celebrate Veterans Day

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THREE RIVERS – This past weekend, the town celebrated Veterans Day with a number of commemorative lunches, culminating in a parade and ceremony at Hryniewicz Park.

On Friday, Nov. 8, the AmVets Post in Three Rivers held a dinner for local veterans. The following morning, veterans were invited to St. Thomas Parish Center for a breakfast.

Veterans Agent Tina Brohman estimated that as many as 60 people attended the breakfast on Nov. 9.

Then, on Monday, Nov. 11, the town gathered on Main Street in Three Rivers to attend the parade, which went down to Hryniewicz Park for a ceremony.

Veterans Day began as Armistice Day on Nov. 11, 1919, when President Woodrow Wilson made a speech about the importance of honoring veterans of World War I. In 1926, Congress adopted a res-

olution to issue annual proclamations calling for the observance of Veterans Day on Nov. 11 with appropriate ceremonies.

Though Veterans Day is behind us, the town still has many

services to offer its veterans. For more information, send an email to the town’s Veterans Agent at TBrohman@TownOfPalmer.com, or call the department’s phone number at 413-283-2610.



Residents stood during Town Councillor Mark Caci’s speech. More photos on page 6.

MONSON

Town holds 28th annual Memorial Road Race



Submitted photos

Kiplagat Terer crossed the finish line with a time of 1:09:55

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MONSON – This year, the 28th annual Memorial Road Race saw local runners raise money with a 10k run around town.

“I started this race 28 years ago, after Kelly Wadron and Kathy Wadron Perry died of different types of cancer, just eight months apart from each other,” said Lee Williams.

Williams decided to organize a road race through the community.

“Kathy was married to Jack Perry, and Jack’s sister was in my and Kelly’s class,” Williams said. “There are a lot of connections between all of us.”

Thanks to the closeness of the tight-knit community, Williams said that she grew up with the Wadrons as friends of the family. The first race began in September in 1996, when the town was still reeling from the tragedy, with hundreds of people in attendance.

“The first one was quite different,” Williams said. “It was basically a 10k, but it wasn’t certified like it is now. That means they measure it out exactly.”

Williams said that this year’s race “went great,” with an overall turnout of about 150 runners.

“We probably had 155 signed up, but not everybody shows up,” Williams said. “We had a great turnout and the weather was great.”

A fairly unique aspect of the race is that it offers prizes for first through fifth place, with \$400 for the first prize, \$300 for second, \$200 for third, \$100 for fourth, and \$75 for fifth. Williams said that the top runner in every age division gets \$50.

“We had a 10-year-old that ran, he was great,” Williams said. “I had been emailing back and



10-year-old Zach Vichniac sped towards the finish line to complete his first marathon with a time of 1:57:51.

Williams went to high school with Kelly Wadron, and had two brothers in Kathy Wadron Perry’s class. Being a runner herself, Wil-

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Care Package Drive sends a taste of home to soldiers

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MONSON – The town is gearing up to send out its annual care packages to local members of the military currently stationed away from home.

Through October and November, the Monson Military Care Package Drive collects donations to be sent to local residents currently serving in the military. Karen King was motivated to found this campaign 10 years ago.

“We were trying to find out how we can support military families and people serving from Monson,” King said. “We did it back during Desert Storm with a Girl Scout troop, and we thought it would be good to do something for the military.”

King made some phone calls and reached out to the mothers of people she knew in the service, and said that it “snowballed from there.”

“We have 30 recipients,” King said. “30 men and women from all branches in service, including the

Space Force. Someone this year just graduated from boot camp and is now in the Space Force.”

King said that, through the committee’s military moms, she found out that the military doesn’t pay for all the needs of the soldiers, including uniforms or trips to visit family, so the group fundraises to send money so that the soldiers can afford these types of things.

“100% of the proceeds that we collect goes toward VISA gift cards that we put in each of the boxes. This year it’s \$250 for each of the 30 members,” King said. “We have an Amazon wishlist we have posted where people can order items there.”

The big event for this group is packing the boxes, which will be done at the Polish Club on Saturday, Nov. 23, at 2 p.m. King said that it’s a “really patriotic event,” with Senator Ryan Fattman, State Representative Brian Ashe, and the President of Monson Savings Bank are expected to attend, along with music and testimonies from veterans and past recipients about how meaningful it can be to receive these gifts while deployed.

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SCHOOL

PHS Class of ‘74 gathers for its 50th reunion

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PALMER – The PHS Class of ‘74 celebrated its 50th reunion this year with a two-day event that united classmates of varying professions from all over the country.

The high school’s Class of 1974 has had its 40th, 45th, and now 50th reunion. After the 45th reunion, the committee stayed together to work on the 50th, with one or two additions. Barbara Looney, a career teacher who once taught at Pathfinder before teaching chemistry in northwestern Connecticut for 35 years, is a graduate of the PHS Class of ‘74, and also a member of the reunion committee.

“We had a two-day event,” said Looney. “On the first day, we started off with an informal gathering on Friday, Sept. 27, in the late afternoon at Brimfield Winery. I think there were 18 of us there, and there were spouses there too.”

“Then we had dinner and dancing at Teresa’s Restaurant in Ware on Saturday, Sept. 28,” Looney continued. “We started with a cocktail hour at 5 p.m. and then we went all the way to 11 p.m. with dancing.”

44 members of the class attended, including people who have



Submitted photo

The 50th reunion of the PHS Class of 1974 took place on Saturday, Sept. 28, at Teresa’s Restaurant.

moved as far away from the town as Maryland, South Carolina, Tennessee, Mississippi, Minnesota, and California.

“We actually had two from California,” Looney said, “and one of the gals on the committee is from Mississippi. One of my friends traveled out by car from Minnesota, and this was the first time she’d

been around in a long time. We had a good representation.”

“Most of the rest of the people were from New England,” Looney added. “I live in Agawam, so we’re not right in Palmer but close enough by.”

The committee also attended to things like hiring a DJ and creating a raffle. Looney said that the

two people most responsible for the series of reunions over the last decade are Kathy McMahon Voiland and John Lewinski, who organized the 40th after not having a reunion in 30 years.

“Cherry Henegar Watkins lives in Oxford, Mississippi,” Looney

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Pet of the Week



JUSTICE

This is Justice, eating his birthday cake. He lives with Maryann Carter-Laventre in Palmer. We feature your pets here. Is your fur friend a dog, cat, chicken, lizard, horse, bird, mouse...you get the point. Is there a pet you're fostering and trying to re-home? All pets are welcome! Email a high-resolution jpg of your pet with a little information to journalregister@turley.com.

A Salute To Our Local Heroes



William H. Fenton Jr. Monson
Corporal U.S. Marine
WWII



Leroy (Bud) Fenton Palmer
Corporal U.S. Marine
WWII



William D. McElhiney Monson
Specialist 4 U.S. Army
Vietnam Era



Quaboag Hills Chamber held annual meeting

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STURBRIDGE – The Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce held its annual meeting last week at the Publick House, featuring keynote speaker Colleen Campbell.

At the Nov. 7 meeting, newly elected President Renee Niedziela of J. Stolar Insurance Agency, said her family's company has been a part of the chamber for over 20 years, and how this year has "been incredible" for the chamber.

"The chamber is back," she said. "The chamber is an excellent resource to talk to businesses, professionals...we build relationships and trust."

Niedziela said this has been a rebuilding year for the chamber, with the hiring of CEO James Przypek, who has served in that role for seven months.

Przypek said he is "so impressed" with the chamber and its network of businesses.

In his role as CEO, Przypek has brought back the chamber's annual golf outing, enhanced the business guide and produced a quarterly newsletter. He said 15 new members businesses have joined this year as well.

Following the election of officers, Przypek introduced Campbell, a Sunderland resident whose background in equine studies has allowed her to help people rediscover joy and power in the treatment of PTSD, trauma, grief and depression.

Campbell founded Heroes, Horses & Hounds, an organization that works with rescued horses and dogs that are retrained for service and animal assisted programs.

She spoke about ways you can achieve success in all areas of your life through finding a work/life balance.

Campbell said for 20 years, she "put herself through it," pushing herself professionally until she reached burnout and knew she needed to make a change.

"It's been a very good journey now, but going through it was awful," she said.

Campbell shared how some of the things we do to help us be productive and organized,

such as creating "to-do" lists, can actually cause additional stress and hold us back.

"Why does a traditional to-do list fail?" Campbell asked. "It doesn't get organized by priority."

Campbell said another factor is discipline, which she said is something that all people are capable of harnessing.

"Discipline is not a personality trait, it's something that we all have," she said. "Each day we have a certain amount."

Campbell said one way to make the to-do list work for you is to prioritize one task in each of these three areas: personal, physical and professional. She said there are going to be days where the focus needs to be on one area over the other, and that is okay.

"Life is not a balance, a perfect even keel all the time...think balancing, not balance," she said. "The important part is what works for you."

Campbell encouraged people to make themselves the most valuable asset in their professional lives in order to achieve work/life balance.

She said one way she does this, is to ask herself the question "Why am I doing what I am doing?" seven to nine times, or until she feels an emotional reaction.

"This is the core piece that is going to get me up and going," she said. "That's what's going to help you clarify what you want to do."

Another tip she suggested was to envision your perfect day; from start to finish.

"By having this perfect day in mind, find what works for your business and

your life," she said. "Look at your day, what did I do well in? Is there something I want to change, or did I rock it today?"

Establishing time blocks is another way to keep your day productive while avoiding burnout, working one to two hours at a time and taking a 30 minute break before getting back to work. She said people start looking for distractions from work when their brains are tired.

"It's a great way to stay productive longer throughout the day," Campbell said.

Campbell said it's also important to give yourself rewards to keep momentum going.

"Give yourself little prizes and celebrations," she said.

Campbell encouraged attendees to delegate works that could be completed by someone else, or with the help of artificial intelligence or automation. She said to follow the 80/20 rule, spending 80% of your day doing what sets you apart and delegating the other 20%.

Campbell explained the physical impact that burnout can have on the brain and how it causes "functional freeze." Burnout can be both mental and physical.

"Burnout is 'I want to, I need to, but I can't,'" Campbell said.

Campbell said studies have shown that burnout floods the body with cortisol and adrenaline, which creates inflammation in both the body and the brain. She said it starts to kill cells and physically shrinks the brain.

