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Breakfast with Santa



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Mrs. Claus and her husband were invited by the First Church to read and share a breakfast.

Families enjoy the holiday season at First Church

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MONSON – This Saturday, local residents joined Santa Claus for breakfast at the First Church.

On the morning of Saturday, Dec. 7, Santa and Mrs. Claus took some time off from his work up north to take pictures with local families. The First Church served a continental breakfast and hosted storytime and arts and crafts in its community room, where even The Grinch made an appearance.

The event is made possible through a collaboration between the First Church, Monson Together, the schools, and town departments. It offered arts and crafts for the kids, and a storytime with Mr. and Mrs. Claus before breaking out into more arts and crafts.

Karen Davis said named a crew of volunteers from the First Church, including Lisa Borlen, Sarah Brown, Cynthia DeSellier, Bethany Mann, Janice Muldrew, and Erin Wallace.

“It’s great, we have a great collaboration with the town, Davis said. “We do a few different things throughout the year. This makes it more of a community event.”

“Admission is free with a toy, that goes to the town’s Toy Drive,” said Davis. “We do it through Monson Together. The school and the town all combine to do it.”

Davis described receiving toy

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COMMUNITY

Christmas tree

PHCC Volunteers hold toy drive at annual Tree and Wreath Festival

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PALMER – This past weekend, the Historical and Cultural Center held its 12th annual Tree and Wreath Festival.

From Friday, Dec. 6 to Sunday, Dec. 8, Harmony Hall was fully decked out with over 35 trees and wreaths that were raffled off. Live entertainment through the festival included musical performances and kids activities offered in the lower level Villages Room.

The Cultural Center set up a collection box for the Toy Drive, set up by the Lions Club of Palmer. For each toy donated, residents received one raffle ticket to be spent on a tree or wreath of their choice.

David Golden of the Historical and Cultural Council said that he was “very happy and pleased with the way that it came out this year.”

“We’re very thankful to the downtown Palmer Business group,” Golden said. “They are very helpful in getting the trees all put together and decorated.”

The all-volunteer board of the Historical and Cultural Center

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Lincoln, age 8, admired the Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce tree with his grandmother, Pearl Daley (not pictured).

SCHOOL

Monson School Committee discusses Therapy Dog policy

Tessa Quinn
Correspondent

MONSON – The School Committee met on Dec. 4, discussing topics ranging from a therapy dog policy, transportation for non-resident Vocational School students, and the search for a new interim superintendent.

Therapy dog

The Committee had previously approved the policy to allow a therapy dog in the school district. Despite this, there are now concerns about insurance and who is liable for the dog being in schools.

In the policy, the animal’s owner must have its own insurance on the dog for it to be allowed in schools.

According to Committee Chair Alison Morgan, the dog’s handler does have insurance on the animal currently approved.

However, Morgan said, “The town insurance will not provide any coverage to the town or the school regarding the dog.”

This means if someone were to sue over anything involving the dog, the school and town would be directly responsible for the cost of litigation and any potential damages. The handler’s insurance on the dog does not protect Monson or the schools.

Morgan went on to say that because of the way the therapy dog policy was announced, making it seem like the dog belonged to the school

district, liability could be placed with the town.

“That was not the intent for us to make it sound that way, however that is the way some individuals are interpreting it,” said Morgan.

The town insurance policy suggests creating a waiver for students’ parents to sign to be allowed to interact with the dog. The therapy dog has not been working within the school system since these legal concerns were brought forward.

After discussing their options, the committee decided to reach out to other local school districts to see how they handle their therapy dog programs. An official decision regarding the dog will be made at a future

school committee meeting. Until a decision is made, the dog will not be visiting schools.

Travel Club

The school committee also heard about the high school’s Travel Club’s plans for their next trip for April 2026. Planning has begun now, to lock in quotes for the cost of visiting three cities in Spain.

As it stands now, the all inclusive trip will cost students about \$4,000 for 10 days. The trip will be open to grades nine through 12. The Committee voted to approve the quote so planning for the trip can begin.

The Committee also spoke about a letter they received from the town of Cummington asking for other

towns to join in on a letter they are sending to Governor Maura Healey regarding non-resident transportation tuition for vocational school students.

Director of Curriculum Katherine Watts, explained that if a student wants a vocation that their community does not offer, they can apply to attend a vocational school in another district. She says if they are accepted, the student’s home district has to provide transportation for them to the school.

“This can become a very cost heavy laden issue for districts because they have no recourse, they have to provide the transportation legally,” said Watts.

She went on to say that the town

could potentially be responsible for this kind of cost next year, depending on if the student goes to the other vocational school. The Committee voted to also send a letter to the governor in solidarity with Cummington regarding this issue.

Superintendent

In the ongoing search for the district’s interim superintendent, two applicants were brought in on Dec. 10 for an open meeting.

Morgan said they hope to have the new interim superintendent start on Jan. 6 once chosen. She said once an interim candidate is hired, the focus can then shift to finding a permanent superintendent.

COMMUNITY

Brimfield welcomes Christmas with annual tree lighting

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BRIMFIELD — Towns across the world are lighting up with twinkling lights, wreaths of pine, and red ribbon bows as the holiday season arrives, and Christmas is swiftly approaching.

The town held its tree-lighting ceremony over the weekend, and it did not disappoint, bringing with it an array of new and fun opportunities to get together with friends.

The Boy Scouts Troop 7 has been the face of the tree lighting for the past five to six years, bringing with them holiday cheer and a chance for the community to meet them.

This year, they had their own mini Festival of Wreaths for the very first time, where for a \$20 do-

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Cooper, Caleb, and Chloe excited to see Santa and share their top Christmas list wishes.

SCHOOLS

Student Ambassadors guide visitors through Pathfinder Tech’s Career Night

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PALMER – Last week, Pathfinder Technical Vocational School held its annual Career Night, where it invited families from all over the region to learn about the different programs the school has to offer.

