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West Ware **Street** residents share stormwater concerns

By Harrison Giza Staff Writer hgiza@turley.com

PALMER - The Conservation Commission came together this past Tuesday night to discuss their environmental agenda for the new year.

Commission Conservation Chair Donald Blais Jr. spoke just before the meeting began, asking for a moment of silence dedicated to Brenda Cole, a recently deceased member of the commission.

"Brenda would always try to figure out what was the best for everyone," Blais said. "To her family my thoughts and prayers are with you."

Blais then introduced new member Elizabeth O'Connor, who said she was happy to serve on the commission.

"I have a lot of experience, interest, and passion working with things that involve the environment. I want to make sure that the way we all need and want to live works nicely with our need to protect the environment. I am happy to be here, I look forward to working with all of you, and hopefully I can have a really great impact on your group," O'Connor said.

After welcoming O'Connor, members began to discuss the culvert collapse and catch basin on



Teacher, Greg Koss and the Odean family, Aaliyah, Jessica, Djavan, and Arely were at the PHS **Open House.**

Parents and guardians get valuable face-toface time with

Turley photo by Marcelo Gusmao

at Palmer High School

By Marcelo Gusmão Staff Writer mgusmao@turley.com

PALMER – Last Thursday, the high school held an open house to invite parents to get to know the staff and learn about their students' curriculum

the parents as they follow their child's schedule, going from class to class and meeting the teachers. At the start of the event, a halfhour presentation was held in the auditorium with the administration.

enters about upcoming class-The open house provides the es and their experience," Anne faces together is really what the staff with an opportunity to meet Pouliot, a history teacher, said.

Pouliot said that the parents were then taken on a rotation of presentations done by each of the teachers on their child's schedule. She described these as "a 10-minute get-to-know-us."

'It's not a conference time, "This year, we had student it's just getting to know people," Pouliot said. "Putting names and

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Local grants awarded to town of Palmer

PALMER — Beth Zelazo, chair of the Palmer Cultural Council, has announced the award of thirteen grants in 2024 for cultural programs in Palmer, MA. The Council received 31 grant applications totaling \$48,062. However, the amount the Palmer Cultural Council received from Mass Cultural Council for this year was \$17,120 making this a difficult year of decision making.

Previous grant recipients include Palmer Council on Aging, Pathfinder Regional Vocation Technical High School, Palmer High and Old Mill Pond Schools, Palmer Public Library and Palmer Historical Cultural Center. A complete list of 2024 recipients and grant amounts can be found below.

The Palmer Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils (LCCs) serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences, and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

Decisions about which ac-

West Ware Street as well as delve into how dire irrigation and unreg-

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tivities to support are made at the community level by a board of

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Chris Smith (center) stopped by the reception table where (from left) Sue Bigda and Denise Donovan were working with Cheryl Mack (not pictured).

Tailgate Tavern raises money with annual Soup Cook-Off

By Marcelo Gusmão Staff Writer mgusmao@turley.com

PALMER - Last Saturday, Tailgate Tavern was once again packed with entrants and attendees eager to participate in the annual Soup Cook-Off.



tavern in 2018, involves entrants bringing in a crock-pot of homemade soup, which attendees get to sample and vote on for a fee of \$5. The event was arranged to benefit Light Up Palmer, which just celebrated another successful holiday season of decorating the town.

At 1 p.m. on Saturday, both rooms of the tavern were packed with the chefs who had entered the contest and the variety of people who showed up to try their soup

The contest, first held by the and enjoy the festivities.

There were as many as 27 entrants into the contest this year. Staff at the tavern announced that they were able to raise \$2,730 for Light Up Palmer this year.

The entries ranged from beef stew to chicken noodle soup to lobster bisque and buffalo chicken soup to mulligatawny stew, which was served in small cups with a selection of bread. The entrants all

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DDS talks about insurance at library

By Marcelo Gusmão Staff Writer mgusmao@turley.com

PALMER - Last week, representatives from local unions arranged to have a talk about social security and insurance at the Palmer Public Library.

Stacy Stackhouse, president of the Local 24 union in Palmer, and Heather Strange, vice president of Local 17 in Ludlow, were both in attendance at the event that was held

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Ed Keefe spoke about the process to apply for insurance with social security.

Early voting hours for Palmer

PALMER— The Town of Palmer will be having early presidential voting on Satur- 29, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. day, Feb. 24, from 9 a.m. to 5 At the Town Clerk's office, p.m.; Monday, Feb. 26, from 4417 Main St.

8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Feb. 27 through Thursday, Feb.

WILDLIFE

Watching with eagle eyes

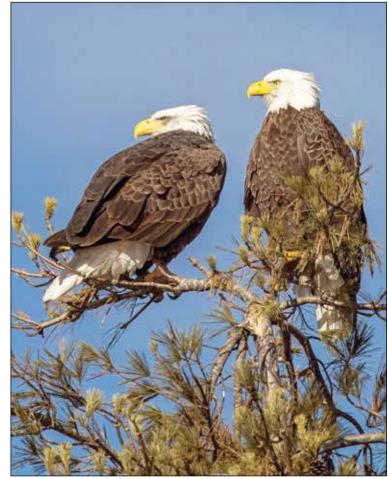


Photo by Kyle Tourville These bald eagles perched in a pine tree at Forest Lake in Palmer.



RIGGS

This is Riggs, a Golden Retriever living in Monson. He loves to play fetch and go swimming. He also likes snuggles and treats. 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.

St. Mary's Church hosts Polish plate dinner

WARE - St. Mary's Church, 57 South St., will be having a pre-order take-out dinner on Saturday, March 9.

The dinner will consist of four pierogi, one golombek, kielbasa, kapusta and rye bread. The cost of the dinner is \$20.

The dinner will be cold and will need reheating. Place your order by calling Sylvia at 413-436-9268 or Diane at 413-967-5207 from noon-7 p.m. starting Wednesday, Feb. 14 through Saturday, Feb. 24.

Curbside pickup will be available between 11:30 a.m.-noon for anyone with a handicap card. Please let them know when you call in your order.

All other orders will be picked up in the church hall. You will be given a time between noon-2 p.m. for your pick up when you call.

Please put your money in an envelope with your name, number of dinners and pick up number. St. Mary's Church thanks you for your continued patronage.

Country Bank makes large donation to QVCDC



Left to right, Lisa DiMarzio, Vice President of Compliance and CRA at Country Bank, Melissa Fales, Executive Director and James DaRosa, Loan Program Coordinator for the QVCDC.

PALMER— Country Bank announced a \$10,000 donation to the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation to support various programs to help local communities in

the region. "The Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation is grateful for this generous donation from Country Bank. We appreciate Country Bank's support for our initiatives and its investment in the economic growth and stability of the Quaboag Region," stated Melissa Fales, QVCDC executive director.

To learn more about the various

support programs the OVCDC offers, visit www.QVCDC.org.

About Country Bank

Country Bank is a full-service \$1.7B with 17.0% Tier 1 Capital mutual community bank serving central and western Massachusetts with 14 offices in Ware, Palmer, West Brookfield, Brimfield, Belchertown, Wilbraham, Ludlow, Leicester, Paxton, Charlton and Worcester. Country Bank is a member of FDIC, DIF, and the SUM network. Country Bank can be reached at 800-322-8233 or online at countrybank.com.

Hitchcock Academy February events

BRIMFIELD— Hitchcock Academy, 2 Brookfield Road, has packed its calendar with healthy distractions to help warm the spirit and weather the dreariness. Sign up for some crafting, music lessons, cupcake decorating, or a magic show.

February Vacation is fast-approaching and Hitchcock has offerings to keep kids busy. The week begins with daily morning programs for kids in grades K - 4. Let the kids embark on a journey of snowy fun and discovery. The kids' winter wonderland promises days filled with laughter, learning, fresh air, and hands-on fun. The program runs Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and is open to kids in all

sented in partnership with Opacum Land Trust. This workshop welcomes participants to escape the winter doldrums and think spring as they ready a home for winged visitors. Pine cone bird feeders will be made as well. Registration is required and there is a \$10 fee per house. This program was made possible with support from Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary.

Friday Feb. 23 at 1:30 p.m. with a laughter-filled comedy magic show that the entire family will enjoy with Fran Flynn, magician extraordinaire. Children and adults take part in the show as volunteers to help create the magic. Watch in amazement as a "live dove" and a "live rabbit" make magical appearances. The show is 45 minutes in duration. Each child receives a magic wand to take home.



17 entrants brought soups to compete against each other at the Tavern.



Michael Wadas announced the winners of the raffles.

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did their best to provide a tasty soup for the patrons who attended the afternoon bash.

One entrant, Josh Messina, shared that his beef stew took 48 hours to cook. Made with beef stock, corned beef, salt, pepper, marjoram and Italian seasoning, with onions, organic potatoes and shaved carrots, Messina's stew was among the favorites in the contest.

"I had fun, I love cooking," Messina said. "My daughter will be disappointed that none of that soup is coming home

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ulated water issues have started to find their way into residential properties.

Brian and Sheryl Jyringi, a couple who have been encountering a series of water-related problems where they live, spoke about their experiences with

Palmer's diverted water.

way weather is now. Things are being changed quite a bit."

Blais talked about how the commission and the property owners could move forward to find a solution to this issue.