This shrinking can impact memory,

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MSB holds toy drive

MONSON— Monson Savings Bank, a local community bank known for their commitment to giving back, is once again hosting their annual Toy Drive. The bank has proudly partnered with multiple local toy collection programs to help bring joy to children this holiday season.

From now through Friday, Dec. 6, new and unwrapped toys for children ages 0-12 can be dropped off at any Monson Savings Bank branch.

Monson Branch, 146 Main St, Monson
Hampden Branch, 15 Somers Rd, Hampden
Wilbraham Branch,
100 Post Office Park, Wilbraham
Ware Branch, 136 West St, Ware
East Longmeadow Branch, 61 North Main St, East Longmeadow

"The holidays are all about spreading love, joy, and happiness. The Toy Drive allows us all to come together to make that possible for children in our communities by collecting gifts for them to open.

We have such generous communities, and we believe this year will be no different. We hope everyone will consider donating an item" said Dan Moriarty, president & CEO. "It goes without saying that we are extremely thankful for our partnering organizations who host the toy programs that ensure all children have a bright and cheerful holiday. We are thrilled to support them in their toy collection efforts."

Monson Savings Bank is proud to partner with toy drive programs held by the Hampden Police Association, East Longmeadow Police Association, Wilbraham Police Department, Ware Police Department, and The Car Club of New England.

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St. Paul's Church to hold 'Holly Berry Bazaar' Nov. 16

PALMER—St. Paul's of Palmer is excited to announce the Holly Berry Bazaar. Join us to celebrate the Christmas spirit at this old-time church bazaar, featuring holiday arts and crafts, gifts, a giant raffle, a luncheon, a bake sale, and more. The event will take place on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Paul's Church.

This "Old-Time" church bazaar is made possible by the dedicated members of St. Paul's, along with a variety of select vendors from the greater Palmer community. Unique crafters such as Swooping Loops, Barton Beeswax, Color Street, Loo Bug Designs, Still River Homestead, and Jo's Specialty Cards will be present.

Highlights include a visit from Santa from 9 am to 2 pm, and the Christmas Kid's Corner, complete with a North Pole Post for letters to Santa, and free sweet treat bags for the little ones. Don't miss the chance to take photos with the 'genuine' Santa and Mrs. Claus while enjoying holiday shopping.

The Holly Berry Christmas Kitchen will serve lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

offering hot spiced apple cider, gingerbread, hot dogs, chili, and more. St. Paul's bake sale will feature homemade fruit pies, including fresh apple pie, along with a wide assortment of other baked goods.

The bazaar will also feature a holiday giant raffle and themed gift baskets. The Christmas Basement Shop will offer a variety of decorations and holiday accessories to help you deck the halls.

Rev. Steven Sousa, minister of St. Paul's Church, extends a warm welcome to the community: "Come out for a day of festive fun and Christmas shopping! We're excited to host our inaugural Holly Berry Bazaar and look forward to sharing the holiday cheer with you. Many thanks for joining us at St. Paul's of Palmer!"

Since 1867 St. Paul's has served the greater Palmer community through various outreach programs and spiritual offerings. At its heart is the message of grace, acceptance, and love. Visit www.StPaulsPalmer.org for more information about St. Paul's.

Annual Tree of Love at Baystate

PALMER—As the holiday season approaches, the Baystate Wing Auxiliary has set up the annual Tree of Love. This special tree has been created to honor and remember loved ones and features ornaments that can be purchased and personalized with names in memory of family and friends to be placed on the tree.

"The Tree of Love gives our community members a chance to join us in remembering loved ones during the holiday season," said Evelyn Glabicky, president of the Auxiliary at Baystate Wing Hospital. "We understand how difficult the holiday season can be for those who have lost loved ones. For some families placing the name of a family member on an ornament and being a part of the Tree of Love can bring them comfort."

Beginning Nov. 1, the ornaments may be purchased for \$5 for a single name and \$10 for a family. The Tree of Love will be displayed in the lobby located on the first floor of the hospital by the gift shop.

All proceeds benefit the Baystate Wing Auxiliary, which in turn donates needed equipment and other items to the hospital for the benefit of patients. For over 70 years, the Auxiliary has supported Baystate Wing Hospital through its sponsorship of special events and gift shop sales. This diverse group of women and men includes teachers, nurses, business owners, and retirees, who live in many different communities and are united by a shared commitment to support the mission of the hospital.

To purchase an ornament, visit the gift shop located on the first floor open Monday through Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 9:30 to 1 p.m.

MAC holiday craft fair

MONSON—The Monson Arts Council's 45th annual holiday craft fair, which features hand crafted items. The fair will open on Saturday, Nov. 30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fair presents 70 artisans, crafters and non-profit organizations who all offer a variety of items.

The crafters are located in four buildings in downtown Monson. Crafters are set up in Memorial Hall, the House of Art, and the Universalist and Methodist Churches. All locations offer a wide variety of gifts, decorations and collectibles, including stained glass, bath products, books, candles, dry flowers, clothing, holiday decorations, jewelry, quilts, soft sculpture, hand craft-

ed greeting cards, pottery, and much more. The annual fair is a major fundraiser for the Monson Arts Council as well as several other non-profit groups. Luncheon will be served in Memorial Hall, and the Methodist Church. A Girl Scout Carol Community Sing will take place in front of Memorial Hall at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 30. This holiday music precedes Santa's arrival on a fire truck at approximately 4:30 p.m. Once he arrives, all children may meet Santa Claus in person in the Town's Fire Station where cocoa and cookies will be served. For information or directions please call Wendy Murakami at 413-896-8666.

Sanitary Sewer Overflow notification

THREE RIVERS – At approximately 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 7, until approximately 11:30 p.m., the sanitary sewer located at 1 Norbell St. began to overflow into the Ware River.

The Town of Palmer works diligently to ensure that the town's sewage is conveyed through the sewer system to the wastewater treatment plant. Spills and overflows of sewage into a water body are rare.

If for any reason this occurs, the Town has implemented a Sanitary Sewer Overflow alert system in accordance with the MassDEP regulations 314CMR16.00 to notify you where and when the sewage overflow occurred. This is so all citizens

can be aware of the situation and take any necessary precautions.

When a discharge or overflow occurs, Palmer sends out a public advisory notification. On business days, this website will be updated within two hours of the notification. During weekends and holidays, this website will be updated on the next business day.

You can also see a list of discharge and overflow events on the MassDEP website. This list is updated within 24 hours of when a public advisory notification is sent. For local information, enter "Palmer water pollution control facility" in the Permittee field and click "search".

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SOCIAL SECURITY

Matters

By Russell Gloor

Working septuagenarian asks about disability benefits

Dear Rusty:

I retired at my full retirement age, am now 79 and will be 80 in December.

I have been working consistently since. I get a meager Social Security benefit, only about \$800 due to my federal retirement offset. Most jobs I have held since filing and collecting SS have involved very labor-intensive work, to include my current position. This has taken a toll.

My question is there any provision in Social Security that permits re-evaluation of Social Security benefits for disability after one has collected and paid into the system for some 15 years? I suspect not but thought I would ask, since at my not so tender age, I am faced with having to cease employment that generates needed income.

Signed: Working Still at 79

Dear Still Working:

I'm afraid that Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits are no longer available once you reach your SS "full retirement age" or "FRA," which for you was age 66. Indeed, anyone collecting SSDI at full retirement age is automatically converted to their regular SS retirement benefits at the same amount they were previously receiving on SSDI. That's because SSDI benefits are intended to sustain workers up to their SS full retirement age, but SSDI goes away once FRA is attained.

Thus, the provision to apply for SS disability allows only those who have not yet reached their full retirement age to seek disability benefits. Once FRA is reached, SSDI benefits are no longer available. Simply for your awareness, there would be no financial advantage for you to receive SS disability benefits anyway, because the most you can get on SSDI is your full retirement age amount. Thus, since you retired and claimed SS at your full retirement age, no additional disability amount would be available anyway.

FYI, I admire, at your "tender age," that you are still actively working, but I'm afraid you cannot claim more now on Social Security disability because you've already reached your FRA. However, from what you've written, your SS retirement benefit has been affected by the so-called Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) which affects those with a separate pension earned without contributing to Social Security.

If you've been separately working and contributing to Social Security since you left government service and you now have more than 20 years contributing to SS from other non-government "substantial earnings," it's possible that you can request a reevaluation of your WEP penalty.

WEP provides relief for those, who have more than 20 years contributing to Social Security. So, if you have more than that over your lifetime, you could ask that your WEP reduction be reevaluated to consider your additional years contributing to Social Security. If that is the case, your monthly amount would be increased to consider those additional years contributing to SS since you first claimed.

I suggest, if you now have more than 20 years of contributions to Social Security from your non-government work over your lifetime, that you call Social Security to request reevaluation of your WEP retirement amount. FYI, you can see exactly how many years of SS-covered work you have by requesting an "Earnings Statement" from Social Security. You can get this Statement by calling 1-800-772-1213 or you can also get it at your personal "my Social Security" online account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. Social Security will also be able to tell you this directly when you call. In any case, I wish you good fortune, and hope that reevaluating the WEP reduction to your SS benefit may offer some small financial relief as you go forward.

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Surprise squash or is it a pumpkin?

I compost the lazy person's way – no thermometers, frequent turning or aerating is done at my house.

I simply pile my vegetable refuse, leaves, coffee grinds and plant parts in a pile with copious amounts of chicken bedding. Once in a blue moon I'll mix it all up with a pitchfork, but that is all I do.

I'm not saying it's the right way, but it's my preferred way. After a certain point in the fall, I start a new pile and let the old one sit until spring when I use the compost in the garden.

Often, I end up with some surprise plants growing in the pile from the previous year after I've taken what I need. I call them volunteers.

For the last two years I've grown my best tomatoes in the compost pile. No accolades need to come my way, I did nothing to earn the luxury of garden fresh tomatoes in November.

Well, maybe covering the plants with layers of cloth on the few cold nights has helped some, I guess, otherwise they would be frosted like the rest of the tender plants.

But alas, once again I digress. I am not here to talk about the tomatoes that grew in the compost pile, but the squash that did. I may have mentioned these white pumpkin lookalikes in an earlier column, but as I sit here devouring a squash muffin, they deserve another mention.