Principal Ryan Rege, attending his first Career Night since assuming the role of principal, said that this year’s turnout was incredible.

“It’s fantastic to see so many people interested in career and technical education,” Rege said, “we’re happy to have our students in all the tech programs showing off their skills and knowledge and giving demonstrations and showing these families what we do here.”

Caitlin Phelps, Pathfinder’s Cooperative Education Coordinator and Grants Administrator, said that Career Night is one of her favorite events, “because the com-



Turley photos by Marcelo Gusmão

Student Ambassadors Cameron Delamere, Jason Benmahidi, and Evan Cannon guided students through the Automotive Department.

munity gets a window into what we see happening here every day.”

“We have over 150 student volunteers who come to share their excitement and passion about the awesome things they’re doing in their tech programs, and the staff

has an opportunity to share their energy and joy about what we do here at Pathfinder Tech,” Phelps said.

Superintendent Eric Duda

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Pet of the Week



MARSEILLE, PARIS, ZEUS, & SHELBY

This is Marseille, Paris, and Zeus, with Shelby in the back. They live together with Maryann Carter-Lavature 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.

MassDot public meeting about Palmer rail station

PALMER— MassDOT invites the public to a public information meeting on the Palmer rail station planning and design project on Monday, Dec. 16, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Palmer Public Library, Community Room.

The project team will provide an overview of the study's background, the station site alternatives and evaluation, and design considerations for a potential future rail station in Palmer. Attendees will be

asked to provide feedback on the site alternatives and design considerations. All comments will be taken into consideration as MassDOT and the Steering Committee move forward in the site selection process. For individuals who are unable to attend, comments and questions may be submitted electronically to andrew.m.kozio1@dot.state.ma.us. About the project As part of MassDOT's Compass Rail program to expand intercity

passenger rail in Massachusetts, MassDOT is conducting a study to identify a new passenger rail station along the proposed Compass Rail corridor serving the Town of Palmer and surrounding communities. The proposed new passenger rail station will enhance mobility and connectivity, support local planning goals, and drive economic development.

Town Administrator shares updates from department heads

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MONSON – At last week's Select Board meeting, the Town Administrator shared updates on numerous town departments, as provided by their respective department heads.

At the Nov. 26 meeting, the Select Board heard the Town Administrator's Report. Town Administrator Jennifer Wolowicz said she received blurbs from the department heads describing what they had been working on.

From the Highway Department, Wolowicz said that Hubby Hill has had approximately 2,000 feet of paving done on the end closer to Route 20. About 400 tons of mix was used, and this was funded through the highway budget.

"They're in the process of picking up leaves to clear the basins and the waterways," Wolowicz said. "If residents see the Highway Department picking up leaves, that's not something they're doing for residents, they're doing it to make sure the basins stay clear."

Wolowicz said that salt and maintenance on trucks has begun in order to prepare for the winter weather. She also mentioned a road grant that Conservation Agent Toni Uliana has in the works.

"Under the Finance umbrella, Free Cash was certified by Sept. 30," Wolowicz said. "We completed our workers' compensation audit, which is an annual audit."

Wolowicz announced that the Capital Planning Committee has started meeting, as is common practice for the town at the beginning of the budget season.

From the Conservation Commission, Wolowicz announced that the town has received two grants. Both will be used for culvert replacements in two separate amounts, totaling \$189,500.

"That's going to be working to protect the habitat area for rare species, because it is a cold-water fisheries source," Wolowicz said.

Wolowicz said that Uliana was able to secure another grant for data collection of the town's air quality.

"She has five purple air-monitoring sensors that we received through the Department of Environmental Protection," Wolowicz said. "Monson is the first municipality to do this in the grant round, so we're excited for that."

There is a link on the Conservation Commission's page on the town website for people to see what the quality of air is at the time.

Wolowicz then went over the documentation she received from Planning Board Member Craig Sweitzer, including the Water and Sewer Commission meeting, replacing curb boxes, and completing the hydrant leak detection process. The report included the 15 seasonal shut-offs the department has had to do.

Wolowicz reported that Treasurer/Collector Sherri Roberson sent in that the year-in cash report has been completed and submitted, as well as the statement of indebtedness and the collector's outstanding receivables.

"She also did a presentation at the third grade for Mrs. Prentice's class on how taxes are calculated, collected, and how those funds are used," Wolowicz said. "Jamie (Farnum) and Sherri both did that, and they said it was great to be up at the school and interact with the children and the staff there."

While reporting on the Cemetery Department, Wolowicz described the third annual Historic Cemetery Walk as "fabulous."

"My husband and I attended," Wolowicz said. "I think next year I have to get more of my family to come."

Wolowicz also mentioned a proposed Eagle Scout project to install a butterfly garden in the existing Memorial Bench section of Hillcrest Cemetery.

"That project overview is going to involve removing overgrown shrubs and planting perennial flowers that will be maintained by the Eagle Scouts in perpetuity," Wolowicz said. "This will be at no cost to the town or any labor from the Cemetery Department."

Wolowicz finished with her own department, which has involved routine meetings with department heads and staff, as well as coordinating training for the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board with the town's new counsel.

Wolowicz said she, too, had the opportunity to read for a third-grade class, which happened at Granite Valley School. She has also had meetings with the DEP and Environmental Protection Agency regarding the clean-up of the Omega site.

The town has been interviewing for a vacancy in the Water/Sewer Department, and reviewed the results of the Highway Department's hearing test results.

The Town Administrator's report is available for viewing on the town website.

Candlelight Christmas Eve church service

PALMER— St. Paul's Church of Palmer warmly invites the community to a Christmas Eve by Candlelight Service on Saturday, Dec. 24, at 5:30 p.m. This meaningful and festive service will feature music, readings, poetry, prayers, and candle lighting.