"I just want to be able to find the best solution so that this does not continue. My concern is long term," Blais said. "We are probably going to get more of these rain events, I wouldn't be surprised if we got one this summer or in a couple of years...but as I said earlier and I'll say it again, I think this is an example of why we have to address this now."

with us."

Winners of both the soup contest and the door raffle were announced by Michael Wadas, who announced in previous years and has served as the regular football announcer. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the soup sampling and the raffle baskets went directly to Light Up Palmer.

Tailgate Tavern is located at 1012 Central St. For more information, you can visit their Facebook page or call them at 413-289-2009.

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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, fi nance, 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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school districts. Cake decorating with Sue Gaulin

of Let's Cake Decorate on Wednesday, Feb. 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. Gaulin's class invites participants to learn buttercream piping skills to create super cute cow cupcakes, using fondant to shape the nose, ears, and horns. All supplies are provided with use of the instructor's decorating tools. Step-by-step instructions will be given. Each registration includes a box of six cupcakes (three vanilla and three chocolate). There will be extra cupcakes on hand for mishaps and snacking. A set of cupcakes can be shared under one registration.

Thursday, Feb. 22 at 3 p.m. is a Birdhouse Building workshop pre-

Registration for all of these programs can be found at www.hitchcockacademy.org.

Mosaics on Tuesday, February 13 from 6 to 9pm and a winter-themed Stained Glass on Tuesday, Feb. 27 from 5 to 9 p.m.

On Tuesday from 9 to11:30 a.m., Hitchcock has a Watercolor Art Group that meets to socialize, paint together, and offer one another feedback. No registration is needed; simply show up to join in.

More information can be found at www.hitchcockacademy.org.

"Again, we are stressing that it is a 24-inch pipe that has been in place since we moved in 1987," said Sheryl Jyringi. "It's worked absolutely fine until the rocks were compromised and settled due to the water coming down West Ware into our driveway. That is what started to close the pipe off."

The Jyringis explained their issues in front of the commission, detailing how both they and their contractor felt about the matter. David Cotter, a longtime commission member, shared his thoughts on the Jyringi's water issues as well as the problems with state regulations at large.

"The guidelines are being changed as we speak," Cotter said. "With the state and with the storm water and even with the wetlands, just because of the

Blais said the overall infrastructure needs to be addressed.

"How many more rain events do we need before we have proof that this is happening?" he said.

The Jyringis invited the commission members to their property to see the damage firsthand and try to find a solution.

Their next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 6:30 p.m.



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Craft/Small Business Fair February 10th, 9am-3 pm

Vendors include handmade woodcrafts, candles, soaps, seasonal decor, pottery, jewelry, and many more!

Enjoy a fun day of shopping and make this your one stop shop for Valentine's Day, or shop early for Mother's Day and Father's Day!

80+ vendors participating in the fair, there will also be a huge raffle table, so please be sure to bring cash

There will be no ATM on site. Venmo / Cashapp / etc. accepted at the discretion of vendors.

Fair Location is at the Quaboag Regional Middle High School, 284 Old West Brookfield Road, Warren, MA

St. Paul's of Palmer hosts a fundraising Pasta Dinner

needs security support, medical aid,

and other humanitarian aid." Since

1996, conflict in eastern DRC has led

one of the cofounders of Kids In the

Congo had this to say about the im-

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education of Congo's young people is

the key to lifting Congo out of pover-

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dent, his/her family, their village and

eventually the broader community. It

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minister of the dinner's host St. Paul's

Church, "The overarching purpose

According to Rev. Steven Sousa,

only a bleak existence."

Fr. Salvator Musande, who is

to approximately six million deaths.

Dinner to aid "The Kids in The Congo" to be held on March 2

PALMER - A Pasta and Meatball dinner to benefit the Kids In the Congo non-profit organization will be held in Palmer on Sat., March 2, at 5:30 p.m. Kids in The Congo is a local group that works in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to build and furnish classrooms for Congolese children. It is also engaged in farm animal and well building projects. The Pasta & Meatball dinner will be hosted by St. Paul's Church of Palmer.

Kids In The Congo is based in Fiskdale Massachusetts, it is a non-profit organization which provides educational support to children in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

In addition, they have provided school sponsorships, uniforms, backpacks and school supplies.

They also raise money to build classrooms, purchase school furnishings and establish libraries. Another current project is the 'Farm Animal Project'.

A future project will entail drinking well creation for two nearby villages. Lynne Brouilette of Fiskdale, the organization's president, has taken various trips to the Congo. Board members and other volunteers are located in Western and Central Massachusetts

Kids in the Congo is partnered with the Augustinians of the Assumption (Assumptionists), a religious order with priests and brothers working in parishes throughout Congo. To learn more about the organization see their website www.KidsInTheCongo.

The Democratic Republic of

the Congo with a population of 112 of the dinner is to benefit an importmillion people is one of the poorant local non-profit organization that est and most dangerous countries in is helping children in one of the most the world. In a report by the Global impoverished and dangerous areas of Conflict tracker "the DRC is home the world. We can make a small yet to nearly 7 million people who have significant impact in people's lives, been internally displaced due to the who may live a continent away, yet threat of violence and atrocities, exare an intimate part of our human treme poverty, and mining expansion. family.' The displaced population urgently

Tickets for the Kids In the Congo dinner are only available in advance by calling 413 283-8185, or at www. StPaulsPalmer.org 'Events' page. Ticket prices are \$15. Per person, \$25. per family, children are free. The dinner begins at 5:30 with hors d'oeuvres served before the meal. A presentation by Lynn Brouilette of the Kids In the Congo, will follow the meal.

About St. Paul's **Church of Palmer:**

Since 1937, St. Paul's has faithfully served the greater Palmer community through various outreach and spiritual avenues. At its heart is the message of grace, acceptance, and love.

New legislation for survivors of spousal abuse

BOSTON- In a significant stride toward defending survivors of spousal abuse, State Sen. Jake Oliveira (Hampden, Hampshire & Worcester District) filed new legislation titled "An Act to Protect Survivors of Spousal Abuse from Alimony Liability." The bill aims to provide a safeguard for individuals who have experienced abuse within a marriage and prevent them from having to make alimony payments after separation.

"This legislation's core purpose is to protect survivors of abuse. It is unconscionable to me that a survivor of spousal abuse, who had the courage to get away from an abusive partner, should have to be reminded of that abuse and continue to pay for it once the marriage is over." said Oliveira.

According to Oliveira, the legislation introduces crucial changes to existing statutes that ensure survivors of spousal abuse are not burdened by alimony liability to an abusive partner once the relationship is ended. The legislation comprehensively defines what constitutes an "abusive spouse" and "abuse" to include physical harm, inducing fear of imminent serious physical harm, and engaging a spouse involuntarily in sexual relations through force, threat, or duress. By amending various sections of Chapter 208 and Chapter 209A of the General Laws, the proposed act explicitly states that the court shall decline alimony to a spouse convicted of abuse. If enacted into law, the legislation will also empower spouses who have previously paid alimony to a partner with a conviction of abuse to file a petition with the court to terminate the alimony.

Under the new law, the court may also reconsider previous alimony contracts and terminate them in the case of a domestic conviction by a spouse. Additionally, the legislation includes measures to eliminate language that may undermine the severity of abuse.

The proposed legislation will take effect upon passage, pending approval by the Legislature.



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municipally appointed volunteers. The members of the Palmer Cultural Council are: Beth Zelazo, Sandra Noonan, Donald Blais, Janice Fountain, Jan Mc-Coy, Judith Bechard, Kathy Scarglia and Chris Reim.

"It's the local volunteers who really make this system work," said Mrs. Zelazo. "They make limited resources go as far as possible, and they make the tough decisions about which projects should be supported. Thanks to them, the people's everyday lives in every commu- field trips or in-school programs to Old nity across the state.'

the survey results, the segments of Palmer population that the Council should reach out to when reviewing grant applications were seniors, families, youth, teens, people with disabilities, low income, and homebound. Our priorities when awarding grant funds to applicants should be events that appeal to the entire community, nature and science, local history and culture, art education in schools, and field trips. Using the information provided from the survey, the Palmer arts, sciences, and humanities are part of Cultural Council awarded five grants for

com. Applications and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available online at www. massculturalcouncil.org

This year's grants include:

\$450 Fanfare Brass Christmas Sing Along at St. Paul Universalist/Unitarian Church

\$260 Common Threads in the Cloth of Humanity - Old Mill Pond

\$1,790 Field Trip to the Worcester Ecotarium - Old Mill Pond

town Community Christmas Celebration \$1,250 Field Trip to Hanover The-

ater A Christmas Carol - Palmer High School

\$600 Field Trip to Worcester Bravehearts: Baseball in Education Days -Palmer High School

\$3,838 8th Grade Field Trip to Washington, DC – Palmer High School \$300 Palmer/Monson Family Net-

work – Art and Music in the Park \$5,436 5th Grade Ecology School

Trip to Saco ME – Old Mill Pond

\$300 Name That TV Theme Song -

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which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph. Death Notices & Paid Obituaries should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

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DEADLINE

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

We appreciate the cooperation of our readers.

Palmer Community Development hosting meeting

PALMER - The town's Community Development Department is hosting a series of meetings highlighting various projects managed by the Department.