While my hills of butternut were not very prolific, the white pumpkin lookalike squash were unbelievably so. Honestly, I am not sure how many plants sprouted. Maybe three at the most, and I easily ended up with maybe two dozen, so the average is seven or eight fruit per plant!

I bought the original at a local farm and as it turned to an imploded pile of mush, it got chucked into the compost pile last fall. After sprouting it took no time flat for the vines to cover the pile and adjoining fence and lawn, much to my husband's dismay.

After a quick internet search, the

white pumpkin lookalike squash still doesn't have a name. It could be part acorn squash, or a variant of a white pumpkin.

All I know is that they made excellent fall decor!

Just for the fun of it I cooked one up, in the same manner I do butternuts, by slicing in half, removing the seeds and roasting cut side down in a 400 degree oven for about an hour.

The pale yellow flesh caramelized a little. Perhaps I should have finished the cooking cut side up to attain more of that caramelization.

While not incredibly sweet, it didn't taste bad or bitter, so I whipped it up with the immersion blender and decided I'd try it in my favorite squash muffin recipe. Not bad, not bad at all.

My husband asked if I was going to raid the porch of its decorations to process more of them, but I don't think I'll go that far. If November is mild, I'll certainly have a windfall once we switch over to a Christmas theme.

What do I learn from the compost pile? Although the garden is right next to the compost pile, the white squash pumpkins had virtually no damage from the squash vine borer.

The plants were so much healthier than those I planted in the garden. The leaves were large and deep green.

I've said it before and I'll say it again times three: Nitrogen, nitrogen, nitrogen. That's one thing my compost pile has that the garden needs. I will definitely not skimp on that nutrient come springtime so that maybe, just maybe, I can grow my beloved butternut squashes on purpose and healthily!

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in the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid



in my BACKYARD

By Ellenor Downer



Turkey vulture

A Brimfield resident, who emails quite often noticed three turkey vultures on Sunday, Oct. 20.

He said, "I went outside and I saw soon seven turkey vultures flying by along the ridge east of the turkey. The birds drifted off to the south east. A few minutes later a group of ten vultures drifted slowly south about a half a mile west of the first group. These birds flew around for awhile, circling and gaining altitude until they were quite high. The ten birds then drifted out of sight."

The turkey vulture is 26 inches tall and has black feathers. The trailing end of the wings are silver and the head has no feathers and is red. Immature turkey vultures have gray heads. They are often seen soaring with wings held in a V. They rock side to side, but rarely flap their wings.

Turkey vultures feed by scavenging on carrion, fresh or decayed. They find their food by both sight and smell. Sometimes, they are seen in roads feeding on road kill. They are often seen coming or going to nightly roosts. They use thermals of warm air and updrafts to stay in the air. When the thermals and updrafts end and they have to flap, they usually stop flying and land.

When perched, they will spread their wings. I saw one several years doing this against a high tension pole in Oakham.

The female lays one to three dull white eggs, occasionally with dark marks in a nest scraped on bare ground, in a hollow stump, cave, cliff edge or old building. Grunts and hisses are heard at the nest site often during competition over food.

Pond tour

The Brimfield resident sent an emailing and reported he and his wife did a tour of some of the ponds in Brimfield, Holland and Warren on Sunday, Nov. 3. He said, "In Brimfield (Sherman Pond) and Holland (Holland Pond) we saw a few pairs of hooded mergansers and a belted kingfisher at the pond in Warren on South Street. Other ponds had lots of Canada geese and mallards."

He also said, "In the yard recently the most exciting sighting was a Carolina wren that showed up briefly a couple of times. Then yesterday we had an immature accipiter was seen sitting on top of one of our feeding stations." He wrote, "The bird was either a female sharp-shinned hawk or a male Cooper's hawk based on size, it was a little bigger than a mourning dove, the bird's size was in the area where the sizes of the two species overlap. The tail shape is suppose to help differentiate the species but I'm not confident about the tail shape, I'm not sure which species we saw?"

Later in the day he saw a fox sparrow doing the sparrow feeding behavior, jumping back and forth to stir up ground looking for seeds. He said, "That was the first fox sparrow seen this fall. One or two are usually seen during fall migration."

Moose

Although not bird related – no feathers on this critter – I saw a moose cross New Braintree Road in Oakham one evening. It was dark, but I did get a good view of its rear portion as it went over a stone wall and into the woods.

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

Second Chance Animal Services rescues puppy after tragic attack

Nonprofit reminds public of the importance of adoption safeguards

EAST BROOKFIELD – Second Chance Animal Services is reaching out to the community with a heartfelt story of survival and resilience.

Ribbet, a three-month-old Labrador Retriever puppy, is bravely fighting for his life after a devastating incident, and his story underscores the critical role that adoption safeguards play in protecting vulnerable pets.

Only a few weeks ago, Ribbet was adopted by a family excited to give him a lifetime of love. Tragically, the family later decided to rehome Ribbet on their own, in violation of their adoption agreement with Second Chance.

In his new home with a much larger dog, Ribbet endured a traumatic attack that left him with life-threatening



Submitted photo

Ribbet, who feels so lost right now, finds comfort in touching those who are caring for him.

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For more information, call the editor at 413-283-8393.

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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 fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed, nor will reporters cover political rallies or fundraisers.

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

The Journal Register encourages readers to contact event coordinators and organizers for updated event times. Have an event to promote? Email the information (in sentence form and as a Word doc or plain email text – no PDFs or flyers, please – to journalregister@turley.com.

UPCOMING

On Dec. 8, at 2 p.m. Millennium Magic, a Sweet Adelines Chorus, will perform their Winter Wonderland concert in the sanctuary of First Church, 5 High St., Monson. A cookies and punch reception will follow the concert in Fellowship Hall. The cost is a \$5 donation at the door. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Monson Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the MA Cultural Council, a state agency

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INTERESTS

Under the direction of Kiel Krommer, Director of Music Ministries at First Church, Monson, choir rehearsals take place every Thursday from 6:30-8 downstairs in the music area. New members of all faiths are welcome to join the choir. There is no need to audition or sign up, just come. Choir members will be sure to enjoy the music for Advent and Christmas and the special community concert at the Silver Street Chapel on Sunday, Dec. 15.

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

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

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

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

LINE DANCING CLASS: 3-5 p.m. and/or 6:30-8:30 p.m., every Thursday at the

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

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

Regional Holiday Events

Friday, Nov. 15 – Saturday, Nov. 16

LUDLOW

HOLIDAY FAIR. First Church Ludlow, 859 Center Street. A real craft show, giant raffle with corn hole set, giant tv; quilts, hand crafted decorations, baked goods, snack bar, bookstore, fabric shop beautiful cemetery logs. A fun day for all

Saturday, Nov. 16

EAST BROOKFIELD EAST BROOKFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY CRAFT FAIR. 122 Connie Mack Drive. Saturday, Nov. 16 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Start your holiday shopping and support local crafters. No all vendors accept credit cards.

LUDLOW

FALL FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL, 782 Center Street. Saturday, Nov. 16 from 12-5 p.m. Live music, drinks, food trucks, firepits. Free entry.

Sunday, Nov. 17

CHICOPEE

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Sunday, Dec. 8

SPRINGFIELD

HOLIDAY CONCERT TICKETS. The 215th Army Band of the MA Army National Guard presents their annual free holiday concert at Symphony Hall, 34 Court St. on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. Admission is free with ticket. Tickets available at Pride Convenience Stores; One Financial Plaza, 1350 Main St., Springfield (weekdays 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Springfield Visitors Center, 1319 Main St., Springfield; or send a self-addressed stamped envelop to Spirit of Springfield, 1350 Main St., Springfield, Suite 1004, Springfield, MA 01103. Ticket holders seated first.

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VENDOR MARKET. Brunelle's Marina, 1 Alvard Street. November 16 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fun for the whole family!

Plein Air Show at Palmer Library

PALMER—Artists from Quabbin Arts Association are showing their work this month at the Palmer Public Library. Landscapes created by more than twenty local artists highlight the beauty and diversity of our area.

A special feature of this show is

a fundraiser project created to support repairs to the Yellow Horse Barn on Lampson Brook Farm. This area is favorite painting location for the QAA plein air artists

Eighteen paintings have been donated for sale and are hung on two walls as you enter the show. All

proceeds from sales of these paintings will be donated to N.E.S.F.I., the group of volunteers working to preserve the hundred year old yellow horse barn.

A reception is planned for Thursday, Nov. 14 from 6 to 8 p.m.

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perimeter on all sides," said Fire Chief Brian Harris. "There are still smoldering areas burning deep into the ground that are difficult to access and put out, so we are not saying this fire is out."

Harris said that dry, windy days do not help the firefighters' cause, and new leaf litter is still falling from the trees onto the hot areas that just burned.

"We're checking on the site twice per day at this point and asking residents and people who frequent the nearby recreational areas to remain vigilant and report anything suspicious," Harris said. "Residents can expect to smell smoke in the area for days to come."

"What we really need across the state is a good soaking rain," Harris said. "Unfortunately,

nately, the forecast is not showing any chances of rain in our region until Sunday or Monday."

Harris also reminded residents of the ban on open burning in town until further notice by the Fire Chief.



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Veterans Services holds meals and parade to celebrate Veterans Day



Photo by Marcelo Gusmão
Tina and Mason Brohman, Charlann Griswold, Karen Pluff, Phil Yanni, and Caitlin and Rick Brohman, Jr., served breakfast to Rick Brohman, Sr.



Bill and Charlann Griswold had breakfast with Triston Barnes, Mason Chalmers, Sabrina Warton, and Waylon.



Turley photos by Marcelo Gusmão
Two wives of veterans sat together, Bridget Donato and Sandy Gilman.



The high school cheer team and band marched together in the parade on Monday.



Cub Scouts from Troop 64913 waved flags as part of the parade.



Local residents carried the banner of AmVets Post #74 for the parade.



The Boy Scouts held flags during the Veterans Day ceremony at Hryniewicz Park.



A veteran waved from a classic car decked out with American flags.



A shiny red vehicle made its way down Main Street as part of the parade.



Town officials, councilors, administrators, and state representatives walked in the parade.



A Bondsville fire engine rolled through Three Rivers for Monday's parade.

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Veterans held rifles as they awaited the call to arms, alongside flag-holders.



Trucks and cars passed down Main Street as part of the Veterans Day parade.



A local child waves to the crowd gathered along the parade route.



Submitted photos

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forth with his dad, this was his father's first half-marathon as well."