Experience the joy of the Christmas story through beloved hymns and a retelling of the birth of Jesus. The service will also include a reading of The Night Before Christmas and other inspirational selections. The evening will conclude with the singing of Silent Night and a beautiful candlelight ceremony.

St. Paul's Music Director, Wes Hunter, a gifted tenor, pianist, and sought-after soloist and choral/ensemble singer, will lead a joyful and inspiring hour of music and holiday cheer.

Reverend Steven Sousa, minister of St. Paul's, extends this heartfelt invitation: "We hope you and your family will join us as we joyfully celebrate the birth of Christ. Our 5:30 p.m. service provides a wonderful opportunity for the Palmer community to gather in celebration and still leaves plenty of time for family festivities in the evening."

The Christmas Eve by Candlelight Service will take place in the sanctuary of St. Paul's Church, located at the corner of Park and Central Streets from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Christmas carol performance

MONSON— The First Church of Monson choir will present a Christmas carol program, entitled Christmas Songs around the World, on Sunday, Dec. 15, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Silver Street Chapel, 224 Silver St. The program includes choir numbers, background information on the music, and plenty of carols and popular Christmas songs for everyone to sing. The newly refurbished historic chapel, decorated for Christmas, will be worth the visit. Admission is free, and refreshments will be served. Donations for the upkeep of the chapel will be gratefully accepted.

Amvets supports Toys for Tots



Members of Sons of AMVETS Post #74 in Three Rivers prepared to deliver over 250 toys collected from the AMVets family and community to benefit the local Toys for Tots campaign.

Staff Photos



Tables on the Farm honors local veterans



The team from ServPro of Belchertown attend the dinner.



Owner Tara Weigle and her staff at Tables on the Farm hosted the Pasta Dinner for Veteran event.

PALMER— Tara Weigle and her staff at Tables on the Farm hosted a benefit dinner for local veterans.

"I have veterans in my family and many veterans patronize the business. It is my honor to support these five men and women who have done so much for our country" said Weigle.

A full pasta dinner, with choices of meats, followed by a large selection of desserts was on the menu for the evening. The restaurant was full as patrons attended the event.

"This is our favorite place to go" said Kevin Fall, owner of ServPro in Belchertown. "This was a wonderful event to enjoy with my ServPro family and it's for a terrific cause."

"We are honored to have the passionate support of local businesses like Tara and Tables on the Farm and our member did our community" said Tina Broman, Town of Palmer Veteran Service Officer.

After the event, Weigle and her team presented the Veterans Service office a donation of \$700 to support local veterans.

"We do what we can and we are happy to be a part of supporting our veterans" said Weigle.



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Town fills a cruiser with toys in charity drive

PALMER – This past Saturday, a toy collection was held at the Palmer Police station to benefit local youth of Palmer.

Lori Chiacchia of the Santa's Elves of Palmer and the palmer lions club coordinated the event. "This is my 5th year doing the toy drive. All toys go to families in Palmer that reach out to me that are in need for the holiday" said Chiacchia.

"This is an impressive day" said Paul Burns, Palmer Police chief. "We have emptied the cruiser four times and it's only Noon."

"The day went amazing as always. Demore's Automotive provides donuts and coffee, the Grinch handed out Grinch cookies to kids. Crafts were inside for kids to do. A huge thank you to the palmer police station. Pizza supplied for all the workers. The Palmer domestic task force have participated every year also and we give them some toys for the children they need it for. Palmer ambulance collected food for the palmer food pantry. Also, the Palmer Lions club has been a great partner every year" said Chiacchia.

"This is a multi organization event and the support from people local and beyond is very appreciated. I love doing what I do. Seeing families filled with happiness and joy of the Christmas spirit when they come pick up their items. Puts a huge smile on my face and warms my heart" said Chiacchia.



Staff photo
The police and residents came together to stuff a cruiser at Monson Savings Bank. A team of volunteers were there to collect toys, local benefactors dropped off new, unwrapped toys for this weekend's toy drive.



Staff photo
Owner Debbie Lawrence of Tee Jay's Tavern in Monson present the Marines with over 100 toys collected from the Tavern and the Purcell-LaBreque American Legion Post 241 of Monson community.

Free meditative gatherings

PALMER— Wednesday's Child, an acoustic/electric band, will be offering a free meditative gathering Dec. 15, at Second Congregational Church, 1080 Pleasant St., beginning at 3 p.m. This gathering will include music, poetry, silence and candlelight for those hurting during the holidays.

Some people are mourning the death of a loved one. Some are far from home. Some suffer from illness, addiction, or estrangement. Some are lonely, struggling financially or in conflict with another. And some feel the wounds and angst of a nation and world torn apart by fear, violence, and bigotry. The reasons to gather during this season are varied, including solace, sanctuary, and solidarity.

Committed to hosting small, informal gatherings for reflection and renewal since 2007, Wednesday's Child consists of Dave McDermott, John Haddad, Eva Perri Maaia, Dianne de Mott, Jon Grenoble and Rev. James Lumsden.

They have crafted periodic soul-care events in the Berkshires to encourage resistance to hate, hosted concerts celebrating "A Love Supreme" by John Coltrane and Paul Winter's "Missa Gaia" and shared their music and poetry collective to raise funds for friends relocating from Afghanistan, the work of BEAT (Berkshire Environmental Action Team) as well regional emergency heating and food assistance projects.

The gathering will be based upon the music of Josh Ritter, Joni Mitchell, Carrie Newcomer, Jackson Browne, Sarah McLachlan, Tom Waits, the Eels, the Stones and the Grateful Dead, as well as poetry of Naomi Shihab Nye, Wendell Berry and Jan Richardson, as a tender reprieve from the brutal banality of the blues some people experience during the so called "most wonderful time of the year." The combination of song, silence, poetry, and candle lighting, with a few inter-faith seasonal prayers will be followed by fellowship and refreshments. For more information, contact the church office at 413-283-6958.