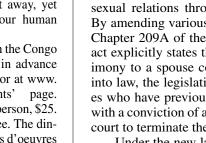
Past and ongoing projects include Housing Rehabilitation assistance, Park Improvements, and Public Social Services such as Domestic Violence Prevention and transportation assistance for the Quaboag Connector. The Department also provides winter heating assistance to Palmer residents in need.

Meetings will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 5:30 p.m., at the Palmer Historical and Cultural Center located at 2072 Main Street in Three Rivers; Monday, Feb. 26 at 4 p.m., at the Community Development Office, 4417 Main Street; and on Monday, March 4, at 5:30 p.m., at the Community Development Office, 4417 Main Street.

All Community Development initiatives are open for discussion. Special emphasis will be directed to proposed infrastructure improvements to Maple Street and Maple Terrace within the Three Rivers section of town.

Funding has been secured for Maple Street, and efforts are now under way to seek additional funds for Maple Terrace. Proposed improvements include upgrades to the road and sidewalk surfaces, upgrades to the storm water drainage and sanitary sewer systems, and replacement of water lines.

The Department intends to apply for a Community Development Block Grant due by March 25. Residents are encouraged to attend any of the upcoming meetings to provide comments and support. Refreshments will be provided on the February 21 meeting date.





For more information, please contact the Community Development Department at 413-283-2614.

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in the library's Community Room. As both unions are branches of the Department of Developmental Services, the event drew a number of state and municipal employees.

"A lot of our folks were interested in talking to the retirement board," Stackhouse said. "They're of the older generation, so a lot of them aren't computer savvy. We thought by having this here, in a general area, this would be a great way to get the two locals together, for them to come and get some information."

The speaker at the event was Ed Keefe, who talked about the process to apply for insurance with social security. The unions also had a representative from Aflac, which offers a discount to members of

> their unions. For

Statewide, more than \$5 million will be distributed by local cultural councils in 2024. Grants will support an enormous range of grassroots activities: concerts, exhibitions, radio and video productions, field trips for schoolchildren, after-school youth programs, writing workshops, historical preservation ef-

nature and science education programs for families and town festivals. Nearly half of LCC funds support educational activities for young people.

In 2022, the Palmer Cultural Council conducted a community wide survey asking for input on what residents wanted to see in the form of cultural activities. One hundred eighty eight people

responded. According to

Mill Pond, three grants for field trips for students at Palmer High School, three grants for community events, one grant to the Council on Aging and one grant for preschool music and art in the park.

The Palmer Cultural Council will seek applications again in the fall for 2025. For guidelines and complete information on the Palmer Cultural Council,

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Please contact Pat James 413-726-8661.



LEGAL NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of Corporators of Country Bank for Savings will be held on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at 420 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA for the election of Corporators, Trustees and any other business as required by law or the Bylaws of Country Bank for Savings.

> **Dawn Piechota** Clerk of the Corporation

Viewpoints



Will my WEP reduction go away if I continue working?

Dear Rusty

I'm 63 years old and have not yet started my Social Security.

I now work for the State of Illinois and will draw a pension from that state's university system. I don't pay into Social Security from this position and, as a result, my Social Security payment will be reduced. But I have also worked elsewhere and contributed to Social Security for 26 years.

If I retire from the state university and begin drawing my reduced Social Security payment and then work in a different job, which does contribute to SS, will the reduction to my Social Security payment ever be eliminated? Or will I be permanently stuck with the smaller Social Security payment?

Signed Curious Educator

Dear Curious

A rule called the Windfall Elimination Provision will apply to your Social Security benefit because your Illinois state pension was earned without paying into the Social Security program. The basic rule is that anyone with a pension earned without contributing to Social Security and who is also entitled to Social Security benefits, is subject to WEP, which reduces that person's Social Security retirement benefit. It's a law enacted many years ago to equalize how SS benefits are paid to all Social Security beneficiaries.

However, the WEP rules also provide relief for those who have only a small non-covered pension and for those who have separately contributed to Social Security for a lot of years. For example:

The WEP reduction to your SS benefit cannot be more than 50% of your non-covered (IL) pension

The WEP reduction is smaller for each year over 20 years contributing to Social Security from substantial earnings

WEP does not apply to those who have at least 30 years contributing to SS from substantial earnings

Although you could retire at 63 and collect your pension from the university and also collect your WEP-reduced Social Security, you have something else to consider if you take another job, which pays into Social Security.

Social Security has an annual "earnings test" for those who collect benefits before their Full Retirement Age. The earnings test limits



Spare the vase this Valentine's Day

My husband gave me a bouquet of roses on the first Valentine's Day we spent together.

They were beautiful in the vase, but I felt bad that he had spent the money he did for the gift. Being in the business, I told him how much roses are marked up because of the holiday.

It's a supply and demand thing mostly, and tradition to give them of course, but wouldn't it be nice if we received a gift that kept on giving? One solution would be to preorder your sweetheart a rose bush through a mail-order nursery.

What excitement it will bring when it arrives in springtime, and then imagine the delight when it blooms year after

year. If your interest is piqued, then read on to learn about proper planting techniques and basic rose culture, so that you (or your sweetheart!) will be a successful rose

> grower. Rose bush-

es will be shipped once it is deemed safe from freezing temperatures. In my experience, mail-order roses can arrive anywhere from the end of April through the end of May.

First off, unpack the rose and soak its roots in room temperature water for at least one hour (and up to twelve). This is necessary to rehydrate roots that may have dried out in the shipping process.

Once rehydrated, the rose is ready for a quick pruning. Carefully snip back any broken or crossing canes.

A rose bush 8-12" tall at planting will start out nice and bushy. If you need to trim back canes that are longer than that, prune back to an out-facing bud, that way growth will be directed out and not towards the plant's center.

in mind, position the rose on the mound at the proper depth and begin to refill the hole with soil, a third of the hole at a time, firming as you go.

Once the rose bush has been planted, water it well at the base of the plant (a couple gallons at least). If you find that the water isn't sinking in, but running away, dam up a couple inches of soil about a foot away from the base of the plant to act like a basin.

Water is crucial at this stage; never let a newly planted rose dry out. A three inch layer of bark mulch or cocoa bean hulls can be applied around the rose to reduce moisture loss and discourage weed competition.

> Avoid fertilizing until the rose has broken dormancy and is growing vigorously. Use half strength fertilizer and only do so until mid-July so that succulent growth will have a chance to harden before cold

This way your rose will be less prone to winter kill. I do not provide any

There will likely be a few branch tips that suffer winter kill regardless. Those I prune back in springtime when

I prune just past the damage, at a

from rose bushes to direct energy away production. Where the cut is made de-

Life Together

James Baldwin wrote: "I imagine the reason so many people cling to their hate, is because, if they had to let it go, they would have to deal with their pain."

February is Black History Month. For some when reminded they say, "been there done that, they had their chance." Some states erase Black History lest it offend others.

Hateful rhetoric and acts of violence are born in pain, a pain ignored, buried, not allowed to be processed or healed. This pain, this trauma, is not an excuse for bad behavior; we are held accountable.

But, if we could find a way to meet "the other" whom we fear or fail to understand, we might break through the violence which creates fear and division. If we could break through the pain, we might find we have a lot in common.

When such pain dominates the thinking and feeling of a person, they will look for a scapegoat to blame and eliminate

People of color, Jews, people of various sexual orientation, mentally ill people, and many developmentally delayed youth, are victims of this abuse born in pain.

What pain have you had which may have moved you to fear, judgment of others, and hate? How are you dealing with your pain?

Some self-medicate and live with addiction, which fosters anger and abuse. Some refuse to acknowledge their pain so are unavailable for a relationship. Some just say it is what it is and do not control their anger.

Many damaged individuals will find others with whom they can bond in their common pain and hate; remember the neo-Nazis in Charlottesville, Virginia, "Jews will not replace us".

Many young male school shooters are identified as disturbed, traumatized, and clearly dangerous, after-the-fact of the massacre. Again, he needs to be held accountable, and or his parents who aided him in preparation for such a violent act.

Yet, what if we could get to him before he acted out? One young man pleaded with his parents to get him a doctor and asked for help, and they laughed him off and said, "deal with it".

What pain are the parents failing to deal with that they would reject help for their son?

We cannot erase our common history; black or white, or whatever ethnic context. The beginning of change, renewal, and transformation, begins with me, with you, dealing with our pain, so we do not project it on others and hate or hurt them.

Black History Month is an opportunity to face history and ourselves.

I too imagine the reason many cling to our, their, hate, is because, if they let it go, they would have to deal with our, their, pain.

Rev. Dr. Randy Wilburn Minister, Therapist, Consultant

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winter cover for my roses.

the roses start to leaf out.

leaf bud. Besides that, and general shaping, the only other pruning I do is deadheading.

Spent blooms should be removed from seed production and back to flower

weather hits.

how much you can earn while collecting early SS before they take away some of your benefits. The earnings limit for 2024 is \$22,320 and, if that is exceeded, you will lose \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit.

If your work earnings substantially exceed the earnings limit, you would likely be temporarily ineligible to receive Social Security benefits. FYI, the earnings test no longer applies once you reach your full retirement age, which for you is 67.

Without knowing your expected income from a new job, I can't say how much of your SS you would be able to receive, but you can use this as a guide: Social Security will take away benefits equal to half of what you exceed the annual earnings limit by and they typically recover by withholding future benefits.