The winner of this year's race was Kiplagat Terer, who came in second last year. Terer finished with a time of 1:09:55, which Williams said is short of the race's top record of 1:05.

"This course is very difficult," Williams said. "It's one of the hardest half marathons in New England, for sure. The first eight miles are a steady incline, and that's daunting; you see beautiful back country roads, then you keep going around the corner and it's still climbing. It's very challenging."

For the women's division winner, Jenna Gigliotti, this is the third time she's won the race.

"We get requests from so-called elite runners, it's customary in other races that their entry fee be waived," Williams said. "With our race, they only get free entry if

they won the race before. Kip will have free entry in any future races, and Jen has won three times, so she hasn't had to pay for the last two races."

The money raised from entrance fees is then funneled back to cancer research, and providing opportunities for patients going through chemotherapy.

"We raise a lot of money here for our charity, Griffin's Friends," Williams said. "Griffin Kelliher was a little boy who died from cancer when he was just 14 months old. The Kelliher family was from Forest Park."

Williams said that the volunteer group provides for kids undergoing cancer treatment at BayState, giving them things like Red Sox tickets.

Williams also thanked the sponsors for the race, which are tiered into Platinum, which was awarded to the town's Gift Fund, Gold for Treehouse Brewery, and Silver, which went to Monson Savings Bank.

**Standing together against hunger and homelessness
Palmer cannabis dispensary leads November drive**

PALMER – Silver Therapeutics, a local cannabis dispensary, is rolling out a Donation Drive during the month of November to support Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week and Month.

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is an annual program where people across the country come together to draw attention to the problems of hunger and homelessness. Participating groups spend the week before Thanksgiving, Nov. 17-23, holding a series of educational, service, fundraising, and advocacy events.

Silver Therapeutics wants to make a positive and long-lasting impact on its surrounding communities. That's why, starting Nov. 1, Silver Therapeutics' dispensary will be partnering with Palmer Food Share to raise awareness about local poverty, hunger, homelessness in the

area throughout the entirety of November.

Together, these organizations will be collecting donations at Silver Therapeutics' Palmer location for non-perishable food items, clothing, blankets, shoes, toiletries, mittens and gloves, and similar items. All donations will directly benefit the needs of un-homed and impoverished individuals, families, and communities.

"Engaging with the communities we serve and the places our team members call home is a crucial part of our giving back initiatives at Silver Therapeutics," says Brendan McKee, Co-Founder, CFO & COO of Silver Therapeutics. "Being in a position to help raise awareness for fundraisers, clothing drives, and other non-profit efforts that benefit our communities is a priority and a privilege for us. From the founding

of our company in 2017, we remain committed to helping those in need across New England."

All donations can be delivered to Silver Therapeutics at 1235 Thorndike St during regular business hours. Together, the teams at Silver Therapeutics, Palmer Food Share, and the local community will make a positive impact on the lives of those struggling with homelessness and hunger this winter.

Silver Therapeutics takes pride in sourcing cannabis products from local farms where we know the quality and the people behind those products. To learn more about the company, please visit www.Silver-Therapeutics.com.

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St. Christopher's Craft Fair

BRIMFIELD—On Saturday, Nov. 23 and Sunday, Nov. 24, St. Christopher Church will hold its annual craft fair. Located at 20 Sturbridge Road (route 20) it has easy access and plenty of parking. The hours of the fair are Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Each vendor highlights their own special talents offering the buyer an opportunity to get something unique. There is so much to choose from such as primitives, jewelry, Christmas ornaments, soaps, an array of one of a kind beautiful hand quilted, knitted & crochet items, stone and shell art, wood crafts, grapevine wreaths, shadow boxes, organic lotions and soaps, tie dye, and so much more. The fair is perfect timing for planning your gift giving shopping or to spruce up your home. Everyone is trying to stretch a dollar these days so why not do your shopping with these local crafters.

The kitchen is open throughout the day and will offer a breakfast menu and a variety of sandwiches, soups, chili, and chowder as well

as homemade meat pies and turkey pot pie and desserts. The pies can be pre-ordered to take home.

For those who like to try their luck, there are three raffles. The main raffle includes donations from local businesses and gift baskets. There is also a raffle comprised of unique gifts from crafters and a lottery tree raffle. A cookie walk held on Saturday only starting at 9 a.m. Come early as it sells out quickly. A strolling caroler will help bring the Christmas spirit.

The fair is organized by the Women of Saint Christopher's, faith, charity and service. Their work includes providing meals for families in need or after a funeral mass, visiting shut ins with cards and goodies bags, as well as a variety of other activities during the year to bring the parish community together. "As woman of faith our goal is to be a support for one another and those who need us to help us flourish in and practice our Christian faith through our work and provide programs to deepen and enrich our faith," said past president and long time member Sheila

Fortier.

The craft fair raises funds to meet parish needs. Those efforts have supported many of the maintenance projects undertaken in recent years. "Each year we dedicate a project for the proceeds. Maintenance of the church, just like a home is an ongoing project. We have begun restoration work on the stained glass windows and the proceeds from the craft fair will be earmarked to continue that process," said club president Cindy Skowrya.

"The group is an important part of our parish, and their work has a positive impact," said Father Jack Brennan. "Being pastor of two parishes can be challenging but I know that I can count on them for their support. I invite everyone to come, not just for the fair but anytime. Masses are on Saturdays at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Our weekday masses are Monday and Wednesday at 9 a.m. Come join us" Admission is free. For more information contact the parish at 413-245-7274 or email stchrisbrimfield@gmail.com or check it out on the church's Facebook page.

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"We provide support by having this event, and my committee that are the parents of those serving can have a little camaraderie, not only to provide support for people serving, but their families who have an empty seat at the table for the holidays," King said.

Over the past months, this group has been collecting donations to put in the boxes, such as snacks and small items. King said that the schools make cards and ornaments, and that the group is also supported by local Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts troops.

"I have my hands full with this," King said. "I had so many people come to my house yesterday, dropping things off. Whatever we ask for, we receive; it's just an outpouring of love."

King recounted that the night before, there was a fundraising night at Main Street Tavern, and described the crowds as "incredible," with people waiting for an hour to sit down.

"Dave's Wood Carvings made

a bald eagle that we're going to be donating so that we can pull tickets for somebody to win," King said.

The paper also supports the drive, donating issues of the paper to be included in the boxes as well.

In addition to the support from the committee and the community, King said that this campaign is fueled by local businesses, such as a group in Three Rivers that sews hearts to put on a tree, challenge coins from the Police Department, and personalized notes from Representative Ashe. Monson Savings Bank has paid for the postage for this program for the last 10 years, which King said costs an average of \$1,200.

"We send a minimum of 60 boxes, usually more towards 70," King said. "We send two for each recipient. If we have someone overseas, we'll send three or four, because we want them to share it with their group."

This past Friday, King visited Granite Valley Middle School to talk about patriotism and how

meaningful this campaign is for the soldiers.

"My mom was a war bride," King said. "She lived in England and met my father when he was in the service. One of the reasons I have this in my heart is that my family in England have talked about the service people from the United States deployed in different countries, and they were trying to help those that helped them. I was told as a young girl to support our military and give honor to them, and to this day we collect."

For people interested in donating, King said to visit the Monson Military Care Package Drive page on Facebook.

"We're trying to see what we can do to collect everything by Nov. 15," King said, but then admitted, "we'll collect everything, though. We never turn anybody away."

King also invited people to drop their donations off at her front porch on 11 Longview Drive.

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Goalie Emily Provost looks to make a play on a bouncing ball.

Mustangs lose first sectional final

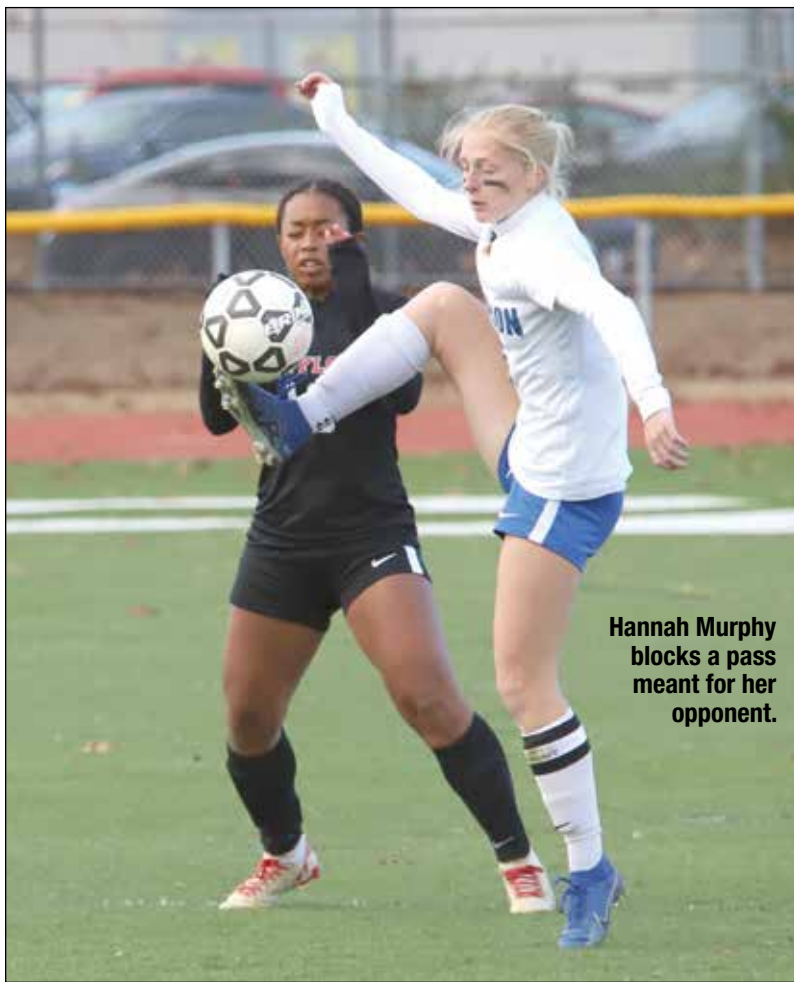
MONSON – Since moving to a different format with the state tournament and the PVIAC tournament, Monson girls soccer has been Western Mass. champion. For the first time since the new formats began, Monson fell in the Western Mass. championship game, losing 1-0 against Mt. Greylock. Emily Provost made 15 saves in the close matchup. Monson moved into the state tournament last week, losing in the second round. Highlights from their time in the state tournament will be in next week's edition.