The Grinch recounted how he stole Christmas to families and children who attended the event.



Santa Claus visited kids aged 1 to 92 at this weekend's Breakfast event.



Mrs. and Santa Claus visited with local families at this weekend's Breakfast event.



Youth volunteers wore Christmas hats and antlers for a picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

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donations from a young girl who raised money to buy toys for needy families, and receiving a call from the Better Bean about five bags that had been donated by a customer. Davis described herself as "truly humbled and blessed."

The First Church of Monson is located at 5 High St. If you'd like to learn more about the church, you can call them at 413-267-3312, or visit their website at FirstChurchMonson.org.

If you'd like to get in contact with Monson Together, you can send an email to Admin@MonsonTogether.com.

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Amber and Jayla Tower were able to tour the carpentry department on Career Night.

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described Career Night as “an overwhelming success, drawing a record-breaking crowd of over 1,100 attendees; the largest turnout in the event’s history.”

“This was more than double the anticipated crowd size,” Duda said. “The evening showcased the exceptional opportunities available through career and technical education at Pathfinder Tech, with more than 150 dedicated students volunteering their time to ensure the event ran smoothly.”

Evan Connon, a student ambassador in Pathfinder’s Automotive Department, said that the students receive no extra credit for volunteering, seeing it as an opportunity to represent their department.

“We kind of just give people a clear rundown, and explain the basics of what goes on and what we do,” Connon said.

Another senior ambassador, Cooper Ferguson, described his experience leading families through his department.

“It’s good to talk to people and answer questions, see what they’re thinking about it, and get the next generation of people coming here,” Ferguson said. “That’s the cool part about it.”

Eric Simard of the Electrical Department said that because of the work done by the student ambassadors, his role was primarily supervisory.

“We were thankful that we had 25 of our own students volunteer their time this evening to come here and help the program,” Simard said. “All of these students, they organize and orchestrate all of this. They designed the different activities that they want to show the younger kids, and they’re running the whole show. I’m just here to make sure nobody gets hurt.”

In addition to trade skills like automotive, electrical, carpentry, and more, Career Night is also an opportunity for the cosmetology department to show off what they do.

“We do skincare, everything to do with hair, and nails,” said Cosmetology Teacher Cindy Rubin. “Kids accumulate 1,000 hours in our program and take their license through the state board to become licensed cosmetologists.”

“It’s really nice, it’s a very flexible type of career,” Rubin said. “It’s got a lot of options, and now they have med spas. Everything to do with technology has grown so much, and there are all sorts of very expensive machines to slough dead skin off, so there is a lot of stuff.”

The teachers, students, and administration all described an enthusiasm about sharing the school’s facilities with families and potential future students.

“It’s awesome to see the younger kids come in and see the wheels turning in their brains about what school could be like for them and what kind of an experience they might enjoy as they look toward the future for themselves,” said Phelps.

“I couldn’t be more pleased with the professionalism displayed by both our students and staff,” Duda said. “The response from the community was nothing short of incredible. Throughout the night, I had the privilege of speaking with parents and alumni who shared their positive experiences and expressed their intention to send their own children to Pathfinder Tech.”

“It was clear from the conversations I had that parents are eager for their children to gain a competitive edge through our unique educational model, which allows students to earn both a high school diploma and a technical certification,” Duda said.

Duda said that a key element to the event’s success is the enthusiasm and commitment of our student volunteers.



Student ambassadors and their teacher welcomed people into the Cosmetology Department, (from left) Gabby Webster, Sophia Cessarini, Cindy Rubin, and Osmarie Lopez.



Leeann Murdza showed Sarah Mosio and Garrett, age 11, around the Pre-Engineering CAD Department.



Philip Brault and Brady Noonan enjoyed Career Night and sharing the services the school offers.



Marina Gurynov and Mylee Croak served dinner to families and residents attending Career Night.



Cole Rogers and Dan Whalley were excited to see so many students attending Career Night on Wednesday.



Travis Chartier and Landen Whalen were excited to tour Pathfinder Tech on Career Night.



Johnathan Young and Jake Foss observed an engine in the Automotive Department.



Lindsey Tracy, Marina Latourelle, and Olivia Falcone joined Therapy Dog Scout (front) to greet families arriving for Career Night.



Dennis Ladue (right) showed Lily VOisine, Avery Laplante, Gina O’Connell, and Harper Laplante what the Automotive Department does.



The cafeteria at Pathfinder Tech is always full when the Culinary Arts Department offers dinner on Career Night.

“These students did not only represent their own technical programs, but also spoke passionately about the wide array of opportunities available at Pathfinder Tech,” Duda said. “From advanced placement courses to the four foreign languages we offer, and the full complement of athletic programs, our student volunteers highlighted the diverse and enriching environment that sets Pathfinder Tech apart.”

“This event could not have been possible without their support and dedication,” Duda said. “I am incredibly proud of the entire Pathfinder Tech community for making this Career Night the most successful one yet.”

To learn more about the different programs and events Pathfinder Tech has to offer, you can visit their website at PathfinderTech.org.

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Surrounded by donated and decorated trees, (from left) David Golden, Rachel McNally, and Bob Haveles.



The Palmer Public Library builds a book-tree for the Tree and Wreath Festival every year.



The Historical and Cultural Center was filled with Christmas Trees decorated by local businesses and organizations.



Various toys and decorations were used to decorate the Tree and Wreath Festival by the Palmer Historical and Cultural Center.



An associate of the company was pictured with the tree donated by New England Mechanical Services.



Various local businesses and organizations donated trees to the Historical and Cultural Center's Tree and Wreath Festival.