If 12 months or more of benefits are withheld, you will be temporarily ineligible to receive benefits until your earnings are less or you reach your full retirement age, the earnings test no longer applies once you reach your FRA. So, depending on your expected annual work earnings, you may wish to defer claiming your Social Security until you either earn less or reach 67 years of age.

If you already have 26 years contributing to Social Security from "substantial earnings," your WEP reduction will already be mitigated and any additional years of substantial earnings from which SS payroll taxes are deducted will result in an even smaller WEP reduction.

If you can achieve 30 years of SS contributions from substantial work earnings, WEP will no longer apply. So, you may not be "stuck with" the WEP reduction permanently, but you will need to contact Social Security to request that your WEP reduction amount be reviewed in light of any additional years of SS-covered earnings. This should be done after you submit your income taxes each year you have additional SS-covered earnings.

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Consider placement carefully. To bloom their best, roses need, at the very least, six hours of sunshine.

Morning sun is preferred, so that dewy foliage will dry quickly, diminishing the chances of foliar disease such as black spot or powdery mildew. Soil should drain well and be rich in nutrients or amended to that end.

The planting hole should be prepared while the rose bush is soaking. Dig a hole about twice the diameter of the plant's roots, roughly one and a half feet by one and a half feet.

As long as the soil removed from the hole is decent, in other words, not all sand or clay, 50% of it can be mixed with well-rotted manure (fresh will burn!) or cured compost, and used as back fill. First, take a small amount of the mixture

and make a mound in the hole for the plant to sit on and the roots to spread down.

In our locale, and anywhere that temperatures dip below 0°F, the graft union (the bump at the plants base), if there is one, should be planted two inches below the soil surface. With that

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pends on the type of rose that you have.

Over the last decade, tremendous gains have been made in rose breeding, resulting rose bushes that blend well into landscape plantings and require less maintenance for the homeowner. I still enjoy my heirlooms, and grow the Rugosa to remind me of the beach.

Still others prefer climbers or hybrid teas. Whatever your sweetheart may fancy, indulge this Valentine's Day in a gift that will keep on giving!

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UPCOMING

The Town of Palmer will be having early presidential voting on Saturday, Feb. 24, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Monday, Feb. 26, from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Feb. 27 through Thursday, Feb. 29, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. At the Town Clerk's office, 4417 Main St.

Tickets for the 25th annual Second Chance Dinner Auction are now available for purchase. This significant fundraising event marks the kickoff of Second Chance's yearlong 25th-anniversary celebration, promising an evening of philanthropy and joy to benefit homeless shelter pets in need of veterinary care. The event is scheduled for Saturday, March 23, at the La Salle Reception Center in Southbridge. For individuals interested in sponsoring, donating items, or attending the event, complete information and tickets can be found at http://www.secondchanceanimals.org/dinner-auction.

ONGOING

The Swift River Sportsman's Club, 350 Cold Spring Road, is announcing their Friday fish fry is returning on Fridays, starting Feb. 16 and running through April 5. Prices range from \$14 for fish and chips to \$18 for a fish, shrimp and chip combo. Clam Chowder will also be available. Come out and enjoy one of the best fish dinners in the area with generous portions. For more information, please call the club at 413-323-9387.

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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.

BINGO IS BACK at Amvets Post 74, 2150 Main St., Three Rivers, on Mondays. The kitchen opens at 4:30 p.m. Early Bird starts at 6:25 p.m. Call the Post at 413-283-4518 for further information.

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

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: 6 p.m., every Tuesday night at Memorial Hall with Randy Emerson. Free, no registration. Presented by Monson Parks & Rec and the Monson Free Library,



Kaylee Hotchkiss (right) talks to Paul and Monique Shipman and Beverly Cutty.



David Morales, Heather Korzen, Heather Santos, and Marc Oldenburg







Erik Brennan and Barbara Choiniere were all smiles for the school visitors.

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biggest part of it is. Now, next time they see me, they can say, 'now I know who you are and where I can find you.'"

These statements were echoed by fellow teacher Barbara Choiniere.

"It's not like a parent/teacher conference," Choiniere said. "It's like this is what we teach, these are the expectations, so they know 'My kid needs a notebook for this class,' or, 'I have to have my Chromebook charged every day,' (and) those kinds of expectations." Another teacher, Erik Brennan, added that the teachers often take this opportunity to check in with parents afterwards, either to answer questions, address concerns or just to touch base.

Math teacher Zach Charette (left) posed with history teachers Anne Pouliot and Tom Jerard.

Melissa Messing, Jennifer Maloney, Jhett and Mickey Chancery-Denis, and Madison and Ken Lizak were in attendance at the PHS Open House.



Mike and Janessa Surprise visited with Robin Santos.



Turley photo by Marcelo Gusmao **Parent and students listen to a presentation.**

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FarmerMatt.com 860 West Brookfield Rd. New Braintree, MA As the teachers readily awaited people to sit in their classrooms, they all agreed that the opportunity to meet the parents is a great way to connect with the students and their families.

"It's nice to see the parents and guardians and students here," said Math Teacher Brittany North. "It's nice to get to talk to them about what their student does every day."

North said she liked to see that the parents were very engaged and curious about their student's studies.

"It's usually very pleasant," Choiniere said. "I've never had a parent who didn't respond well to my feedback and interest in their child."

Brennan and Choiniere shared that though much of their interaction with parents is done over email, there's a personal touch that comes only through meeting in person.

"It's always helpful, in that regard, to have that face-to-face interaction," Brennan said, describing the relationship between parents and teachers as "necessary."

"It's necessary to have that kind of interaction so they can see the people that are talking to them," Brennan said, "because you can be on the phone or whatever, but if you don't have that face-to-face interaction, it doesn't really help."

"It breaks down the barriers between home and school," Brennan continued, "which is what we need."



Tickets available for Second Chance fundraiser dinner

EAST BROOKFIELD— Tickets for the 25th annual Second Chance Dinner Auction are now available for purchase. This significant fundraising event marks the kickoff of Second Chance's year are invited to make a difference for long 25th-anniversary celebration, promising an evening of philanthropy and joy to benefit homeless shel- mences with a delightful cocktail 9 for \$495.

ter pets in need of veterinary care. hour at 4 p.m., giving attendees the osity of sponsors and item donors. The event is scheduled for Saturday, March 23, at the La Salle Reception Center in Southbridge.

Animal lovers and advocates shelter pets by participating in this milestone event. The evening com-

opportunity to peruse and bid on a myriad of silent auction items and try their luck with exciting raffle prizes. The main event will start with a dinner at 6 p.m., followed the auction. Tickets are \$55 per person with the option to reserve a table for

> Lindsay Doray, chief development officer, said "Our annual dinner auction serves as a lifeline for our shelter pets, ensuring they receive the necessary veterinary care to embark on their new journeys. With the challenges we anticipate this year, your support is more crucial than ever."

The success of the event relies on the generSecond Chance encourages businesses and individuals to consider lending their support by becoming a sponsor or contributing items to make this event truly impactful. The popular event features both a silent and live auction featuring hundreds of items ranging from gift certificates for local businesses and restaurants to gift baskets and everything in between.

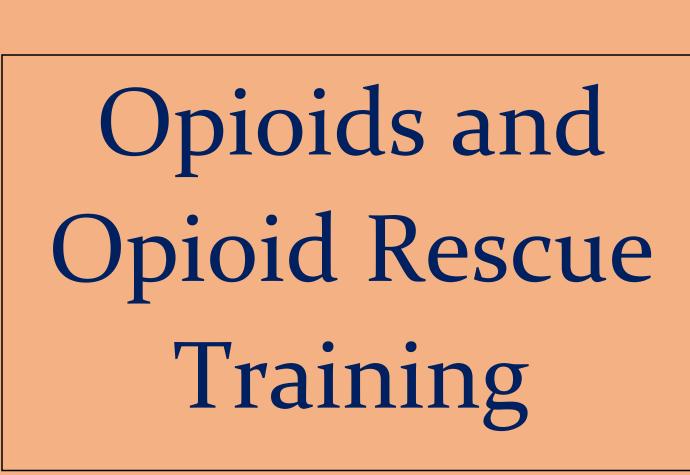
Doray said "Our community's commitment to animals through the years has been truly heartwarming, and we welcome sponsors to join us in our mission to ensure that all pets can get the second chance they deserve. Your support will directly contribute to providing shelter pets with the medical care they need for a brighter future."

To enhance the auction expe-

rience, a selection of gift cards and small, easy-to-ship items will be available for advance online bidding March 14 to March 21.

For individuals interested in sponsoring, donating items, or attending the event, complete information and tickets can be found at http://www.secondchanceanimals. org/dinner-auction.

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BASKETBALL

Monson scores big win over D2 Agawam

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

MONSON—After winning their first eight games away from the friendly confines of Clifford P. Kibbe Gymnasium, the Agawam girls' varsity basketball team hit a speed bump in a non-league game at Monson High School.

Led by senior guard Aniah Myrie and junior forward Olivia Chrzan, the Lady Mustangs defeated the Brownies, 41-26, before a large gathering at Michael J. Kane Gymnasium, last Monday night (Jan.29).

"We just didn't play very well from the opening whistle to the end of tonight's game," said Agawam head coach Tim Murphy. "We've been shooting the ball very well on the road so far this season, but Monson played very well in their home gym."