Addison Peterson attempts to play the ball in the air.



Grace Berry chases down the ball.



Hannah Murphy blocks a pass meant for her opponent.



Avery Beaudoin is pressured while trying to keep the ball.



Madigan Graves-Harrison sends a pass toward Chelsea Hull.

SOCCKER

Greylock edge's Pathfinder WMass final



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Zander Auffrey turns to corral a loose ball. More photos on page 10.

FOOTBALL

Pioneers fall in nonplayoff action



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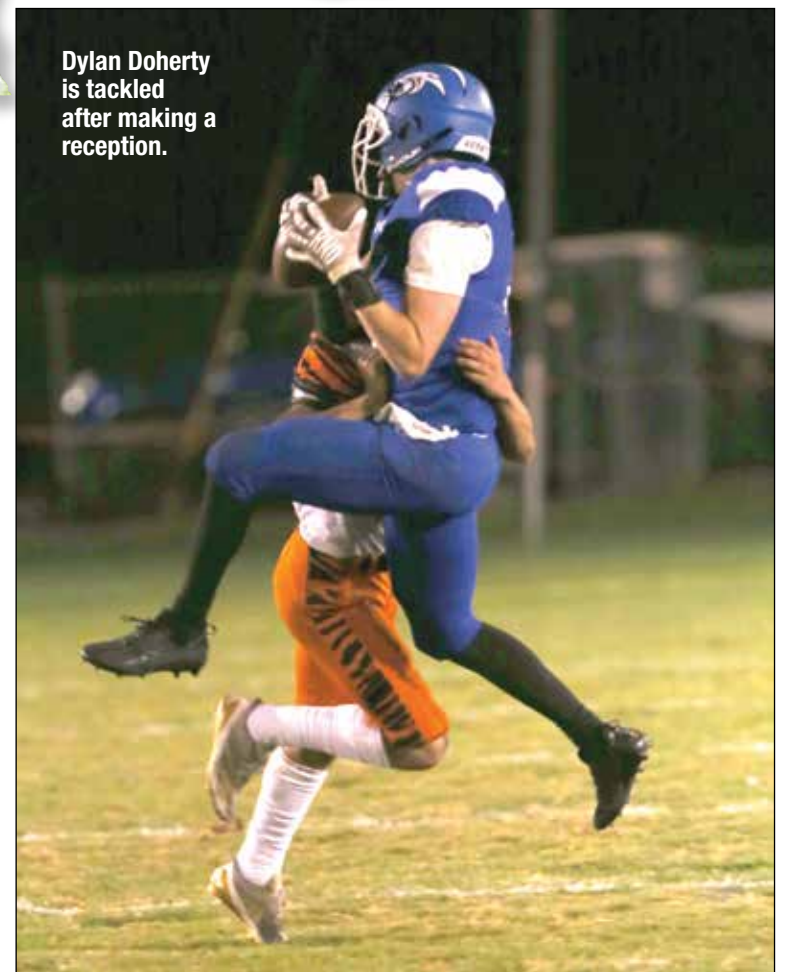
Tyler Rondeau looks for a path through the crowd. More photos on page 10.



Matthew Santos scrambles around with the ball.

Panthers face Tigers in rare matchup

PALMER – After a much better regular season than in the past couple of years, Palmer was unable to make the state tournament, putting them in nonplayoff action against South Hadley High School, a team they have not seen in several years. The Panthers will face Chicopee in Week 10 and then have their annual Thanksgiving Day matchup in Ludlow on Nov. 28.



Dylan Doherty is tackled after making a reception.

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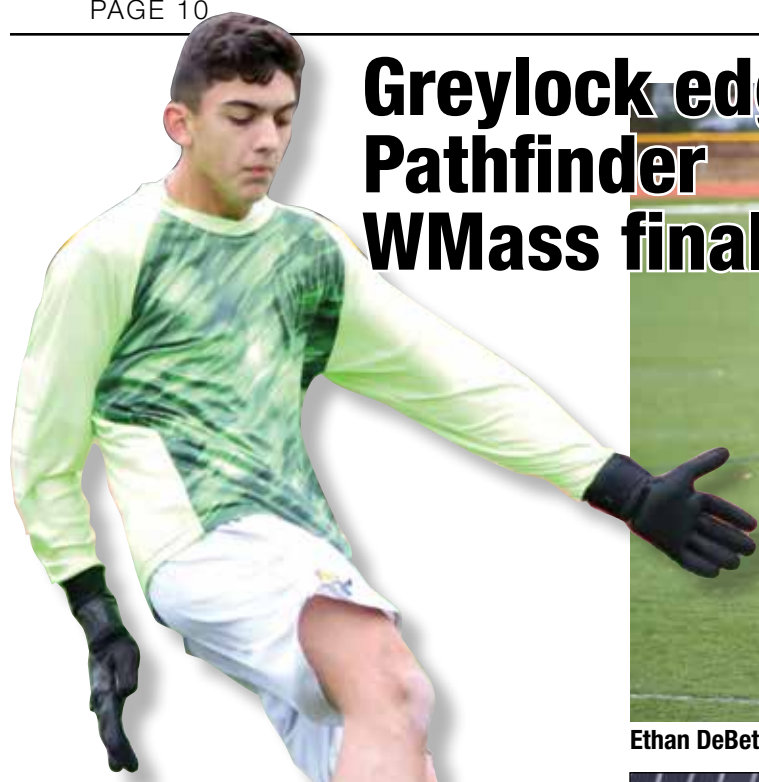


Brecken Gilman goes for a tackle.



Matthew Santos attempts a pass.

Greylock edge's Pathfinder WMass final



Goalie Aiden Santiago punts the ball away.



Ethan DeBettencourt fights to keep the ball.

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Evan Costa looks for the loose ball.



Justin Davis gets ready to make a goal kick.



Jaleel Nevue-Roman gets ready to head the ball.

SPRINGFIELD – In the Western Mass. Class D finals on Saturday, Nov. 2 at Central High School, Pathfinder's Adonis Dupre and Evan Costa scored goals to help the Pioneers come back in the game. But an overtime goal by Mt.

Greylock would give the Mounties the Western Mass. title. Pathfinder would move on to the state tournament, facing Mystic Valley Regional Charter on the road to open the tournament.

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Athlete of the Week

Emily Provost
Monson High School

In a tough loss in the Western Mass. finals, Emily Provost put in a great effort in goal with 15 saves for the Mustangs. To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.

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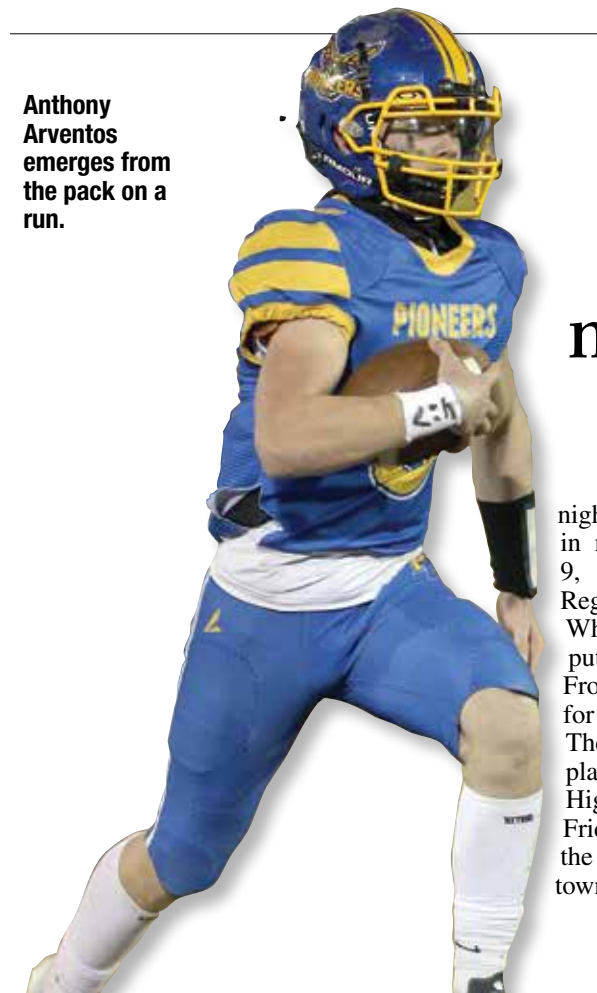
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Anthony Arventos emerges from the pack on a run.

Pioneers fall in nonplayoff action

PALMER – Last Friday night, Pathfinder football was in nonplayoff action for Week 9, facing off against Frontier Regional of South Deerfield. While the Pioneers were able to put some points on the board, Frontier's attack was too much for them in a 38-12 loss at home. The Pioneers will continue non-playoff action at South Hadley High School for Week 10 on Friday, Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. Then, the Pioneers will face Belchertown on Thanksgiving morning.

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Francis Meade tries to avoid a tackle as he gets near a blocker.



Jarrett Skowrya hustles after making a catch.



Emerson Boronski, Kyle Moore, and Donald Charron work together to make a tackle.

T-Birds pick up point in OT defeat

HERSHEY, PA - The Springfield Thunderbirds (4-8-1-0) incredibly erased a two-goal deficit in the final minute of the third, but the Hershey Bears (9-3-1-0) survived to pick up a 3-2 overtime win at the Giant Center on Sunday.

Like the opening 20 minutes on Saturday, the homestanding Bears were ferocious in getting shots at the Springfield net, this time on Colten Ellis. However, like the night before, the T-Birds got a sensational first period from their goaltender, as Ellis had a response to all 20 shots the Hershey attack unleashed, including chances that came from two power plays. The 20 stops were the most in a single period this season by a Springfield netminder.

At the other end, Clay Stevenson was starting his first start in nearly a month after missing six games with an upper-body injury, and the Hershey goaltender had a distinctly quieter workload, turning aside seven Springfield offerings and helping the Bears' penalty kill fend off one T-Birds power play.

Shots on goal did not come as easily for Hershey in the middle period. Still, the fourth line did get the Bears on the board first at the 10:14 mark when Matt Strome retrieved a loose puck below the goal line and fired a pass into the blue paint to a crashing Riley Suter, who chipped it over Ellis on the glove side to make it 1-0.