Joy Trombley and Gloria Byrnes donated a blue-and-white decorated tree in the name of the Police Department.



The Historical and Cultural Center was decorated for the 12th annual Tree and Wreath Festival.

Various unique trees were designed and decorated by local businesses to support the annual Tree and Wreath Festival.



Gloria Byrnes and Joy Trombley volunteered to help run this year's Tree and Wreath Festival.

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provides many of the events year round, including lectures, classes, workshops, plays, live music, and family entertainment.

Bob Haveles, President of the PHCC, said that events like this festival "would not even happen if it wasn't for volunteers."

Haveles made sure to praise Golden's work.

"Dave spearheads and organizes, getting all the trees done and then getting the volunteers to make it happen," Haveles said. "Volunteers are critical."

Volunteers greeted residents as

they arrived at the festival. Gloria Byrnes and Joy Trombley said they enjoyed their work with the council.

"It's very rewarding," said Byrnes. "We make it fun, decorating all the trees. It's a great cause."

Golden said that any additional fundraising from the festival goes toward the events held by the Cultural Society.

"The generosity every year seems to increase," said Haveles. "We have some new sponsors this year, which is great, and all the funds raised go to our operating expenses and bringing in program-

ming. We're an all volunteer organization, nobody's paid, so all the money goes to the activities of the Culture Center."

A Loved Ones Tree was displayed for guests to purchase an ornament and write the name of a loved one they wish to remember. The Loved Ones Tree is set up each year with all the ornaments that have been purchased over the years.

For more information about the Historical and Cultural Council, visit their website at PalmerHCC.org.

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FOOTBALL

Rodriguez Rivera receives the 56th Leonard J. Bailey Award



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Guillermo Rodriguez Rivera was the recipient of this year's Bailey Award. Due to scheduling conflicts, the award was given during Palmer's matchup last month against Ware.

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—For only the second time since 1969, the prestigious Leonard J. Bailey Award wasn't given to a member of the Palmer High School football team at halftime of the Thanksgiving Day game against Ludlow.

The two rivals didn't face each other on Thanksgiving morning in 2020 due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. The members of the Leonard J. Bailey Memorial Committee decided to change the date of this year's award ceremony.

The 56th award recipient is senior Guillermo Rodriguez Rivera. He received the Bailey Award Trophy from Andrew Healey, who was the Bailey award winner as a senior a year ago, at halftime of the annual Ware and Palmer football game, which took place at historic Legion Field in Pamer on November 2.

"When Andrew Healey received the Bailey Award at halftime of last year's Thanksgiving Day game, I told him that I really wanted to win it next year," Rivera said. "He told me to always work and be a good teammate and have good grades. That's exactly what I did. Even though we lost to Ware (7-6) in today's game, I'm very excited about receiving this award."

Bailey was a football and base-



ball coach at Palmer High School for only a couple of years in the early 1960's, but he made a lifelong impact on his players. He passed away in 1968 at the age of 39. Bailey's daughter, Susan Avezzie, took part in this year's halftime ceremony.

The members of the Leonard J. Bailey Memorial Committee are David Russo, Ann Duke, Mrs. Rocky Blazejowski, Bob Chase, and James St. Amand.

"It's been an honor and privilege to present this award for the last 56 years in memory of a fine outstanding coach and super per-

son," said St. Amand, who played both baseball and football for Bailey. "The 56 recipients have been a credit to their families, school, and community."

While a senior has normally received the Bailey Award in the past, the Palmer coaching staff can select any player listed on the football roster. The recipient must possess the qualities of sportsmanship, ability, team spirit, attitude, selflessness, and academic achievement.

The award winner receives a personal trophy, a gift certificate, and his name is inscribed in the school's Memorial Trophy Case.

"Even though I never met coach Bailey, I'm very glad that we still remember him by presenting a special award to a student-athlete, who gives the same amount of effort and commitment as he did," said Palmer varsity football coach and athletic director Matt Marciniac. "I'm planning on continuing this wonderful tradition as long as I'm associated with Palmer High School."

Healey and Rivera were teammates on the Panthers football team for a couple of years.

"Guillermo always gives 100 percent effort in every practice and game," said Healey, who wished that he was still on the field playing in the rivalry game against Ware

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BASKETBALL

Ethan Ortyl to take helm of Pathfinder boys basketball

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—Ethan Ortyl was hired as a history teacher at Pathfinder Tech prior to the start of the 2024-25 school year. He's also the first-year head coach of the Pioneers boys' varsity basketball team.

"I really wanted a teaching position where I could contribute to the culture of the school outside of the classroom," said Ortyl during a recent interview. "I really enjoy history, and basketball has always been one of my passions."

Ortyl graduated from South Hadley High School in 2019 and from UMass-Amherst in 2022. He replaced Zac Button as a history teacher and the boys' varsity basketball coach at Pathfinder Tech.

Ortyl did his student teaching last year at Putnam Vocational Technical Academy in Springfield.

"It was part of the Teach 180 days in Springfield program, which was an awesome experience for me," he said. "There was another teacher in the classroom with me for the first few months of the school year. I taught my own class during the second half of the school year. I was nervous at first,

but the kids at Putnam were great. I also had a very good mentor. After teaching at Putnam, I knew that I wanted to work at a vocational school. I'm very thankful that the teaching and coaching position was open here at Pathfinder Tech. Everyone has been very helpful to me during the first few months of the school year."

Laura Asson is the head of the History Department at Pathfinder Tech.

"Laura has really helped me a lot so far this year," Ortyl added. "I teach a World History class to the freshmen and U.S. History to the sophomores. I also teach a History of War class to the juniors and seniors. I've really enjoyed teaching the three different history classes."

Another person who Ortyl is hoping to get some coaching advice from is Kevin Aldrich, who's the Pathfinder girls' varsity hoop coach.

