

EASTHAMPTON

bankESB raises \$28,000 for local food pantries

EASTHAMPTON – Matthew S. Sosik, president and CEO of bankESB, announced the bank’s fourth annual Neighbors Helping Neighbors fundraising drive raised \$28,000 for local food pantries.

This brings the program’s four-year total to \$137,000. The appeal is part of bankESB’s charitable giving program, The Giving Tree, which reflects the bank’s commitment to making a difference in the neighborhoods it serves. Throughout November, the bank invited customers, employees and members of the community to donate at bankESB branches. All donations received were matched, dollar for dollar, by bankESB and the total divided among food pantries in Western Massachusetts communities the bank serves.

Each of these participating food pantries received \$2,000: The Best Life Food Ministry in Agawam; BUCC Helping Hands Cupboard Food Pantry in Belchertown; The Chicopee Cupboard; Easthampton Community Center Food Pantry; Easthampton Congregational Church Food Cupboard and Oasis Kitchen; The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts in Chicopee; The Hadley Food Pantry; Hilltown Food Pantry in Goshen; Margaret’s Pantry in Holyoke; Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Inc. in South Hadley; Northampton Survival Center; Not Bread Alone in Amherst; Southampton Community Cupboard and Westfield Food Pantry.

“On behalf of bankESB, I’d like to thank all those who generously donated to our Neighbors Helping Neighbors fundraiser to help fight food insecurity in our communities,” said Sosik. “We’re pleased to host this annual appeal and that so much was raised to help families



bankESB’s Southampton office Branch Officer Betsy Schabacker, from left, presents a \$2,000 check to Candice Iwanicki, executive director of Southampton Community Cupboard, one of 14 pantries receiving donations from the bank’s Neighbors Helping Neighbors fundraising campaign to help fight food insecurity.

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in need this past holiday season and into this new year.”

Founded in 1869 as Easthampton Savings Bank, bankESB is headquartered in Easthampton. Through their sponsorship and charitable giving program, The Giving Tree, bankESB and the Easthampton Savings Bank Charitable Foundation support non-profit organizations and causes throughout Hampden and Hampshire counties. In 2023 alone, The Giving Tree donated nearly \$635,000 and over the past decade has donated more than \$3.6 million.



Daniel R. Carey (D-Easthampton), left, was sworn in as Hampshire County Clerk of Courts with his wife, Melissa and son, Mick at his side by Superior Court Judge Michael K. Callan on Wednesday, Jan. 1.

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Daniel Carey sworn in as Clerk of Courts

EASTHAMPTON – Daniel R. Carey (D-Easthampton) was sworn in as Hampshire County Clerk of Courts during a New Year’s Day ceremony at Old Town Hall in Easthampton.

“I’m excited to get to work tomorrow to ensure that the Hampshire County Superior Court continues to be among the very best in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,” Carey said after thanking his family, friends and supporters.

Carey was elected to the posi-

tion in November 2024 after serving three consecutive two-year terms in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. Carey succeeds retiring Clerk Harry J. Jekanowski, Jr.

The oath of office was administered by Superior Court Judge Michael K. Callan. Carey’s father, retired Superior Court Judge Richard J. Carey, served as the emcee. The event was legally required to take place on the first Wednesday of January, which this year happened to fall on the holiday.

WORTHINGTON

COA to hold potluck luncheon

WORTHINGTON – The Council on Aging will hold a potluck luncheon on Monday, Jan. 13 at noon in Town Hall.

Marianne Shelvey, a Worthington resident and the First Assistant District Attorney of the Berkshire County District Attorney’s Office, will present “Knowledge of Power – Elder Safety Empowerment” following the luncheon at 12:30 p.m.

Rachel Webber, Elder Abuse Unit Coordinator for the Northwestern

District Attorney, Northampton Office will also speak along with a representative from the Consumer Projection Unit. The District Attorney’s office is trained and prepared for the special needs of the elderly population and to ensure equal access to the criminal system. People can attend one or both events.

They will also have a blood pressure clinic. People may call the podiatrist nurse, Deb Deane, at 413-667-5363 to make an appointment.

‘Book Nook’ offers books to The Maples residents

WORTHINGTON – On Wednesday, Jan 15 at 1:30 p.m. The Worthington Library and The Maples will kick off their new collaboration, “Book Nook” at The Maples, 48 Old North Road.

The Worthington Library is delivering books and audiobooks to The Maples for residents each month beginning this month.

The Maples director has distrib-

uted a survey to the residents asking for their preferred authors and genres.

The Worthington Library director has compiled a selection of books and board members will bring them to The Maples on Wednesday Jan 15.

Residents and library board members will be in attendance in the community room to peruse the selections and for cookies and cider.

Job Connection

HELPING YOU FIND HELP

JOB POSTING – OPERATOR/LABORER Town of Montgomery

The Montgomery Highway Department is currently hiring for an Operator/Laborer Position. The position works under the supervision of the Highway Superintendent, an operator/ laborer will perform a broad range of manual work and operate motorized equipment in support of construction, maintenance, and repair operations for the Department. Candidate must have or obtain all required licenses within (1) one year of start date (see the full job description for required skills/experience/training). Existing CDL and hoisting licenses preferred. Must pass a MADOT physical. Must also provide a current copy of your driving record from the Registry of Motor Vehicles to be considered for this position. The pay rate is \$22.00 to \$26.50 per hour. Paid health and dental insurance, vacation time, a retirement plan and 11 paid holidays. Please email townhall@montgomeryma.gov to receive a current job description and employment application. This position will remain open until filled. The town of Montgomery is an equal opportunity employer.

PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF HUNTINGTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) of the Town of Huntington will hold the Continuance of the May 14, 2024 public hearing on **Tuesday, January 21, 2025 beginning at 6:00 pm** in Stanton Hall.

The Public Hearing Continuance is for the Special Permit Application of Hull Forestlands, LP c/o William B. Hull for

an Earth Removal Operation at 61 Goss Hill Road (Parcel # 324-32-A), 0 Goss Hill Road (Parcel # 326-26-0) & 0 Worthington Road (Parcel # 326-24-0).

A copy of the application will be available for review at the Public Hearing.

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) of the Town of Huntington will hold another public hearing on **Tuesday, January 28, 2025 beginning at 6:00 pm** in Stanton Hall.

This Public Hearing is for the Special Permit Application

of Robert Hebert and Ingrid Evenson to operate Boulder Designs by Huntington Stone Works, LLC in their garage at 224 Worthington Road, Parcel Number 326-12-0.

A copy of this application will be available for review at the Public Hearing, or by appointment with the Town Administrator during regular office hours (Monday-Thursday 10-3).

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TOWN OF HUNTINGTON
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