Agawam (10-4) also didn't play very well in their previous visit to Monson, as they lost, 46-25, at the beginning of the 2019-20 regular season.

While it was their first road loss of the 2023-23 regular season, the Brownies had already clinched a berth in the Division 2 state tournament.

The Brownies, who were ranked 46th in the MIAA Division 2 power rankings, are also trying to qualify for the Western Mass. Class A tournament for the first time since the postseason tournament format was changed three years ago.



finish in the top 32, so tonight's loss isn't really going to hurt us very much in terms of the power rankings," Murphy added. "Things just didn't go our way tonight."

The top 32 teams in each of the five divisions automatically qualother teams like Agawam, who finish the regular season with a .500 or better record, will also qualify for the state tournament.

Even though the Mustangs had a 5-7 overall record following the 15-point home win, they were ranked 13th in the Division 5

Chelsea Hull looks to pass.

power rankings. "We've faced a lot of MONSON | page 8



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Members of the 2023 Monson High School girls soccer team walk in to the high school gymnasium.



The banner is raised on for the Mustangs 2023 Division 5 state championship.



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Panthers suffer setback against Orioles



PALMER - With just a few games remaining, Belchertown boys basketball is still searching for a tournament-clinching win. The Orioles defeated Palmer 71-65 last Tuesday evening. The Orioles did lose to Tantasqua later in the week and are 7-8 with three games remaining in the regular season. In the win over Palmer, Shea MacLean led the team with 16 points. Cal Orzech had 13 points, Jackson Couchon had 11 points and Tyler Marino scored 10 points. Palmer is 10-6 and has qualified for the state tournament.



Dylan Doherty tries to grab a rebound.



Andrew Menard lifts a three-point attempt in the air.



Taydem Haley goes for the open layup.



Stephen Fredette sends a short floater toward the basket.



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Members of the 2023 championship team poses with their coaches, including National Small Schools Coach Award winner Eric Degnan.

Banner raised on Mustangs state title

MONSON – Last Monday night, fans of the Agawam-Monson girls basketball game were treated to a halftime event featuring the raising of Monson's latest state championship banner to honor the 2023 girls soccer team. A number of the members of that team are also a part of the girls basketball program.

Monson girls soccer won the state championship after coming up short a year prior. This year, the second-seeded Monson girls soccer team defeated Whitinsville Christian of Central Mass. 4-0 for the second state championship since coach Eric Degnan had taken over the program 19 years ago. Degnan retired from coaching after the season.

Monson was undefeated in 2023, with just one tie during the regular season against Ludlow, a much larger school. The Mustangs were perfect in Division 5 and allowed just two goals during the fiveround state tournament. Monson also won the Western Mass. tournament for the third straight season.

BASKETBALL

Pathfinder girls close in on tourney spot

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

PALMER—Only three of the twelve players listed on the Pathfinder Tech girls' varsity basketball roster have ever experienced playing in a postseason tournament game.

The Lady Pioneers moved a step closer to clinching a berth in the 2024 Division 5 state tournament with a 49-22 home victory over Tri-County North League rival Gateway, last Tuesday night.

"One of our goals every year

is to make the postseason tournament. We just need two more wins to qualify for the state tournament," said Pathfinder Tech head coach Kevin Aldrich. "We're also currently sitting in fourth place in the small school vocational tournament standings. This game counted towards that record. We haven't made the vocational tournament since 2019. It would be great if we could qualify for that tournament as well. Anytime that you can play extra games,

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Hurricanes qualify for tournament

AMHERST - The Amherst Regional High School ice hockey team, which co-ops with Pathfinder Regional, defeated Taconic 3-1 last Wednesday night in Pittsfield. The Hurricanes are now 11-4-1 on the season and have already qualified for the state tournament.

There are just three games remaining in the regular season as the Hurricanes both try to be among the top teams in Class B to enter the Western Mass. tournament. Amherst also hopes to raise its ranking in the state tournament so it can host a state tournament game or two.

The Hurricanes remaining games will Ludlow, be against Easthampton, and Suffield, CT.

The playoffs will begin toward the end of the month, beginning with the sectional tournament.

Candlepin League News **By Ryan Drago** Staff Writer rdrago@turley.com

Tuesday Night Commercial Elks League

PALMER – The Tuesday Night Commercial Elks League finished up the month of January this past Tuesday, Jan. 30.

In one match, Team BK bowled against Life is Good. In game one, Life is Good defeated Team BK by a score of 388-341. Paul Cyr of Life is Good started off the evening with a 113. In game two, Life is Good won again by a score of 376-346. Paul Cyr continued breaking 100 with a 104.

In game three, Team BK won the last game by a score of 379-376. Jeff Whyte of Team BK led his team to victory by finishing his evening with a 107 game.

Life is Good won total pinfall by a final score of 1140-1066.

Another match was between Acres and Blue B's. In game one, Acres won the first game 370-338. In game two, the Blue B's turned things around and had a big victory over Acres, 408-352. In game three, Acres won the last game 387-374. Matt Bertelli of Acres finished the evening with a 106

The Blue B's won total pinfall by a final score of 1120-1109.

The winners of round one, Compression, bowled against Last in Line. In game one, Last in Line was victorious over Compression by a score of 389-351. In game two, Compression and Last in Line were in a close game, but Compression came out victorious 394-387. Jason Dominick of Compression led the team with a good game, 120.

In game three, Last in Line won the last game of the evening, 328-326. Last in Line won total pinfall by a final score of 1104-1071.

The Champs R Here bowled against their average and won all three games. Their team scores were 365 in game one, 414 in game two and 385 in game three.

Thursday Night Mixed League The winners of the first round, Team Six bowled against Team Four.

In game one, Team Six won the first game 404-393. In game two, Team Six won again 421-393. Dan Mahoney of Team Six had a good game bowling a 111. In game three, Team Four won the last

game, 402-392. Team Six won total pinfall by

a final score of 1217-1188. Team One bowled against

Team Three. In game one, Team One edged out Team Three by one pin, 399-398. In game two, another close game between both teams, but Team One wins again, 394-390. In game three, Team One wins again for a three-game sweep, 410-378.

Total pinfall went to Team One, 1203-1166.

Team Five bowled against Team Two. In game one, Team Two won the first game 427-410. Danny Fennyery of Team Two led the team with an opening game of 126. In game two, Team Five won the second game 419-397.

In game three, Team Five won the last game of the evening 473-409. Mike Wadas of Team Five, who is a new reader of the league news, finished strong with a final game of 125. His teammate, Joe Danek had a strong finish by bowling a 110.

Team Five won total pinfall by a final score of 1302-1233.

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Disciplined game nets win

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higher division teams this year," said first-year Monson head coach Walt Jackson. "This win should help us in the power rankings."

Monson and Hoosac Valley are the only Division 5 teams who are members of the Suburban League. The other five Suburban League teams are either in Division 2,3, or 4.

Chrzan scored 14 of her game-high 22 points during the second half. She also dominated defensively.

"Coaching a talented basketball player like Olivia is a treasure," Jackson said. "I'm teaching her some new skills, but I'm also learning things from her as well."

Chrzan and Myrie (14 points) combined to score 36 points against the Brownies. Freshman guard Chelsea Hull scored the other five points for the home team.

Chrzan also achieved a milestone. She became Monson's All-Time leading girl's scorer with 1,362 career points moving past Angie Arbour (1,352 career points) who graduated in 1993. Chrzan is now chasing Mike Jackson said. "We responded and Sweeney, who's currently the school's all-time leading scorer with 1,456 points. Chrzan and Sweeney, who has held the All-Time scoring record since 1981, are cousins. "My next goal is to become the school's all-time leading scorer." said Chrzan after she scored her 1,000 career point as a sophomore. "If it ever does happen, I'm hoping that my cousin will be

able to come to that game." Chrzan made three free

throws and a hit short jumper during the first eight minutes of last Monday's game. Myrie also scored an inside hoop following a steal, which helped the Lady Mustangs build a 7-3 lead entering the second stanza.

The Brownies only points of the first quarter was a 3-pointer by junior guard Marlee Montagna (team-leading 6 points).

With 2:15 remaining in the second quarter, Hull buried a 3-pointer from the right side giving her team a 16-8 advantage. It was the Lady Mustangs fi-

nal points of the opening half. Agawam came storming

back with back-to-back inside hoops from junior center Mia Canavan (4 points) and junior forward Emma LaCaresse (2 points). Another Montagna 3-pointer closed the gap to 16-15 at halftime.

The Lady Mustangs head coach wasn't very happy heading into the locker room.

"I just told the girls at halftime that we needed to play better basketball in the second half,"



Aniah Myrie crosses midcourt.



Correction

In the Jan. 18 edition of the Journal Register, an 18-point performance in a Monson girls basketball game against South Hadley was attributed to the wrong player. The correct player was Aniah Myrie.

ter and Myrie buried another 3-pointer, as the Lady Mustangs celebrated their fourth home win of the regular season.



power play would not get the credit for the game's opening goal, they were responsible for the offensive possession that led to it. Jakub Vrana found his way to a soft space at the top of the right circle, where Hugh McGing located him for a one-time blast past Dylan Garand's glove at 9:05. Vrana's seventh goal of the season made it 1-0, and the in the Hartford bench. Just 55 seconds T-Birds offense was far from finished.

the Wolf Pack rookie dropped the mitts with ex-Hartford blueliner Wyatt Kalynuk at 16:40 of the first. Kalynuk, unfortunately, received a game misconduct for removing his elbow pads prior to the fight. Just 24 seconds later, the scrap paid dividends for the Pack as Alex Belzile crashed the paint and cashed in with a backhand poke through Malcolm Subban to make it a 3-1 score after 20 minutes. Subban was flawless in turning aside 14 of 15 Wolf Pack shots in the first.