"Kevin has been coaching here for a very longtime and I'm looking forward to speaking with him during the course of the season," Ortyl said. "I want my players to support the girl's team at their games. I hope they come to our games."

Ortyl was a member of the

indoor and outdoor track team at South Hadley High School. He attended all the other Tigers sporting events as a fan.

"I always used to sit in the front row of the bleachers and root for the South Hadley teams," he said. "My twin brother, Will, was a member of the hockey, baseball, and golf teams."

Even though Ethan Ortyl never played baseball in high school, one of his favorite coaches is Matt Foley, who's been coaching the Tigers varsity baseball team for many years.

"I never played baseball for coach Foley, but I do have a ton of respect for him," Ortyl said. "I like how he runs his baseball program, and he really cares about his players. He also became a varsity coach at a very young age."

Two of Ortyl's favorite teachers at South Hadley High School are Tim Bault and Madeline Wendt.

While he was a student at UMass, Ortyl was a manager for the Minutemen men's basketball team.

"I was a student manager for three years. Then I was the head manager for about eight months,"

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BASKETBALL



Greenly Lagimoniere maneuvers the perimeter.

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Addison Doktor goes for a layup.



Desiree Croteau fakes before passing inside.



Morgan Clark follows a shot toward the hoop.



Pathfinder girls basketball practices last Friday afternoon.

BASKETBALL

Blue Devils win at MJK tournament



Submitted photos

Palmer's sixth grade Suburban team, the Palmer Blue Devils went undefeated in the Play for MJK Turkey Day Jamboree Nov 29 to Dec 1. They finished with a 3-0 record defeating local competition from Chicopee, Lee and St. Pats. Town of Wilbraham hosted the tournament. Pictured are: Back row: Levi Zajac, Jase Daley, Noel Mckee, Maxwell Wilkerson, Brennan Babinski, Mason Cowher. Front row: Seth Peets, Gunnar Paradiso, Dominick Venneri, Harry Musoke.

HIGH SCHOOLS

Lawsuits lead to more compliance of scheduling rule

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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PALMER – If you go on the Arbiter Live website to look at your favorite team's schedule, you will notice the end of every season has anywhere from one to three "filler dates."

These filler dates were the subject of lawsuits filed by Minnechaug and Monson High Schools after their failure to comply with the rule resulted in forfeits being assigned to Monson, Minnechaug, and Pathfinder for either Western Mass. or nonplayoff games played following the end of the regular seasons.

The forfeits were meaningful in terms of determining the schools' power ranking for the state tournament. Minnechaug and Monson were successful in secur-

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DEATH NOTICES

Robert "Birdie" W. Berthiaume
Died Nov. 26, 2024
Services Jan. 6, 2024
New England Funeral & Cremation Center

The Journal Register
OBITUARY POLICY

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O B I T U A R I E S

Robert "Birdie" W. Berthiaume

Robert "Birdie" W. Berthiaume, 82, died of heart failure at Baystate Wing Hospital with all his loved ones able to say a last goodbye on Nov. 26, 2024. Born on Jan. 20, 1942 in Palmer, Massachusetts, he was a lifelong Palmer resident, never living more than ¼ mile from the fire station. He was the only child of the late Harold and Stephanie (Swist) Berthiaume. He began working as a firefighter in Palmer as a young boy with his father Harold Berthiaume. He dedicated his life to the Palmer Fire Department following in his father's footsteps. He saved many lives, the first from drowning when he was 18 years old,

then many from fire and from car accidents, using the Jaws of Life. He retired as Deputy Fire Chief in 2004. After retiring, he golfed regularly and was a member of the Valhalla Country Club in Monson. He is survived by his daughters: Terry Couture and her husband Jeffrey of Suffield CT, and Pamela Beane and her husband Brian of Concord, NH. He also leaves three grandchildren: his namesake Robert Harold, Hannah, Kyle and Chief Bill Burnet and his entire fire department family. In addition to the Palm-



er Fire Department, Terry and Pam would like to extend heartfelt thanks to the nurses at Baystate Wing Hospital. On Monday, Jan. 6, 2025 at 11 a.m., Deputy Chief Berthiaume will take his final ride on the fire truck to his graveside service at Oak Knoll Cemetery, 1 Rathbone St., followed by a "Final Toast to Bob" at St. Joe's Club, 8 Commercial Street, Thorndike, MA. New England Funeral & Cremation Center, 25 Mill Street, Springfield, MA has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Annual Tree of Love

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.

Wreaths Across American ceremony, wreath placement

MONSON – This weekend, Wreaths Across America will honor fallen veterans with a ceremony at each of the town's cemeteries. Join us Saturday, Dec. 14 at any of the ceremonies that will be held throughout the morning. The same events will be held at each cemetery. The first ceremony will take place at Hillcrest Cemetery at 9 a.m. The second ceremony will take place at Hillside Cemetery at 10 a.m. The third ceremony will take place at Bethany Cemetery at 11:30 a.m. Please note if you plan to attend and honor a family member, we will invite you to come forward and receive a wreath first, prior to volunteers placing wreaths. We look forward to honoring our veterans with our community. Whether you're attending for the first time or volunteered last year, your presence is valued and appreciated as we Remember, Honor, and Teach. Wreaths Across America extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who has supported our fundraising initiatives throughout the year, whether through donations or by participating in events. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

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loose puck across the goal line, seemingly making it a 2-1 Springfield lead. Despite being called a goal on the ice, the officials gathered and ultimately waved off the tally, and the 1-1 tie carried to the end of regulation. The T-Birds rewarded their netminder in the extra session at 3:42 with their 19-year-old phenom stepping into the spotlight. After Aleksanteri Kaskimaki fed the puck through neutral ice to Dalibor Dvorsky, a 2-on-1 developed with Tucker joining the rush. Dvorsky patiently curled the puck to the middle of the ice around a sprawled defender before launching a perfect shot glove-side on Weeks to give Springfield its second overtime win in as many nights. The rookie's team-leading 10th goal of the season also went down as his first overtime game-winner as a pro. Springfield has now won four straight games and is 8-1-1 in its last ten games, springboarding the team into third place in the Atlantic Division standings. The T-Birds next embark on one of their longest road trips of the season, beginning with a Saturday contest in Wilkes-Barre against the Penguins on Dec. 14 at 6:05 p.m. at Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza.

