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CONSERVATION

Commision looks back on MACC conference

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PALMER – At last week’s Conservation Commission, the commissioners discussed upcoming plans for Earth Day, talked about the recent conference, and welcomed a new commissioner.

The March 4 meeting began with Chair Donald Blais welcoming the commission’s newest member, Courtney Guidry.

“I moved to Palmer last April, and I’m looking forward to being here,” Guidry said. “I have a background in environmental geosciences, and currently, I also work full-time in the town of West Springfield as a GIS administrator. I’m hoping to bring in some of my environmental background and experience and be able to do some good conservation work.”

Blais said that he had an opportunity to get to know Guidry at the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions, and said he was “very excited that you want to do your part here with

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WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



American Legion Post Commander Carl Santos filling up his truck with wreaths. More photos on page 8.

MONSON—Last Saturday, a crew of volunteers removed the 1,025 wreaths placed at Veteran headstones in the Monson cemeteries.

“The volunteers came out and help fulfill our mis-

sion this year. We are grateful for their dedication” said Karen Davis of the Monson Patriotic Committee. “This year is only our second year for participation in Wreaths Across America and we



Turley staff photos
Heather Wilson and Rita Campbell helping with the removal.

placed 1,025 wreaths. We are grateful to our community for their support of this program as well as the support for the men and women who served our community and Country.”

Davis said there will be future events throughout the upcoming year to help raise funds to support the Monson Wreaths Across America program.

MONSON

Admin. does not have undue access to town emails

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MONSON – At this week’s Select Board meeting, members read a memo from Town Counsel to dispel rumors of the Town Administrator having undue access to emails sent amongst town employees and departments.

The March 11 meeting began with the Select Board voting to appoint Bob Norman as Alternate Septic Inspector at the recommendation of the Health Department. The board also voted to ratify the appointment of Paul Morrissey as Alternate Animal Inspector.

Email Access
The board then addressed a memo from Town Counsel regarding the Town Administrator’s email access. Select Board Vice Chair Peter Warren said that this was to address insinuations of “wrong-doing,” leading to Town Counsel being hired to look into it.

“This is in regard to something that was at the

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SCHOOLS

Dugre recognized as OMPs Teacher of the Month

PALMER – This month, Old Mill Pond School has recognized Ali Dugre as Teacher of the Month.

Ali Dugre has been in the district for nine years. She lives in Ware with her husband, two children and one cat.

Dugre received her Bachelor’s Degree from Westfield State University and her Master’s from Walden University. She enjoys crafting, reading, and exercising in her free time.

Dugre is a Special Education Liaison for Grade 2, and is involved in many other extra curricular activities at Old Mill Pond. Dugre is a member of the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports Team and Girls on the Run. Principal Holly-Beth Riopel said that Du-



Ali Dugre

gre loves starting clubs and hosting activities that the staff can enjoy, such as Soup and Salad Club.

When asked, “What is your favorite part of OMP?” Dugre replied, “Even on a bad day, you can always have a laugh.”

When asked about

MONSON

Town seeks vote to replace bridge

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MONSON – At this week’s Select Board meeting, town officials discussed the creation of a new road connecting Bunyan Road to Palmer Road in order to address the ongoing problems with the temporary bridge on Bunyan Road.

At the March 11 meeting, members of the public expressed confusion at work being done on or around their property in the area of Bunyan Road, where a temporary bridge had been constructed since 2007. Highway

COMMUNITY

Cub Scouts recognized with Religious Emblem Award

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PALMER – On Feb. 23, UCC Church shared its church services with the local Scouts from BSA 5164 and Cub Scouts Pack 164.

During the service, the children handed out programs, read from the Bible, collected the offerings, and held letters that shared the message of family and scouting.

Reverend James Lumsden also took part in handing the Religious Emblem Award to Scout Jayden Riopel, who received it along with his parents.

Blue and Gold Banquets are a tradition in Cub Scout packs to celebrate the anniversary of the founding of



Submitted photos

Jayden Riopel spoke from the podium during the Blue and Gold ceremony.

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Local artist to share artwork at Museum

MONSON—Sometimes you have to take a chance to find success.