The Bears' defense proved to be an impenetrable force in the second, as

Springfield managed just four shots on goal in the entire period, and the Hershey penalty kill dispatched two more Thunderbirds man-advantage opportunities.

Stevenson and the Hershey defense corps showed no signs of relenting anything to the T-Birds, and when Spencer Smallman tucked a puck into an empty net with 2:06 remaining, the Bears' 2-0 lead seemed secure.

However, the never-say-die T-Birds refused to go down. Samuel Johannesson scored his first AHL goal with 40.5 seconds remaining, squeezing a wrist shot between Stevenson's legs to end the shutout bid.

Just 27 seconds later, with Ellis at the bench for an extra skater, Nikita Alexandrov beared in on the right wing side and backhanded the puck into the paint. With Matthew Peca crashing the net, the shot attempt slipped under Stevenson's legs, and the game was tied 2-2 heading into overtime.

With momentum on their side, the T-Birds could not quite complete the miraculous comeback attempt. Ellis denied his 40th shot of the night to stop Pierrick Dube in the opening minute of overtime. Unfortunately for the T-Birds netminder, the loose rebound went right on the stick of Mike Vecchione, who pushed it across the line to give Hershey the 3-2 victory.

The T-Birds return to home ice for five of the next six games, beginning on Friday, Nov. 15 when they host the Lehigh Valley Phantoms.

Railers score big overtime win

WORCESTER – The Worcester Railers HC (5-3-0-0 10pts) beat the Norfolk Admirals (6-2-3-0, 15pts), on Sunday by a final score of 4-3 in front of a crowd of 2,539 at the DCU Center.

It was Norfolk who scored first tonight when Carson Musser (1-2-3) scored just under three minutes into the game. The Railers then scored back-to-back goals, coming from Ryan Verrier (1-0-1) and Griffin Loughran (1-0-1). Norfolk finished the first period scoring when Connor Fedorek (1-0-1) tied the game at 2-2. Norfolk retook the lead in the second with a goal from Josh McDougall (1-1-2). The Railers tied it back up less than a minute later when Anthony Repaci (2-0-2) cashed in. The third period was scoreless ending regulation tied up at 3-3. It was Repaci who scored the game winner 38 seconds into overtime sealing the 4-3 win for Worcester.

Norfolk jumped out to an early 1-0 lead tonight. Carson Musser (3rd) squared up and ripped one by the glove of Worcester's John Muse just 2:43 into the first. Later in the first Ryan Verrier (1st) found the back of the net to tie the game 1-1 7:30 into the first. Griffin Loughran (2nd) later made it 2-1 Worcester when he scored just after

their power play expired. Norfolk tied it up at 2-2 with just under three minutes left in the first with a goal from Connor Fedorek (2nd). Worcester outshot Norfolk 15-12.

Norfolk took back the lead to start the scoring in the second period. They made the score 3-2 in the second when Josh McDougall (2nd) scored on the powerplay 8:09 into the period. Not even a minute later Anthony Repaci (6th) got free on a

breakaway and cashed in to tie the game back up at 3-3. Shots favored Worcester 11-8.

The Admirals had a chance to regain the lead midway through the third when they had a 5-on-3 powerplay, but the Railers penalty kill held strong. The Railers killed 35 seconds of 5-on-3, and then successfully killed the remaining 1:25 of Norfolk power play time. Neither team would find the back of the net before the end of regulation. Worcester outshot Norfolk 10-7.

It took less than a minute for Anthony Repaci (7th) to seal this one in overtime. As he skated in on the net and buried the overtime winner just 38 seconds into overtime. Shots were even 1-1 in overtime and favored Worcester 37-28 overall.

NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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Boys soccer alumni game to take place Nov. 29

WILBRAHAM – The Minnechaug varsity boys annual alumni game will be played on Nov. 29, 10:30 a.m., at the Wilbraham Soccer Club fields. Former and current players as well as friends and family are encouraged to attend. Players should be in proper soccer gear. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the game.

DEATH NOTICES

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O B I T U A R I E S

Michael N. Morse

BRIMFIELD—Michael N. Morse, 78, died peacefully Sunday, Nov. 10, 2024 at home. Michael was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle. He will be deeply missed by his devoted wife Renee of 50 years, three daughters, Michelle (Paul) Rego, Jennifer (Ray) Quintal and Laura (Richard) Wells, five grandchildren, Julia, Emmalee, Logan, Mia and Naomie. Michael also leaves a brother, Patrick (Jill) Morse and a brother-in-law Roland (Elaine) Malboeuf, a niece, nephew and cousins.

Michael was born in Salina, Kansas, Feb. 26, 1946 to the late Clifford and Betty Jean (Bussart) Morse. He grew up in Minneapolis, Kansas and Omaha, Ne-

braska. Mike graduated from Omaha Tech High School in 1964 and enlisted in the US Air Force. He honorably served and was discharged in 1968. Mike was stationed at Westover Air Force Base and began to call Western Mass home. He built his home in Brimfield in 1978 and began to raise his family.

He was a tool and die maker for many years and eventually started his own business, MNM Machine shop from his home. He was a member of the Nenamaseck Sportsmanship Club and became captain of its pistol team. After he retired, he spent



his mornings at County Line talking with friends and drinking coffee. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Lombard Funeral Home of Monson has been entrusted with the arrangements. A visiting hour and service will be held Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024. Visiting hour will be from 10-11 a.m. with a funeral home service at 11am. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alzmass.org. For online condolences please visit www.lombardfuneralhome.com.

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decision making and learning. "You start to feel like you are losing it, because you are," she said.

The good news, Campbell said, is that the brain can heal and that 1,200 new cells are made every day. She said the new cells go where they are used, and that new synapses can be created through movement and play.

"Exercise and play are so important," Campbell said. "By putting play into your day...it allows you to learn better."

Healing the brain after burn-out can be achieved through meditation, exercise, craniosacral therapy, sound healing, grounding, time spent in nature and time spent with supportive friends and families.

"The science of laughter is amazing," Campbell said. "It brings you back to wellness...make sure you're having fun."

Campbell said spending 20

minutes outside just listening to the birds sing is another way to help heal the brain, as it brings us back to our primal roots, when birds singing represented safety.

"It triggers the safety signal in our bodies," Campbell said. "Birds don't sing unless it's safe."

Campbell demonstrated three exercises that can be accomplished right from your chair, that will help signal safety in our bodies.

The first one was curling your upper body forward over your legs while sitting; the second was running in place (either standing or sitting down) and the third was placing one hand over your stomach and the other over your chest and taking deep breaths.

For more information about Campbell's work and Heroes, Horses & Hounds, visit www.heroeshh.org.

About QHMA

The Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce was established in

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Its mission is to advance economic growth and tourism in the region, to be an advocate for policies that achieve the development goals of the communities, and to advance the interests of its members.

The Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce offers more than just networking opportunities. It helps the business community from the smallest entrepreneurs to the largest corporations; through trainings, seminars, and more.

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ening injuries, including a fractured skull and severe damage to his eyes.

Ribbet was rushed to Second Chance's Community Veterinary hospital in Worcester, where the veterinary team worked swiftly through their own tears to save his life. Although they were able to stabilize him, the extent of his injuries required the removal of both his eyes.

Despite the trauma, Second Chance's team remains cautiously optimistic that Ribbet will recover from his fractured skull and is determined to give him every chance to heal.

"We're sharing Ribbet's story not only to ask for help with his care but to raise awareness of why shelters and rescues have these safeguards in place," said Sheryl Blancato, CEO of Second Chance Animal Services. "While no approach is foolproof, these policies help protect our animals and give them the best chance at a stable and loving home. Rehoming a pet responsibly can make all the difference."

Second Chance's adoption policies require adopters to contact the organization if they're unable to keep a pet, and they encourage meet-and-greet sessions with all household members, including other pets. These precautions are vital in avoiding preventable tragedies, and Ribbet's story is a powerful reminder of the potential risks that pets can face without them.

Ribbet has a long road to recovery, and the costs of his medical care are significant

and still unknown.

Second Chance is asking for the community's support to give him the best possible chance at a new beginning. Every dollar donated will go directly to Ribbet's care, and should donations exceed the costs of his treatment, the additional funds will be used to help other pets in need of medical support.

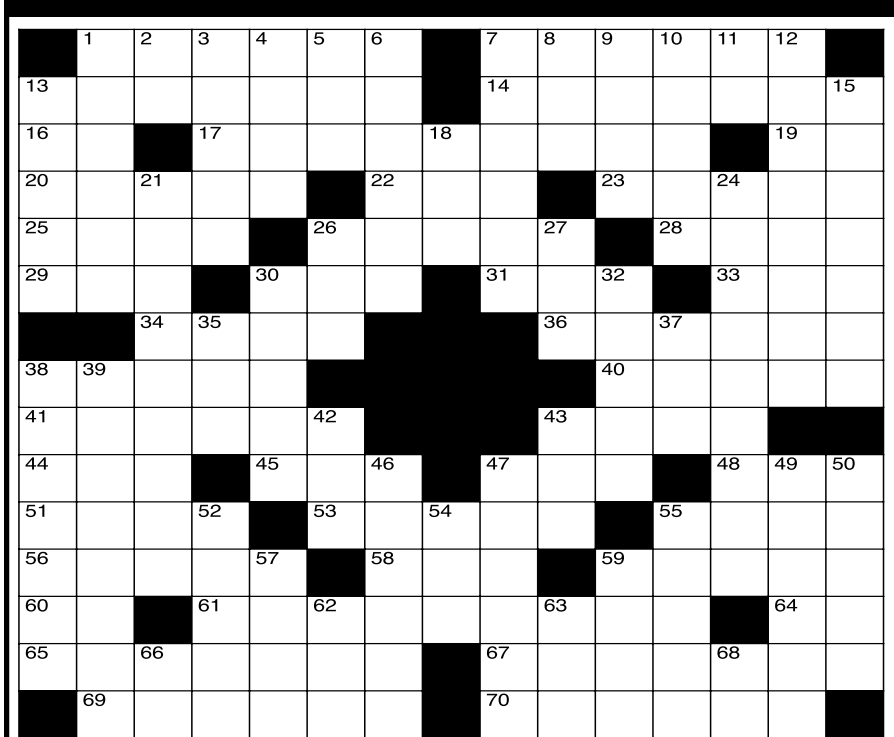
A new home for Ribbet will be sought once he is safely out of danger and recovered.