Police/Fire

Police Logs

Palmer
The Palmer Police Department reported 427 incidents on its logs from Nov. 26 through Dec. 2.

Nov. 26
At 10:30 a.m. police responded to an accident with property damage on Church Street.
At 6:23 p.m. police responded to an accident with property on the corner of Ware Street and Breckenridge Street.
At 9:17 p.m. police gave summons to Santogabriel Morales Rodriguez, 19, of 119 Stafford St., Springfield, for unregistered motor vehicle, uninsured motor vehicle and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.
Nov. 27
At 10:23 a.m. police received sex offender registration.
At 11:34 a.m. police arrested Joshua Smith, 25, of 4058 Church St., Thorndike, on a warrant.
At 12:03 p.m. police received sex offender registration.
At 12:59 p.m. police responded to an accident with property damage and arrested Shanna Mary Toutant,

39, of 11 Cedar Hill St., Palmer, for OUI liquor, negligent operation of a motor vehicle and possession of a class C drug.
At 4:59 p.m. police gave summons to Leeroy J. Laracuate, 36, of 3117 Main St., Bondsville, for speeding and driving with a suspended license.
At 5:48 p.m. police arrested Theresea Amy Wyngowski, 40, unlicensed, on a warrant.
At 8:04 p.m. police gave summons to John Saxon Benjamin, 34, of 27 Hillside Pl., New Britain, CT, for failure to yield and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.
At 10:35 p.m. police received sex offender registration.
Nov. 28
At 2:17 a.m. police gave summons to Hassan Aden, 38, of 25 Laurel Park, Enfield, CT, for failure to stop/yield and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.
At 5:31 p.m. police responded to hit and run accident on Wilbraham Street.
Nov. 29
At 2:47 p.m. police responded to an accident with property dam-

age.
At 4:15 p.m. police received sex offender registration.
Nov. 30
At 4:12 a.m. police responded to an accident with property damage on the corner of Pleasant Street and Central Street.
At 2:25 p.m. police received sex offender registration.
At 4:25 p.m. police received sex offender registration.
At 9:26 p.m. police arrested Matthew Thomas McSweeney, 38, of 10 Gold Street, Westfield, for OUI liquor third offense and possession of open container of alcohol in motor vehicle.
Dec. 1
At 9:01 p.m. police arrested Ana B. Silvacota, 24, of 25 Kirk Dr., Springfield, on a warrant.
At 10:48 p.m. police arrested John Huertas Jr., 41, unlicensed, on a warrant.
Dec. 2
At 1:18 p.m. police arrested Beth Anne Makara, 38, of 18 Parker St., Ware, for OUI liquor and marked lane violation.

Fire Logs

MONSON

The Monson Fire Department responded to 11 fire calls and 29 emergency medical calls for the week of Dec. 2-8.

On Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 9:34 a.m., the department responded with mutual aid to Bennett Road in Hampden to assist with a furnace malfunction, and returned to service at 10:01 a.m.
On Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 3:49 p.m., the department responded with mutual aid to Goodell Road in Stafford, CT to assist with a structure fire, and returned to service at 6:29 p.m.
On Thursday, Dec. 5 at 6:41 a.m., the department responded to the area of Stafford Road and Old Stafford Road for a tree on power lines, and returned to service at 7:05 a.m.
On Thursday, Dec. 5 at 7:36 a.m., the department responded to the area of Brimfield Road for down power lines, and returned to service at 7:46 a.m.
On Thursday, Dec. 5 at 7:59 a.m., the department responded to the area of Wales Road for down power lines, and returned to service at 9:27 a.m.
On Thursday, Dec. 5 at 8:47 a.m., the department responded to the area of East Hill Road for a tree

on power lines, and returned to service at 9:08 a.m.
On Thursday, Dec. 5 at 6:52 p.m., the department responded to East Hill Road at Conant Brooke Dam North Entrance for the search and rescue of a mission person, and returned to service at 8:43 p.m.
On Thursday, Dec. 5 at 7:49 p.m., the Palmer Fire Department responded to Oak Street for a house lockout while the Monson Fire Department was on another fire call, and returned to service at 8:49 p.m.
On Friday, Dec. 6 at 4:56 p.m.,

the department responded to Margaret Street for a fire alarm sounding, and returned to service at 5:17 p.m.
On Friday, Dec. 6 at 8:09 p.m., the department responded with mutual aid to Bridge Street in Palmer for a propane explosion, and returned to service at 9:16 p.m.
On Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7:57 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for a fire panel malfunction, and returned to service at 8:07 a.m.

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Brimfield welcomes Christmas



Members of the Brimfield fire department who helped make sure Santa got here safely from the North Pole. More photos on page 12.

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nation, people could purchase a wreath, decorate it how they would like, and then give it back.

The five wreaths were up and people who came to the tree lighting got the opportunity to vote for their favorite wreath, and the winner was announced at the end of the night.

The first place winner was Wreath #3, decorated with an adorable set of gnomes by Karen and Nate Seybold of Monson, and in second place, Wreath #1 with a beautiful display of angels decorated by a Southbridge resident.

The winner of the First Annual Festival of Wreaths received a gift basket filled with several goodies donated by local businesses, including a bottle of wine from the Brimfield Winery, and gift certificates to the Mug n' Muffin and The Better Bean in Monson, and the Bird Store in Sturbridge.

