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## West Ware Street residents share stormwater concerns

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

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

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# Open House



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

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## at Palmer High School

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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 open house provides the staff with an opportunity to meet

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 half-hour presentation was held in the auditorium with the administration.

“This year, we had student presenters about upcoming classes and their experience,” Anne 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, it’s just getting to know people,” Pouliot said. “Putting names and faces together is really what the

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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 activities 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

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

The contest, first held by the 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

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

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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 Saturday, Feb. 24, from 9 a.m. to 5 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.

WILDLIFE

## Watching with eagle eyes



Photo by Kyle Tourville

These bald eagles perched in a pine tree at Forest Lake in Palmer.



# Pet of the Week



**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](mailto:journalregister@turley.com).

## Country Bank makes large donation to QVCCDC



Submitted photo  
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 QVCCDC.

**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, QVCCDC executive director.

To learn more about the various

support programs the QVCCDC offers, visit [www.QVCCDC.org](http://www.QVCCDC.org).

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



Turley photo by Marcelo Gusmao  
Michael Wadas announced the winners of the raffles.

## 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.

## 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 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-

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.

Registration for all of these programs can be found at [www.hitchcockacademy.org](http://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 to 11:30 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](http://www.hitchcockacademy.org).

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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

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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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.

"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 long-time 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

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."

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.

### NEWS & FEATURES

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

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**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 more events being held at the library, you can go to [palmerlibrary.org](http://palmerlibrary.org).

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

*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 Brouillette 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.org](http://www.KidsInTheCongo.org)

The Democratic Republic of



the Congo with a population of 112 million people is one of the poorest and most dangerous countries in the world. In a report by the Global Conflict tracker "the DRC is home to nearly 7 million people who have been internally displaced due to the threat of violence and atrocities, extreme poverty, and mining expansion. The displaced population urgently needs security support, medical aid, and other humanitarian aid." Since 1996, conflict in eastern DRC has led to approximately six million deaths.

Fr. Salvator Musande, who is one of the cofounders of Kids In the Congo had this to say about the importance of education in Congo, "the education of Congo's young people is the key to lifting Congo out of poverty. Education opens doors for the student, his/her family, their village and eventually the broader community. It brings hope where otherwise, there is only a bleak existence."

According to Rev. Steven Sousa, minister of the dinner's host St. Paul's Church, "The overarching purpose

of the dinner is to benefit an important local non-profit organization that is helping children in one of the most impoverished and dangerous areas of the world. We can make a small yet significant impact in people's lives, who may live a continent away, yet are an intimate part of our human family."

Tickets for the Kids In the Congo dinner are only available in advance by calling 413 283-8185, or at [www.StPaulsPalmer.org](http://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 Brouillette 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.

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municipally appointed volunteers. The members of the Palmer Cultural Council are: Beth Zelazo, Sandra Noonan, Donald Blais, Janice Fountain, Jan McCoy, 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 arts, sciences, and humanities are part of people's everyday lives in every community across the state."

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 efforts, lectures, First Night celebrations, 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

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 Cultural Council awarded five grants for field trips or in-school programs to Old 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, contact [palmerculturalcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:palmerculturalcouncil@gmail.com).

com. Applications and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available online at [www.massculturalcouncil.org](http://www.massculturalcouncil.org)

**This year's grants include:**

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- \$260 Common Threads in the Cloth of Humanity – Old Mill Pond
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**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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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

## 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.

## INTERESTS

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

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

**QUABOAG VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD:** Members meet at 1 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month in the Amvets post at 2150 Main St., Three Riv-

ers. 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](mailto:palewis19@yahoo.com).

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

**QI GONG:** 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.



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.

## PHS | from page 1

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.

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."

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## 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 long 25th-anniversary celebration, promising an evening of philanthropy and joy to benefit homeless shel-

ter pets in need of veterinary care. The event is scheduled for Saturday, March 23, at the La Salle Reception Center in Southbridge.

Animal lovers and advocates are invited to make a difference for shelter pets by participating in this milestone event. The evening commences with a delightful cocktail

hour at 4 p.m., giving attendees the 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 9 for \$495.

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 gener-

osity of sponsors and item donors. Second 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 at-

tending 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 46<sup>th</sup> 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.



Olivia Chrzan drives toward the hoop.