For those who can't donate, Second Chance encourages sharing Ribbet's story and keeping this brave little puppy in your thoughts and prayers.

To make a donation to help Ribbet or follow his recovery, visit www.SecondChanceAnimals.org/Ribbet.

Second Chance Animal Services is a nonprofit animal welfare organization founded in 1999. Second Chance began as an animal shelter and grew to help more pets in need. Today, Second Chance operates Community Veterinary Hospitals in North Brookfield, Southbridge, Springfield, and Worcester providing access to the highest-quality veterinary care for all. Subsidized rates are provided to underserved communities to ensure access to care for all pets in need.

Last year, Second Chance helped over 49,000 pets live better lives through full-service veterinary care, spay/neuter services, adoption services, community & educational outreach programs, training, and a pet food pantry. For more information, visit Second Chance's website at www.SecondChanceAnimals.org.



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- 1. Schoolhouse tool
7. Martens
13. Slags
14. One who scrapes
16. Centiliter
17. White wine
19. Of I
20. Former Syracuse great Warrick
22. Relating to the ear
23. Sandwich shops
25. Victories
26. White (French)
28. Self-immolation by fire ritual
29. Genus of parrots
30. Unhappy
31. Talk incessantly
33. Type of Squad
34. Unit of perceived loudness
36. Violent seizure of property
38. Agave
40. Sound units

CLUES DOWN

- 41. Removes from record
43. Partner to Mama
44. Mythological bird
45. Dash
47. Hair product
48. Two-year-old sheep
51. Signs a deal
53. Conifer
55. Autonomous republic in NW Russia
56. Wife of Muhammed
58. British Air Aces
59. Ears or ear-like appendages
60. Not caps
61. Deep-bodied sea dweller
64. Rural delivery
65. Feeling
67. Study of relations of organisms to one another
69. Room to argue
70. Question

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2. Road open
3. Stressed syllable
4. Thailand's former name
5. Cologne
6. Recounted
7. Garment of cloth
8. Airborne (abbr.)
9. Reproduced
10. Eritrits coherent radiation
11. "Westworld" actor Harris
12. Smallest interval in Western music
13. Unstressed central vowel
15. Lives in
18. When you expect to get somewhere
21. Storage bags
24. One who covers with plastic
26. Cast out

- 27. Automobile
30. Repaired shoe
32. Belonging to the bottom layer
35. Possesses
37. Soda
38. Programs
39. In an unexpected way
42. A bag-like structure in a plant or animal
43. For each
46. Unbelief
47. Seized or impaled
49. Arrive on the scene
50. Especially happy
52. Classic western film
54. Split pulses
55. Frida ___. Painter
57. Start again
59. Employee stock ownership plan
62. Young women's association
63. Frozen water
66. "The First State"
68. Computers need one

Police/Fire

Police Logs

Palmer

The Palmer Police Department reported 458 incidents on its logs for Oct. 29 through Nov. 4.

Oct. 29

At 1:02 p.m. police arrested Edgar Nicolas Bolanos Jojoa, 27, of 219 Main St., Danbury, CT, for breaking and entering a vehicle/boat in the daytime, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, attempted larceny of a motor vehicle and trespass.

At 4:27 p.m. police received sex offender registration.

At 5:42 p.m. police received sex offender registration.

At 6:35 p.m. police gave summons to Gavin R. Raciot, 25, 381 Sturbridge Road, Brimfield, number plate violation to conceal ID, uninsured motor vehicle and unregistered motor vehicle.

Oct. 30

At 7:49 a.m. police received a sex offender registration.

At 9 a.m. police received a sex offender registration.

At 10:09 a.m. police responded to an accident with property damage on the corner of River Street and Center Street.

At 3:42 p.m. police responded to an accident with property damage on the Mass Turnpike.

At 4:06 p.m. police received sex offender registration.

At 4:43 p.m. police arrested George P. Bousquet, 52, of 33 Olney Road, Thorndike, on a straight warrant.

Oct. 31

At 7:31 a.m. police responded to an accident with personal injury on Thorndike Street.

At 11:53 a.m. police responded to an accident with property damage on Thorndike Street.

At 5:08 p.m. police received sex offender registration.

At 8:21 p.m. police received sex offender registration.

At 10:42 p.m. police received sex offender registration.

Nov. 1

At 3:32 p.m. police responded to an accident with property damage on the corner of Upper Palmer Road and Macomber Road.

Nov. 2

At 11:25 a.m. police arrested John T. Innarelli, 66, of 1063 Park St., Palmer, for assault and battery on a disabled/ 60 plus and vandalize property.

At 1:33 p.m. police responded to an accident with property damage on Pleasant Street.

At 7:09 p.m. police gave summons to Sean Michael Kervian, 53, of 217 Berkshire Ave., Springfield, for annoying/ accosting another person.

Nov. 3

At 7:08 a.m. police gave summons to Stephon Cameron Dawson, 36, of 1417 Park St., Palmer, for uninsured motor vehicle and unregistered motor vehicle.

At 8:41 p.m. police responded to an accident with property damage on Ware Street.

Nov. 4

At 3:20 p.m. police responded to a hit and run accident on Wilbraham Street and gave a summons to George M. Sanford, 67, of 58 Oak Knoll Dr., Hampden, for leaving the scene of property damage and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

At 4:48 p.m. police received sex offender registration.

At 5:40 p.m. police responded to an accident with property damage on Thorndike Street.

Fire Logs

MONSON

The Monson Fire Department responded to 22 fire calls and 24 emergency medical calls for the week of Nov. 4-10.

On Monday, Nov. 4 at 8:35 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for a commercial fire alarm, and returned to service at 8:44 a.m.

On Tuesday, Nov. 5 at 12:54 p.m., the department responded to Carpenter Road for an outside fire, and returned to service at 3:06 p.m.

On Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 8:41 a.m., the department responded to Brimfield Road for a tree on wires, and returned to service at 8:59 a.m.

On Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 8:52 a.m., the department responded to Bradway Road for a smoke investigation, and returned to service at 10:48 a.m.

On Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 7:53 p.m., the department responded to Bradway Road for an odor investigation, and returned to service at 8:26 p.m.

On Thursday, Nov. 7 at 3:31 a.m., the department responded with mutual aid to Allen Hill in Holland for a second alarm brush fire, and returned to service at 10:54 a.m.

On Thursday, Nov. 7 at 5:03 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for a carbon monoxide alarm activation, and returned to service at 5:22 a.m.

On Thursday, Nov. 7 at 9:05 a.m., the department responded to Hampden Avenue for a smoke alarm activation, and returned to service at 9:17 a.m.

On Thursday, Nov. 7 at 11:38 a.m., the department responded to Hovey Road for a structure fire, and returned to service at 3:09 p.m. The department received assistance from Bondsville FD, Palmer FD, Wilbraham FD, and Wales FD.

On Thursday, Nov. 7 at 2:06 p.m., the department responded to Bumstead Road for a smoke investigation, and returned to service at 3:27 p.m.

On Thursday, Nov. 7 at 2:10 a.m., the department responded to Bennet Road for a smoke investigation, and returned to service at 2:58 p.m.

On Thursday, Nov. 7 at 2:15 p.m., the department responded to Butler Road for a smoke investigation, and returned to service at 2:42 p.m.

On Thursday, Nov. 7 at 2:19 p.m., the department responded to Cedar Swamp Road for a smoke investigation, and returned to service at 2:54 p.m.

On Thursday, Nov. 7 at 2:21 p.m., the department responded to Ely Road for a smoke investigation, and returned to service at 2:56 p.m.

On Thursday, Nov. 7 at 8:13 p.m., the department responded to Hovey Road for a rekindled fire, and returned to service at 9:27 p.m.

On Friday, Nov. 8 at 9:36 a.m., the department responded to Town Farm Road for an illegal burn, and returned to service at 10:16 a.m.

On Friday, Nov. 8 at 9:59 a.m., the department responded to Bradway Road for a smoke investigation, and returned to service at 11:14 a.m.

On Saturday, Nov. 9 at 1:36 p.m., the department responded to Stafford Road for a brush fire, and returned to service at 3:26 p.m. The department received assistance from Stafford FD, Hampden FD, Wales FD, and Wilbraham FD.

On Saturday, Nov. 9 at 11:58 p.m., the department responded to Maxwell Road for a traffic accident, and returned to service on Nov. 10 at 12:57 a.m.

On Sunday, Nov. 10 at 2:22 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for a commercial fire

alarm, and returned to service at 2:38 a.m.

On Sunday, Nov. 10 at 9:03 a.m., the department responded to Bunyan Road for a smoke investigation, and returned to service at 9:30 a.m.

On Sunday, Nov. 10 at 8:26 p.m., the department responded to Bethany Road and Betty Jean Drive for an illegal burn, and returned to service at 8:34 p.m.

THREE RIVERS

The Three Rivers Fire Department responded to three calls for the week of Nov. 3-9.

On Monday, Nov. 4, the department responded to Sykes Street for a medical assist to assist EMS crew.

On Tuesday, Nov. 5, the department responded to Pine View for excessive heat and scorch burns with no ignition.

On Wednesday, Nov. 6, the department responded to Belanger Street for a medical assist to assist EMS crew.

On Thursday, Nov. 7, the department responded to Allen Hill Road in Holland, and was dispatched and cancelled en route.

On Thursday, Nov. 7, the department responded to Hovey Road for a building fire.

On Thursday, Nov. 7, the department responded to Front Street for a medical assist to assist EMS crew.

On Thursday, Nov. 7, the department responded to Main Street for an EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury.

On Thursday, Nov. 7, the department responded to Palmer Street for a CO detector activation due to malfunction.

On Friday, Nov. 8, the department responded to Baptist Hill Road for a smoke scare and the odor of smoke.

On Friday, Nov. 8, the department responded to Skyline Terrace for a smoke scare and the odor of smoke.

On Friday, Nov. 8, the department responded to Main Street for a medical assist to assist EMS crew.

On Saturday, Nov. 9, the department responded to Skyline Terrace for an unauthorized burning.

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Ray Royal opens the lunch.



Wayne McClane makes his meal selection.



Nicqui Haskell and Joel Crescentini enjoys the various meal choices.