As an added bonus, the winner received a "coupon" for two hours of "scout labor", where the boys can help with things like yard work.

"Thank you to everyone who participated and to all those that took the time to vote. Hope to see you all next year," said Scout Master Tara Gilman-Sheffield.

No winter event is complete without cocoa and cookies, and the people who came for the night got to enjoy some free hot chocolate donated by Sturbridge Coffee House, complete with a little toppings bar.

The cookies, some made by Assistant Scout Master Jason Seybold, and others donated by the Apple Barn and the First Congregational Church of Brimfield paired nicely with the sweet drinks.

"This is just awesome," said Gilman-Sheffield. "The kids got to interact with the public, and they got to see the troop."

"It's great to see that so many people want to help support Troop 7," said Seybold. "We really have a wonderful community."

The Parks and Rec Department, as well as the DPW and fire department worked alongside Troop 7 in order to make the night a success.

"My favorite part is seeing the kids get excited and getting the community together," said Brendan Fullman, Chair of the Recreation Commission.

The tree light has been going on for decades, but with the Boy Scouts a part of the night, people can look

forward to seeing them at the gatherings and support them in their endeavors.

Santa Claus came at the end of the night on a fire truck, and kids lined up to see the truck with its lights to bring Santa to light up the tree, and afterwards, take a photo with him and tell him their wish list for Christmas.

The tree lighting was a great success, and highlighted a time of community togetherness, and offered a time for friends and family to find warmth on a cold winter night.



Scoutmaster Tara Gilman-Sheffield, pictured with R.J. and Ashtin, both aged 12, sold all their trees and wreaths this weekend.



Steven, age 12, and Zack, age 15, spent their afternoon receiving votes for the Wreath Contest.

Public notices

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD24P2453EA
Estate of:
Brandon Kent Bays
Date of Death: 12/17/2021
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To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Katherine Hawthorne of Greenville, SC requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/30/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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A Personal Represent-

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

BRIMFIELD— Christmas at Hitchcock returns on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 1 to 5 p.m. The popular all ages event will include live music, cookie decorating and crafting, games, face painting, and more. The event is free of charge and there is no registration required. Attendees should dress warmly as the event is held both indoors and outdoors.

Live music will be performed from the building's balcony by The Voice's Noah Lis and local Time Stretches frontman Clark Howell. Listeners can keep warm sipping from free pours of delicious hot chocolate and coffee. Chesnuts and

marshmallows will also be roasted to share with attendees.

Ice carver Mike Roudau will be doing a live ice carving during the event. 4-H will be bringing Phoenix the pony for attendees to greet and pet.

Inside, attendees can decorate cookies, make Christmas crafts, play "reindeer games", and visit with Santa who will arrive at 2 p.m.

"Christmas at Hitchcock feels like a family Christmas party combined with a larger scale holiday event," says Executive Director Cindy Skowyra. "Our space is so much like a home, yet we have all

the trimmings and trappings of an event with all the activities going on."

Attendees can also bring a donation to the organization's Toys for Tots collection, and donations to Hitchcock's annual Friends Campaign, which aims to raise \$15,000 toward operating expenses through individual donations, are also warmly welcomed.

For complete details and schedule, visit www.hitchcockacademy.org. The event is generously sponsored by Hitchcock Pool Water.

Wings of Song presents 'Peace and Joy' Dec. 14-15

STURBRIDGE – Wings of Song, a 45-voice community chorus, will perform "Peace and Joy" on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Anne's Church, 16 Church St., Fiskdale and Sunday, Dec. 15 at 3 p.m. at Evangelical Covenant Church, 24 Child Hill Road, Woodstock, Connecticut.

"Peace and Joy" features pieces from the familiar Handel's Hallelujah Chorus to the original 1818 version of Silent Night that few will know. Composers as modern as Arvo Part, 1990 and Marc-Antoine Charpentier, about 1690.

As Director Nym Cooke said, "This music plunges deep and soars high! This will be a very special concert. I think – on the one hand, meditative, centering, and relaxing; on the other hand, uplifting, inspiring, and energizing. Just the right medicine for these times."

There is no admission charged for the concerts. A free will offering will be collected at intermission. Both venues are handicapped accessible and complimentary refreshments will be provided by the chorus members after the concerts.

Concertgoers are encouraged to arrive early to be sure of seating.

CAMPUS NOTES

Holyoke Community College recognizes fall 2024 graduates

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College is proud to recognize the following students who will complete their requirements for graduation at the end of the fall 2024 semester.

These members of the Class of 2025 were recognized at HCC's second Fall Graduate Reception on Monday, Dec. 2, in the college's Leslie Phillips Theater and will also be invited to participate in HCC's 78th Commencement exercises at the Mass-Mutual Center in Springfield on May 31, 2025.

Holland: John Paul Nash
Monson: Tyler Michael Edwards, Crystal Kenyon, Jacob Rock.
Palmer: Nicole Anderson, Jillian M. Doyle, Matthew Johnson.

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Brimfield welcomes Christmas



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Finn excited to see Santa, telling him he wants a new Power Wheels.



Dave and Ellen enjoying their night with their furry friend Josie.



Little Franklin, asking for a second tablet for Christmas- one for gaming and one for shows, of course!



Santa saying hello to the children, getting them ready to see the tree light up.



Gathering around to get some hot chocolate on a cold night.



Turley Photos by Emily-Rose Pappas
Gabby and Tyler Trainor with their furry friend Scout.



Parker Sheffield and Nathaniel Seybold with Troop 7 enjoying some hot chocolate and preparing to had out some delicious cookies.



The Scouts made and sold "kissing balls" made of pine as Christmas decorations.



The gazebo in the Brimfield common was decorated for the tree-lighting that evening.



Brittany Robbins and Amber Eggelston from Sturbridge Coffee House with their hot cocoa bar set up and ready.



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