"We've already qualified for the states, but we probably won't 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 qual-

ifies for the state tournament. The other 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 13<sup>th</sup> in the Division 5

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



Chelsea Hull looks to pass.

**SOCCER**



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.



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 Chris-

tian 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 five-round state tournament. Monson also won the Western Mass. tournament for the third straight season.

**BASKETBALL**

## Panthers suffer setback against Orioles

Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com



Angel Torres eyes an open teammate.



Dylan Doherty tries to grab a rebound.



Taydem Haley goes for the open layup.



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



Stephen Fredette sends a short floater toward the basket.

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.

**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. Anything that you can play extra games,

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Austin Michael Bradley, Samantha Elizabeth Branniff, Abigail Jane Buffum, Melody Paige Burdette...

Mooney, Eve Cecelia Morley, Xavier Quincy Mumford, Noah James Nelson, Sofia Chin Nguyen...

Kelsey Pearl Bouchard, Milayna Vanessa Bousquet, Hannah Rose-Marie Buduo, Natalie Mae Carson...

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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...

Ronald Fussell, Chairman 02/08, 02/15/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Court of Appeals CIVIL DOCKET #2479CV0049

RE: Cornerstone Bank, successor by merger to 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 residence at 4112-4116 High Street, Palmer, MA 01069...

AND TO ALL PERSONS ENTITLED TO THE BENEFIT OF THE SERVICE MEMBERS' CIVIL RELIEF ACT OF 1940 AS AMENDED 2003 as amended:

Cornerstone Bank, successor by merger to Southbridge Savings Bank, a duly incorporated financial institution authorized to do business in Massachusetts...

Justice of the Superior Court, at Springfield, Massachusetts, this 25th day of January, 2024.

Laura S. Gentile Clerk of the Courts

By Edward J. Partyka Assistant Clerk

02/08/2024

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

Docket No. 24 SM 000281 ORDER OF NOTICE TO: Donald P. Laffleur;

Dawn Laffleur and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901

Freedom Mortgage Corporation claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Palmer, numbered 2214 Main Street, given by Donald P Laffleur and Dawn Laffleur to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee...

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on January 22, 2024.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder

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 7:10 P.M. in the Large Meeting Room, Town Office Building, 110 Main Street...

02/08/2024

TOWN OF PALMER LICENSING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given to all parties interested that the Licensing Commission will hold a public hearing in the Meeting Room of the Palmer Town Building...

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

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...

02/08/2024

Country Bank for Savings

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Monson, numbered 94 Cote Road, given by Amy S. Ouimet, Ronald P. Ouimet to Country Bank for Savings, dated January 16, 2003...

Witness, Gordon H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on February 1, 2024.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder 25084

02/08/2024

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...

02/08/2024

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

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

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...

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER Chief Justice of this Court on 1/29/2024

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder 24-044394

(SEAL) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

Docket No. 24 SM 000230 ORDER OF NOTICE TO: Francis Zaik

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

NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing

claiming to have an interest 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 Mortgage Corporation, "Lender"; and its successors and assigns...

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on 1/19/2024

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder

02/08/2024

22612, Page 433, as affected by Loan Modification Agreement dated November 9, 2022 and recorded with said Registry in Book 24843, Page 432...