As the second began, it became evident that Othmann's fight lit a spark into period two, Ryder Korczak found a loose puck in a four-man scrum outside the blue paint and found Brandon Scanlin for a one-time shot through Subban to make it a 3-2 game. Then at 2:46, Korczak was in the middle of things again, driving a puck to the net, where towering Matt Rempe rammed home the rebound, getting Hartford back to even in not even six minutes of game action.

we played much better at the start of the third quarter.

The Lady Mustangs built a double digit lead (29-17) with the help of a 13-2 run during the first four minutes of the third quarter. Myrie scored six of those points with the help of two 3-pointers. Chrzan added five points, and Hull hit a jumper in the lane.

Chrzan scored seven more points during the fourth quar-



Delianah Wolf sends a pass toward the corner of the court.



Emily Provost goes after the opening tipoff.

Just 1:54 after Vrana's tally, a misplay of the puck in neutral ice sprung Ryan Suzuki on a clean breakaway. Suzuki perfectly picked the lower corner over Garand's blocker, making it 2-0 at 10:59.

Then it was Vrana's turn to join the breakaway game, as he, too, beat Garand on the stick side off a stretch pass from Mikhail Abramov, making it 3-0 at 13:59.

Brennan Othmann took it upon himself to give his team a spark, as

Springfield utilized its timeout and was able to stabilize defensively. With T-BIRDS | page 9



Victoria Stephens rushes to the hoop.

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especially with a younger team, it's invaluable."

Pathfinder Tech, who had an 8-5 overall record following the home victory, were ranked 33rd in the MIAA Division 5 power rankings. They can automatically earn a berth in the Division 5 state tournament for the first time in two years by winning two of their remaining six regular season games. They'll also qualify by finishing in the top 32.

Two years ago, the Lady Pio-

neers entered the inaugural Division 5 state tournament as the 48th seeded and lost to 17th-seeded Georgetown in a preliminary round road game.

shoot.

Desiree Croteau overcomes a block to

During the past twenty years, they've only played one postseason home game, which took place in 2019. The Lady Pioneers squeaked out a 28-27 home win over St. Mary's of Westfield in a Western Mass. Division 4 tournament game before losing at top-seeded Monson on the road two days later.

The Lady Pioneers probably won't be one of the eight teams competing in the Western Mass. Class C tournament.

Two of the current Lady Pioneers players, who were members of the 2021-22 varsity squad are seniors Victoria Stephens, who scored a game-high 10 points in the game against the Gateway Gators (4-7), and Brianna Beynor, who contributed eight points.

"Our two seniors normally play a lot of minutes, but our younger players are learning from them," Aldrich said. "They've been our team leaders this season.'

Beynor has been a member of the varsity basketball team since she was a freshman.

Junior Greenly Lagimoniere (9 points) was also a member of the team two years ago.

One of the Lady Pioneers younger players is junior Addison Doktor, who scored all six of her points before halftime. She also pulled down a team-leading 11 rebounds.

Another underclassman is sophomore Desiree Croteau, who hit a jumper from the right corner making the score 9-0 with five minutes left in

the first quarter. It was her only points of the contest, but she was credited with five steals.

"Desiree has a very high basketball IQ," Aldrich said. "She played very well defensively in tonight's game.'

The Lady Pioneers were leading 16-2 at the end of the first quarter and they never looked back after that.

Freshman Ciara Green (4 points) and Doktor combined to score eight points during the second quarter, as the Lady Pioneers built a commanding 30-7 halftime lead.

Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Addison Doktor makes the free throw.

> Pathfinder Tech scored the first ten points of the third quarter and led by as many as 35 points during the second half.

> The other Pathfinder girls' basketball players are freshman Megan Clark (8 points), freshman Taylor Allen (2 points), sophomore Cassandra Nykiel, junior Althea Jewell, and sophomore Jinx Ripley.

Freshman Hannah Mellor is also a member of the girls' basketball team, but she's sidelined with an injury.

Greenly Lagimoniere looks to drive to the hoop.







Taylor Allen heads down the court to start a play.

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DEATH NOTICES

Elizabeth "Betty" L. (Zabik) Morrison Died Feb. 4, 2024 Services Feb. 12, 2024 Beers & Story Funeral Home

Carl W. North, 83 Died on Jan. 29, 2024 Services are private Beers and Story Funeral Home

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Died Jan. 27, 2024. A Autenrith Funeral Home, Newport, NY www.autenrithfuneral.com

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Elizabeth "Betty" L. (Zabik) Morrison

PALMER—Elizabeth "Betty" L. (Zabik) Morrison, 92, a lifelong resident of Palmer, passed away on Feb. 4, 2024, at Baystate Wing Hospital with family by her side. She was born on June 10, 1931, in Palmer, MA, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Tenczar) Zabik. She was the loving wife of William "Bill" Morrison for 69 years until his passing last year. She began her working career as a secretary at Better Brushes, then spent over 30 years as an executive administrative assistant at Tambrands until her retirement. Betty was a lifelong member of Divine Mercy Parish in Three Rivers and participated weekly in the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. She worked the Palmer election polls for many years and was a

member of the Women's Auxiliary at Baystate Wing Hospital, where she was on the Board of Directors and did the financials for the gift shop. She also enjoyed quilting with the Quaboag Valley Quilters Guild. She will be greatly missed

by her children, Pamela Haveles and her husband, Robert, and John Morrison and his wife, Shannon, all of Palmer, as well as her sister, Carol Doyle and her husband, Jack, of Monson. Betty also leaves seven grandchildren: Joshua Haveles of Framingham; Andrew Haveles of Stillwater, MN; Kayla Hopper of Palmer; Katie Morrison-O'Day of Millbury; and John, Mia, and Lily



grandchildren Her and great-grandchildren were the light of her life and she was a huge part of their lives. Visitation will be held Monday, Feb. 12, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. at the at the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home, followed by a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at Divine Mercy Parish. The burial will follow in Sts. Peter & Paul Cemetery. For those wishing, donations may be

made to Divine Mercy Parish or

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Morrison, all of Palm-

er, as well as seven

great-grandchildren.



Patient advocacy pioneer to expand nurse advocate entrepreneur academy

Teri Frykenberg of Monson brings opportunity to Western Massachusetts

MONSON — Teri (formerly Frykenberg Dreher), who is nationally known as a pioneer in the patient advocacy movement, is bringing her Nurse Advocate Entrepreneur Academy to her home state of Massachusetts.

The program, which

is available in person, hybrid or digitally, has been offered for a number of years from Frykenberg's home base in the Chicago area. She has recently returned to western Massachusetts, where she graduated from high school and nursing school and has family.

Frykenberg says there are a number of patient advocates in Massachusetts, particularly around Boston, "but there are never enough."

"Some of the best patient advocates come from nursing because they already have in-depth medical and hospital experience, but they need help starting a business," she says. The program, which is also

open to any health care professional and social workers, includes one-onone or group mentoring sessions.

With the increasing complexity of the American health care system, medical treatments and the insurance industry, a patient advocate can save families literally thousands of dollars while helping

to improve health outcomes. Independent patient advocates charge between \$100 to \$300 per hour and are paid by clients or their families. "This is a hit-the-ground-running program," she says.

Frykenberg, an RN with 36 years of experience as a critical care nurse and cardiovascular nurse clinician, has always been passionate about keeping the patient at the center of the nursing care model. This

passion led her to form NShore Patient Advocates in 2011, one of the first organizations of its kind in the Chicago area.

She is a Board Certified Patient Advocate (BCPA) and certified RN Patient Advocate, and she is active in both organizations. A nationally recognized expert on patient advocacy and patient safety, she is the award-winning author of two Amazon best-selling books and has been quoted in Forbes, the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Prevention Magazine and many other publications

Frykenberg has deep roots and many family members in western Mass. After graduating from Tantasqua Regional High School in Sturbridge in 1973, she earned her RN at Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Worcester in 1976.

"It's wonderful to be back," she says. "It's all brand new, yet familiar.'

For information about the Nurse Advocate Entrepreneur program, visit the website, email info@nurseadvocateentrepreneur. com or call 312-788-2640.



We are celebratina our 20th year at the Schoolhouse Commons. Thanks to our wonderful "friends," volunteers and patrons.