Submitted photos

Mike Mahitka and Sharon Mills participate in the Annual Veteran Day appreciation lunch

MONSON—On Sunday, Nov. 10, TJ's Tavern held a Veterans Day appreciation lunch. "We've done this lunch for the last five years and it's been a pleasure," said Debbie Lawrence, owner of TJ's Tavern. "In this day and age, there's a lack of respect and appreciation for those who have put their lives on the line. It's a little thing that all of us can do to thank them with a caring and personal thank you," said Lawrence. Carl Santos, Commander of Purcell-LaBrecque American

Legion Post 241 of Monson expressed his personal appreciation to Lawrence. "This lunch has happened for years but Deb has done a wonderful effort to continue and grow it. It's open to any veteran, not just Monson veterans. It's a home cooked food that makes us feel at home. We really appreciate it," said Santos. "We also offer a Thanksgiv-

ing breakfast for veterans and also host a 9/11 Memorial gathering every year. These are events that we take pride in doing here at TJ's Tavern," said Lawrence. "We invite everyone to stay

and visit our Wall of Honor so people will know what our veterans have contributed to, fought for and that some did give all," said Lawrence. The Purcell-LaBrecque American Legion Post 241 meets every first Sunday at 11 a.m. at TJ's Tavern. TJ's Tavern is located at 143 Palmer Road in Monson.

Sen. Markey Statement Honoring Veterans Day

BOSTON – Senator Edward Markey released the following statement on Nov. 11, honoring Veterans Day. "This Veterans Day and every day, we honor all those who have served our nation with courage, conviction, and pride. We must reaffirm our commit-

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sibility. We owe these brave veterans and their families and all who came before our freedom. I join a nation in deep gratitude for the veterans of the United States of America and their dedicated service."

Public Notices

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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 be sold at Public Auction at **10:00 AM on December 2, 2024**, on the mortgaged premises located at 2015 East Street, Three Rivers (Palmer), Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

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- Construct shed and install water system components
- Provide and Install 5,000 gallon underground atmospheric drinking water storage tank

The work shall include all incidental work including, but not necessarily limited to: traffic management to maintain access to the Town Hall Buildings and Brimfield Housing Authority access. Providing temporary signage, pavement cutting and excavation, tree removal, and site grading associated with construction of a water pump station adjacent to the Town Hall and Town Hall Annex Building on Main Street in Brimfield, MA. Water lines and electrical from the newly constructed well to the water shed. Water lines will be run to the Town Hall and Town Hall Annex Building. The installation of water system equipment including controls, booster pumps, meters, pressure gauges, sample taps, heater and dehumidifier. A single 5,000 gallon storage tank to be installed underground at the area to be designated and connected to the water system in the water shed. Controls installed in the tank and connected to the controls in the water shed. Provide paved access from Town Hall Parking Lot to water shed. Pressure test and chlorination of water lines; activate and run booster pumps.

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 November 21, 2024 at the Selectmen's Office for the Brimfield Board of Selectmen, 23 Main Street, Brimfield, MA 01010. All prospective bidders are encouraged to attend.

Questions prior and following the site visit, are to be emailed to the Chief Procurement Officer at selectboard@brimfieldma.org. All questions received will be recorded, answered and emailed. If an addendum has been issued, the individual submitting the quote must acknowledge receipt of said addendum(s) and submit the acknowledgement with the quote. The last date to submit questions is **Monday, November 25, 2024, by 1:00 PM.**

Drawings and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following:
Town of Brimfield, Town Hall, 23 Main Street, Brimfield, MA 01010

The Contract Documents may be obtained at the Town of Brimfield Town Hall, 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, for the cost of copying. 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

Contract Documents and plans will be mailed to prospective bidders upon request and receipt of prepayment of associated mailing costs. This amount is not refundable.

Both checks shall be made payable to the Town of Brimfield.

The successful bidder shall furnish a payment bond in an amount at least equal to fifty (50%) of the contract price as stipulated in Section 00700.

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 abnormally low or high may be rejected as unbalanced. The right is also reserved to accept any bid deemed to be best for the interest of the Town of Brimfield.

The contract completion time for the project shall be 365 calendar days from the effective date of the Notice of Award.

No bidder may withdraw his/her Bid for a period of thirty days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays following 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 contract.

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.

This project is ARPA funded therefore, compliance with 2 CFR Part 200: Appendix II, Contract Provisions is required.

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The awesome volunteers that make this nonprofit run: Michelle Anecchiarico, Kim Dewey, Cindy Goodreau, Ann Marie Perez, Eileen Mongeon, and Natalina Tulik.



One of the many dress drop-off locations from the drive.



Need a prom dress? Second Time's a Charm has got you covered.



Some beautiful wedding dresses that came in for the bridal boutique.

Local nonprofit collects dresses for proms

By Emily-Rose Pappas
Staff Writer
epappas@turley.com

PALMER – When it comes to prom season, it can be a stressful time because of the cost of the dresses alone and finding one can be difficult as well.

However, finding that dress doesn't have to be so difficult, or stressful, and two dedicated moms have worked to make that possible.

In 2019, after their daughters went to prom, Natalina Tulik and Michelle Anecchiarico saw how expensive the dresses were and thought of how they would only be worn once, and then hung them up in a closet.

And so, they decided to reach out to the community to start a drive for used prom dresses, announcing it out to all the nearby communities.

Soon enough, they had seven hundred dresses come in at their first drive, and they became overwhelmed by the support of the community for the project and outgrew several locations to store the donated dresses.

"Everything came together," said Anecchiarico. "Literally every

time we needed something, it materialized."

After Sears closed, they were getting rid of their clothing racks for free, and they jumped at the opportunity, and a friend of theirs happened to stop by with his pickup-truck.

Second Time's A Charm is a 501c3 nonprofit, and it is completely volunteer-run, and everything that comes in from the dresses to shoes, purses, jewelry, and more is donated by the community.

"We call it the dress library," said Tulik. "It's a wonderful place to be, and everyone here is always so happy. It is my happy place, as well."

As each year passes, new volunteers come to join the team, and they stay after seeing the amazing work that this nonprofit does for the community.

"I love bringing a smile

to peoples' faces, and it is so much fun," Tulik said. "This is truly a joyful place."

The organization hosts two dress drives, in the fall, and one at the end of the prom season in June, and this year, had 2,014 dresses donated for all to enjoy.

The dresses are found in a range of sizes from xxs to a size 40, making it an inclusive place for all sizes and all ladies to find their perfect dress.

The collection has grown and



Sandals and heels in all sizes ready to be sorted.



The podium waiting for you to come in and find your perfect dress.

is located on Springfield Street at the Palmer Technology Center, in Building 3, taking up a large space and still growing.

Second Times a Charm also takes long and short cocktail dresses, formal dresses, wedding dresses, and formal shoes, purses, and rhinestone jewelry.

Everything is free, and there is a

suggested donation of \$20 per dress, but it is completely optional. "We want everyone to leave with a dress, and feel happy, with no stress."

The bridal suite is beautifully decorated with dresses both brand new and used, vintage, and boho, to match any bride's style. The boutique is open by appointment only, and there is a suggested \$50 dona-

tion for these dresses.

There were several drive-up and drop-off locations in parking lots of high schools, churches, libraries, and community centers all over.

Agawam, Amherst, Barre, Belchertown, Chicopee, East Longmeadow, Granby, Hampden, Longmeadow, Ludlow, New Braintree, Northampton, Palmer and Three Rivers, South Hadley, Southampton, Springfield, Sturbridge, Sunderland, Ware, Westfield, West Springfield, and Wilbraham were all drop-off locations.

You can find Second Time's a Charm open on Saturdays and Sundays only from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and open for special times on December 14, 2024, and January 11 to May 10, 2025.

You can find them on Facebook, as well as on their new website that just launched this week, at www.secondtimesacharm.org.

The Second Time's a Charm Dress Drive brought in 700 new dresses, and so much more to make prom in the spring even more exciting.

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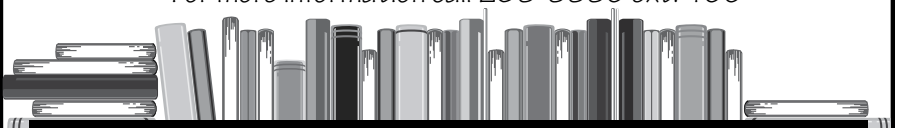
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"Pathfinder Tech is deeply

grateful for this donation from Subaru of America and Subaru of New England," said Superintendent Eric Duda. "Subaru's support shows a strong commitment to career and technical education, and to providing the next generation of automotive experts with the tools needed to excel. We could not be more appreciative."



An informal get-together was held at the Brimfield Winery for about 18 of the '74 graduates.

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said. "She helps out by mailing out invitations and Save the Date cards."

Looney reminisced on the 50 years since graduation, looking back on what her class was like in 1974.

"We were not far removed from Woodstock, in the sense that we embraced rock music and '70s music," Looney said. "We had a fair amount of participation in school activities. At the time, there definitely wasn't as much available back then in terms of sports for girls. We were right at the start of the movement for girls to participate in athletics."

"We were a class that had both academic people that were planning on going to college and doing something more academically inclined that you needed a degree for, and we had a good number that went into the service, or that bettered their life with more of a vocational path," Looney said. "As far as how some people



Submitted photos

Members of the Reunion Committee, (from left) John Lewinski, Janice Kucewicz, Cindy Kroll Reynolds, Kathy McMahon Voiland, Kenny White, Barbara Courchesne Looney, and Cherry Henegar Watkins. Not pictured: Mary Bowler Austin.

turned out, we've got people in our class that have doctorate degrees, we have people who were career teachers – me being one of them – and we've got a good number of people who went into nursing."

Looney said she could name five or six different classmates that were professional

nurses, including one who joined the administration at Wing Memorial.

"We have a couple of people in our class who pursued careers in art," Looney said. "Back in the '70s, the PHS art dept was highly acclaimed. We had something like five art teachers, so a lot of kids took art classes and some actually pursued careers in that field."

"We've got people who had large families and people who had no children at all," Looney said. "Two class couples were at our reunion, people who dated in high school and are still married. We've got several others that didn't attend the reunion, but I can name at least three more class couples that are still together."

Even after the reunion, the group of graduates can't get enough of each other. At the Palmer vs. Ware 100th anniversary football game, 11 of the graduates decided to attend together, and Looney said they intend to keep getting together every once in a while.

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