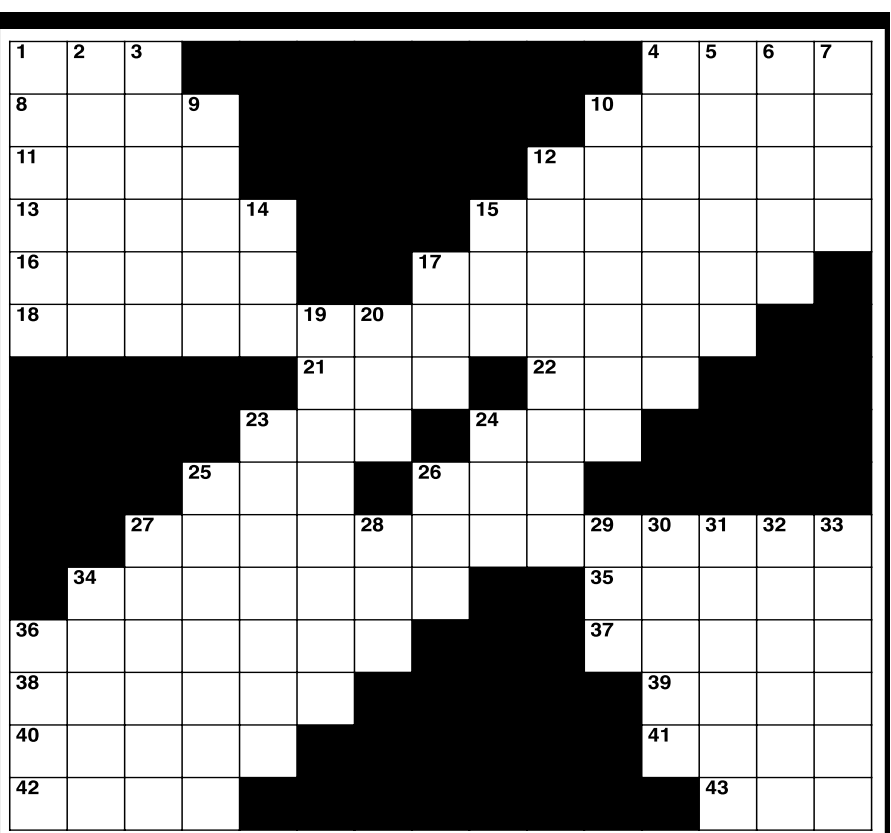
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If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act...

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on 1/19/2024

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder

02/08/2024



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. One point south of due east
4. Coagulated blood
8. Fortifying ditch
10. Devotee of Hinduism
11. Trunk of a tree
12. Bank note
13. Capital of Guam
15. Study again
16. Covered with hoarfrost
17. Opening
18. Legendary Rolling Stone
21. Stray
22. Computer storing system
23. Signal
24. Pitching

CLUES DOWN

- 25. Human being
26. Malaysian isthmus
27. The "Blonde Bombshell"
34. A gland
35. Bluish greens
36. Endangered
37. Three-dimensional
38. In a way, precipitated
39. God associated with dissolution
40. Blemished
41. Flow or leak slowly
42. Disco legends
43. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

- 1. A way to board
2. Get down
3. Highly seasoned sausage
4. First day of month
5. Eurasian shrubs
6. The organ that bears the ovules of a flower
7. Small lake
9. Belief
10. Sunrooms
12. Metric weight unit
14. Vasopressin
15. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
17. One-time family room staple
19. Got back

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.

Witness, Michael D. Ricciuti, Esquire, Chief

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together
20. Anger
23. Sang merrily
24. Sea eagle
25. Military men
26. Kilo yard (abbr.)
27. Found in the sea
28. Protects from weather
29. Type of medicine
30. City along the Rhine
31. Animal disease
32. Martini ingredients
33. Get away
34. Lack of disunity
36. One-time European Commission officer

Public notices

# 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.

The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated on Feb. 8, 1910 and this year is the 114th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.

The mission of the BSA is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Since 1910, the Boy Scouts of America has been the nation's foremost program of character development and value-based leadership training for youth. The program encourages youth to pursue their special interests, make new friends, develop leadership skills, and give back to the community.

MassJam is a special jamboree for all Scouts BSA troops, Venture Crews and Sea Scouts, held every 5 years at the Cape Cod Fairgrounds. If a Scout cannot



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



Submitted Photos

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.

Jamboree signs at top of the hill at the Summit Center.



Girls from Scouts BSA Troop 5164 climb the wall at Moses Scout Reservation.

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attend a National Jamboree, then attending MassJam is the next best thing.

This year's activities included an Order of the Arrow Theme Show, axe throwing, air rifles, archery, challenge events, escape room, human foosball, exhibits, displays special programming, a Trading Post and patch trading.

Palmer Troops 64 and 5164, chartered by the Second Congregational Church, both attended and had a great time.



Leaders and Scouts from Scouts BSA Troop 64.

Welcome

**KELLY N. POULIOT, O.D.**

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)
- VA Hospital (St. Cloud, MN)
- Low Vision Rotation (Philadelphia, PA)

Dr. Pouliot has a special interest in ocular/systemic diseases and other ocular emergencies. She is a member of the American Optometric Association and the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists. She is a native of the Pioneer Valley. She enjoys traveling and spending time with friends and family.

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