MONSON—Carl W. North, 83, passed away Jan. 29, 2024. He was born in Wilbraham on Mar. 3, 1940, son of William M. and Mabel A.(Rauh) North. Carl has lived most of his life in Monson after growing up in Wilbraham and attending Palmer schools. He was in a heavy equipment operator for Construction Services in Wilbraham and retired in 2002 after over 30 years of employment. In his leisure, Carl enjoyed fishing and

woodworking. He also spent time restoring and showing old tractors. In 2017, Carl was predeceased by his wife, Liljen M.(Hermanson) and is survived by two sons, Roy W. of Monson and Jay B. and his wife Renee of Hardwick. Carl also leaves Renee's son, Ryan Stiles along with a niece, Lois Ganieany and nephew, Paul Ganieany, Jr. Brother-in-law, Robert Graves, sister-in-law, Gunvor Graves along with niece, Leah and her

Carl W. North, 83

husband Chris DesLaurieres also survive him. Besides his parents and wife, he was predeceased by his sister, Florence Butler in 2019. Services will be privately held for the family. Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home has been interested with the arrangements. For those wishing, donations may be made in his memory to Palmer Dialysis Center. Please visit www.beersandstory. com

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Palmer

Palmer Fire Department also responded to four Medical Assist calls for the week.

Jan. 30

12:27 p.m. CO detector activation, Bennett Street, Back in service at 12:42 p.m. Feb. 2 8:56 a.m. Motor vehicle acci-

dent (with injury), Shearer Street,

Back in service at 9:35 a.m. 12:36 p.m. Motor vehicle accident (with injury), North Main Street, Back in service at 1:08

p.m. 3:16 p.m. Motor vehicle accident (with injury), Boston Road, Back in service at 5 p.m. Feb. 3

3:45 p.m. Lock out, Breckenridge Street, Back in service at 4 p.m.

Feb. 4

10:18 a.m. CO detector activation, Bennett Street, Back in service at 10:47 a.m.

1:42 p.m. Smoke scare, River Street, Back in service at 1:56 p.m

4:47 p.m. Detector activation, Rondeau Street, Back in service at 5 p.m. Feb. 5

8:39 a.m. Sprinkler activa-

tion, South Main Street, Back in service at 8:48 a.m.

tral Street, Back in service at 4:54 p.m.

5:46 p.m. Alarm activation, North Main Street, Back in ser-

10:01 p.m. CO detector activation, Breckenridge Street, Back in service at 10:24 p.m.

4:26 p.m. Cooking fire, Cen-

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just under seven minutes left in the period, rookie Zach Dean came up with his signature play of the season. The rookie centerman beautifully toe-dragged the puck from the left circle to walk around a defender before elevating a backhand shot over Garand's glove at 13:47, giving Springfield the lead back at 4-3 on his first goal in 13 games.

Springfield's well-disciplined night carried through all 60 minutes, as the T-Birds did not allow Hartford's fourth-ranked power play any chances all evening. At 7:54 of the third period, captain Matthew Peca added to the lead again with a wrist shot that ricocheted off Garand high into the air and bounced over the goal line to make it 5-3.

The insurance goal proved to be more than enough, as the Wolf Pack could not find a way to get one through Subban and the defensive front of the T-Birds. Will Bitten added his 10th of the season into an empty net at 18:08 with McGing tallying a third assist on the game's final goal.

The T-Birds get the All-Star break to get rest before their next contest on Saturday, Feb. 10 for Ice-O-Topes Night at the MassMutual Center against the Hershey Bears. Puck drop is set for 7:05 p.m.

Railers score win over Lions

TROIS-RIVIÈRES, QC - The Worcester Railers HC (20-18-3-2, 45pts) took down the Trois-Rivières Lions (19-22-2-2, 42pts) on Saturday night by the final score of 6-4 in front of a crowd of 1,819 at the Colisée Vidéotron. The Railers are back at the DCU Center against the Maine Mariners on Friday, February 9th at 7:05pm.

Blade Jenkins (3-2-5) struck first tonight for Worcester, as he put the Railers ahead immediately following the power play. The Railers followed up with three more in the second from Anthony Callin (1-1-2), Trevor Cosgrove (1-2-3), and Jenkins' second of the night. Trois-Rivières were good for two in the second as Justin Ducharme (1-1-2) and Cedric Montminy (1-0-1) each scored goals to make it a 4-2 game heading into the third. There were four goals in the third, including two straight to open the period for Trois-Rivières from Nicolas Guay (1-1-2) and Alex-Olivier Voyer (1-1-2) to tie the game 4-4. Jack Quinlivan (1-0-1) scored the game-winner after coming out of the penalty box before Blade Jenkins secured the win with his third goal of the night and second straight hat trick in as many nights.

Like Friday's game, it was another dominant first period from Worcester. The Railers outshot the Lions 16-7 through the first 20 minutes, highlighted by Blade Jenkins' (18th) fourth goal of the weekend. Neither team scored the rest of the frame as the Railers went into the second period with a 1-0 lead.

Scoring opened wide in the second period with five goals combined between the two teams. First it was Anthony Callin (8th) with a loose

puck in front supplied by Blade Jenkins to grow Worcester's lead to 2-0. The Lions cut back into their deficit with Justin Ducharme's (12th) tally as he swepat up a rebound from in front of Muse and tucked it along the far post. The Railers responded midway through the period with a pair of goals back-to-back. Trevor Cosgrove let one go from the blueline that Vrbetic never saw to make it 3-1 Worcester. Jenkins followed up with his second of the afternoon on a break down the left wing to give Worcester their largest advantage of the night at 4-1. The Lions got one back just before the end of the period when Cedric Montminy scored to make is 4-2 heading into the third.

The Railers killed off a Jack Quinlivan high-sticking penalty to start the third before Ryan Verrier was sent to the penalty box for a delay-of-game call. From there, Trois-Rivières kept their foot on the pedal. Nicolas Guay (2nd) scored on the power-play followed by Alex-Olivier Voyer (12th) to complete the Lions comeback and tie the game 4-4. With the game tied heading into the final five minutes of the third, Quinlivan (2nd) was sprung out of the penalty box and muscled his way around a Lions defender to beat Vrbetic and put Worcester ahead for good, 5-4. With the net empty and the Lions looking to tie the game, Blade Jenkins (18th) was given the puck in the neutral zone by Anthony Repaci, where he strode into the attacking end and scored his third goal of the game. Jenkins is the first player in Worcester Professional Hockey history to score hat tricks in back-to-back games, scoring one on Friday night, Worcester's first of the season.



Tantasqua Regional Jr. High School lists honor roll

STURBRIDGE – Tantasqua Regional Jr. High School announced the first and second quarter honor rolls for the 2023-2024 school year.

Grade Eight, High Honors, **First Quarter**

Kayley Lauren English, Summer Rose Ferreira, Greta Louise Gimm, Teagan Marie Gunnerson, Moira Rose Hill, Mason Jon Julian, Liv Katherine Kearns, Mark Andrew Richard Kenton, Samuel Jose Lamas, Westley Brian Nemet, Noah Mitchell Olszta, Jane Kelley Panek, Paul Edward Savage, Violet Caroline Spooner and Christian Anthony Viera Smith.

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Grade Eight, Honors, **Second Quarter**

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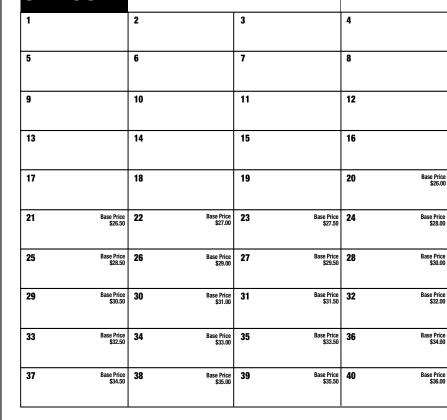
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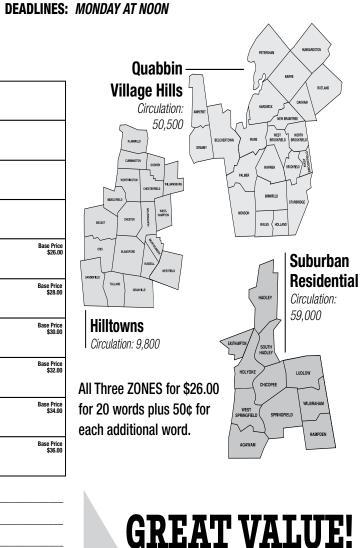
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Public notices

22612, Page 433, as affect-

ed by Loan Modification

Agreement dated November

9, 2022 and recorded with

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Page 432, and now held by

Plaintiff by assignment, has/

have filed with this court a

complaint for determination

of Defendant's/Defendants'

If you now are, or recent-

ly have been, in the <u>active</u>

Servicemembers status.

Town of Monson Zoning **Board of Appeals** LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with M.G. L Chapter 40A the Monson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing, Thursday, February 22,2024 at 7:00 P.M. at the Monson Town Hall 110 Main St. Monson, Ma 01057 on the application of Ryan & Lindsay Richard. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit as provided by § 7.3 and the Schedule of Use Regulations (Table 1) Monson Zoning Bylaws. The applicant proposes to use the existing building for the purpose of a childcare facility. The property is zoned General Commercial and located at 17 Palmer Road, Map 112 Parcel 92A. A copy of the application is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, Zoning Board of Appeals and available for viewing during regular office hours.

Ronald Fussell, Chairman

Ronald Fussell, Chairman Justice of the Superior 02/08, 02/15/2024 Court, at Springfield, Massachusetts, this 25th day of January, 2024.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts By **County of Hampden The Superior Court** 02/08/2024 CIVIL DOCKET #2479CV0049 **RE:** Cornerstone Bank, successor by merger to

(SEAL)

TO:

(et seq):

Corporation

24 SM 000281

Freedom Mortgage

numbered 2214 Main

Street, given by Donald P

Lafleur and Dawn Lafleur

to Mortgage Electronic

Registration Systems, Inc.,

Defendant's/Defendants'

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the above-mentioned prop-

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Pemberton Square, Boston,

MA 02108 on or before

March 4, 2024 or you may

lose the opportunity to chal-

lenge the foreclosure on the

grounds of noncompliance

Witness, GORDON H.

Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

PIPER, Chief Justice of said

Court on January 22, 2024.

with the Act.

Attest:

Servicemembers status.

claiming to have an inter- 02/08/2024

Dawn Lafleur

Southbridge Savings Bank v. Paul R. Bastien **ORDER OF NOTICE BY** PUBLICATION

TO: Paul R. Bastien, a Massachusetts resident with a last and usual place of res-idence at 4112-4116 High Street, Palmer, MA 01069, and a mailing address of P.O. Box 894, Thorndike, MA 01079-0894, in the County of Hampden; all in said

Commonwealth; AND TO A L L PERSONS ENTITLED TO THE BENEFIT OF THE **SERVICE MEMBERS' CIVIL RELIEF ACT OF** LEGAL NOTICE MONSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Laura S. Gentile Under the require-Clerk of the Courts ments of M.G.L. Chapter 131, §40, the Monson Edward J. Partyka Conservation Commission Assistant Clerk will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 7:10 P.M. in the Large Meeting Room, Town Office Building, 110 Main St. Under consideration is a **COMMONWEALTH OF** Request for Determination MASSACHUSETTS of Applicability to determine LAND COURT if the work associated with DEPARTMENT OF THE the improvement of side-TRIAL COURT walks and pedestrian curb ramps at the intersections of **ORDER OF NOTICE** Route 32 and Country Club Dr, Green St, and King Ave primarily within the existing Donald P. Lafleur; Main Street Right-of-Way located on Assessors Maps and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the 111, 115,116 is subject to the Servicemembers Civil Relief Wetlands Protection Act. The Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 Applicant is Massachusetts DOT - Highway Division.

Country Bank for Savings

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Monson, of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

Pemberton Square, Boston,

Witness, GORDON H.

02/08/2024

(SEAL) **COMMONWEALTH OF** MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT **DEPARTMENT OF THE** TRIAL COURT Docket No. 24 SM 000230 **ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO:

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (et seq)

Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing

est in a Mortgage covering real property in Holland, numbered 3 Chaffee Road, given by Francis Zaik to "MERS", Mortgage **Electronic Registration** Systems, Inc., a separate corporation that is acting solely as nominee for Fairway Independent

Witness, Gordon H.

and assigns, dated April 4, 2020, and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 23165, Page 50, and now held by

status.

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Pemberton Square, Boston,

MA 02108 on or before

3/11/2024 or you may lose

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numbered 94 Cote Road, given by Amy S. Ouimet, Ronald P. Ouimet to Country Bank for Savings, dated January 16, 2003, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 12878, Page 528, has/ have filed with this court a complaint for determination

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three**

Act. MA 02108 on or before March 18, 2024, or you may lose the opportunity to chal-Court on 1/29/2024 lenge the foreclosure on the Attest: ground of noncompliance

the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers

Francis Zaik

military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you NewRez LLC d/b/a object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned prop-

erty on that basis, then you claiming to have an interor your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 03/04/2024 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

02/01, 02/08/2024

LEGAL NOTICE MONSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Under the requirements of M.G.L. Chapter 131 § 40, the Monson Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 7:30 PM in the Large Meeting Room, Town Office Building, 110 Main Street. Under consideration is a Notice of Intent for stream and wetland restoration within NHESP Priority and Estimated Habitat for the property located at 25 Bradway Rd, Monson, MA, identified as Assessors Map 018, Parcel 00F, is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act. The property owner is Julyvette Rodriguez.

Monson Conservation Commission 02/08/2024

Town of Monson Zoning **Board of Appeals** LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with M.G. L Chapter 40A the Monson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing, Thursday February 22, 2024 at 7:10 P.M. at the Monson Town Hall 110 Main St. Monson, Ma 01057 on the application of JEJ Holding, Inc. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit as provided by § 7.3 and the Schedule of Use Regulations (Table 1) Monson Zoning Bylaws. The applicant proposes to use the existing building for the purpose of operating a heavy equipment, construction, tractor, trailer, and truck repair service,

The property is zoned General Commercial and located at 360 Boston Road West, Map 21 Parcel 15. A copy of the application is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, Zoning Board of Appeals and available for viewing during regular office hours.

1940 AS AMENDED 2003 est in a Mortgage covering as amended: real property in Palmer,

Cornerstone Bank, successor by merger to Southbridge Savings Bank, a duly incorporated financial institution authorized to do business in Massachusetts and having a place of business at 176 Main Street, Spencer, MA 01562

claiming to be the holder of a mortgage covering 4112-4116 High Street, Palmer, Massachusetts given by Nancy A.

Bolduc and Paul R. Bastien to Southbridge Savings Bank dated September 26, 2008

recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book 17493, Page 115, has filed with said court a Complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry on and possession of the premises therein described and by exercise of the power of sale contained in said mortgage. If you are entitled to

the benefits of the Service Members' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended, and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Springfield in said County on or before 03/07/2024 or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said Act.

> Witness, Michael D. 02/08/2024 Ricciuti, Esquire, Chief

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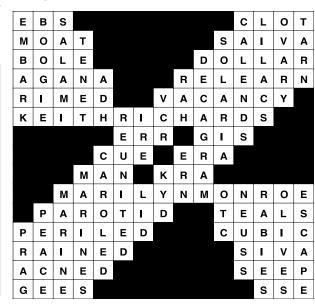
as Mortgagee, as nominee for Notice is hereby given HarborOne Mortgage, LLC, dated January 23, 2020, to all parties interested that the Licensing Commission and recorded at Hampden will hold a public hearing County Registry of Deeds in the Meeting Room of in Book 23056, Page 73, the Palmer Town Building and now held by the plain-4417 Main Street, Palmer, tiff by assignment, has/have MA on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 6:00 P. M. on filed with this court a complaint for determination of the application from MB's Taste of The Sea located at 2052 Main St. Three Rivers, for a transfer of license If you now are, or recentfrom Kenneth Stacy to Sam ly have been, in the active military service of the United Paixao.

Licensing Commission, Town of Palmer 02/08, 02/15/2024

(SEAL) THE COMMONWEALTH **OF MASSACHUSETTS** LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT **Docket Number:** 24 SM 000467 **ORDER OF NOTICE** To:

> Amy S. Ouimet; **Ronald P. Ouimet**

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):



with the Act. Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on February 1, 2024.

Attest: **Deborah J. Patterson** Recorder 25084 02/08/2024

(SEAL) **COMMONWEALTH OF** MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT

DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket No. 24 SM 000387 **ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO Todd M. Stafford, Joan C. Stafford

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

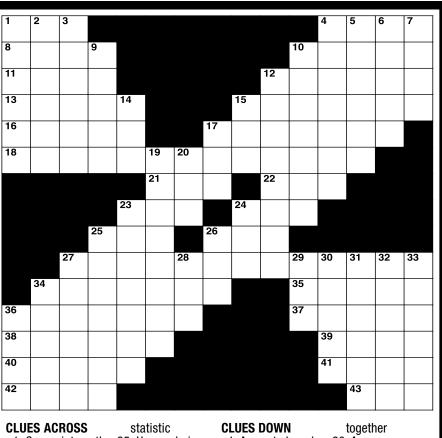
Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Palmer, numbered 1242 S Main Street a/k/a 1242 South Main Street, given by Todd M. Stafford and Joan C.

Stafford to Mortgage **Electronic Registration** Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., its successors

PIPER Chief Justice of this Mortgage Corporation, "Lender"; and its successors and assigns, dated Deborah J. Patterson, April 1, 2019, and record-Recorder ed in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 02/08/2024 24-044394

Piper. Chief Justice of this Court on 1/19/2024 Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson Recorder



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Scouts celebrate Scout Anniversary Week



Scouts huddled at tables for patch trading.

PALMER -- Feb. 4 was Scout Sunday, the first day of Scout Anniversary Week, ending on Scout Sabbath on Saturday.

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Challenge events, including bounce houses, were set up on the field.



Submitted Photos

Jamboree

signs at top

of the hill at

the Summit Center.

Peter Izyk rode his assigned golf cart. Izyk worked with Physical Arrangements, which was responsible for setting up watering stations, setting out signs emptying trash barrels, moving equipment around, restocking porta-potties and any other duties requested.



The BSA Conservation Trail Flag, which is flown at the BSA headquarters tent.



Troops sat on the field at the opening ceremony.





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ree, then attending Mass-Jam is the next best thing.

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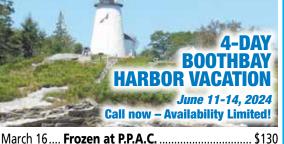


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Dr. Pouliot is a board-certified Optometrist who joined Kelly & Velazquez Eye Center in January 2024. She graduated from the Ramapo College of New Jersey with a Bachelor's degree in Biology. She received her Doctorate degree from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University.

Dr. Pouliot has had over two thousand patient encounters upon completion of her clinical externships in the following specialties:

- Contact Lenses (Jacksonville, NC)
- Ocular Diseases (Johnson City, TN)
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