Local artist and President of the Monson Arts Council, Alan Morin, took a chance recently and entered one of his paintings in a large city art show in Worcester. Over 150 artists entered pieces in the current show, and at the opening event 10 pieces were selected to be featured in a special museum exhibition.

The success came this past week when the organizers of ArtsWorcester announced Morin’s name, along with nine other entrants, as one of those who would be exhibited this summer at the Fitchburg Art Museum.

The Fitchburg Art Museum’s curatorial staff selected the ten works from the Monochrome Exhibition at ArtsWorcester to be exhibited at the Museum’s 185



Alan Morin with his painting “Earthquake in Death Valley” at the ArtsWorcester Gallery.

Elm Street location alongside works from its permanent collection. The selections were announced at the public reception for Monochrome on Friday, March 7th.

Color is an essential element of visual art and communicates emotions, attracts attention, and references culture. Artist members were asked to delve deeply into

the dominant color of their choice, and respond to one or more of ten artworks on loan from the Fitchburg Art Museum. This year’s loan features artworks that each utilize a limited color palette, or are dominated by a single color.

The Monochrome Exhibition is on view at ArtsWorcester gallery at 44 Portland Street, Worcester from March 6 through April 13, 2025. Dates have not yet been announced for the summer exhibit at Fitchburg Art Museum.

Alan is a self-taught artist who has been actively pursuing his artistic endeavors since retiring from Monson High School in June of 2022, where he was the school’s Librarian and taught History. He has been active in the Monson Arts Council for more than a decade and has been its President for over a year.

PHS Class of 1975 reunion planning

PALMER—Hey 1975 PHS classmates! It’s time to reconnect reminisce and make new memories.

Come catch up with old friends, share stories and celebrate the journey we’ve all been on since graduation.

We are planning a fall reunion. The venue is yet to be determined according to response.

Email Cindy at: CCo-lburn172@comcast.net or visit our Facebook page at: Palmer High Class of 75 Reunion Page

Public invited to OLT annual meeting breakfast

PALMER—Do you enjoy hiking, hunting, fishing, or other outdoor recreation? Are you interested in protecting local land, water, and wildlife? Are you curious about Opacum Land Trust, land conservation, or how you could get involved? Join Opacum Land Trust for our 25th Anniversary Annual Meeting Breakfast – All are welcome to this free event! The breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 15 at Pathfinder High School, Panek St, Palmer, MA from 10 a.m. to noon. At noon, Opacum Directors Glenn Colburn and Toni Uliana will lead an optional walk at the Stephen and June Skorupski Woodland Preserve on Silver Street in Monson.

Come for the delicious breakfast and stay for the celebration as Opacum Land Trust commemorates a quarter century of local land conservation. Reflect

on 25 years of protecting the land, water, and wildlife of south-central Massachusetts and learn more about Opacum Land Trust’s plans for 2025 and beyond.

REMEMBER TO RSVP – Please RSVP by March 6. You can RSVP on our website at https://www.opacumlt.org/events/annual-meeting-breakfast/, by scanning the QR code below or call the Opacum Land Trust office at (508) 347-9144.

About Opacum Land Trust:

Opacum Land Trust is a regional, non-profit land conservation organization that protects land, water, and wildlife for current and future generations. Founded in 2000, Opacum currently protects over 4,050 acres of land and is actively working to protect more land across south-central Massachusetts.

Friday night rocks at PHCC in Three Rivers

PALMER—Torie Jock & Damage Control will be hosting FRIDAY NIGHT ROCKS! A rock band series occurring every other Friday at PHCC.

Bring your own beverages and ID’s are required, there is a \$10 entry fee.

Bands for March 14 are The Blares and TueTewsday, the special guest is Jonas Cain.

Email toriejockmusic@gmail.com for more

info and for band booking.

“The Blares” are playing opening night at Friday Night Rocks at the Palmer Historical Cultural Center. A band composed of young adults and teenagers some being PHS alumni and one of the band mates currently attends PHS.

We cover artists like Weezer, Jeff Buckley, The Backseat Lovers, etc... TueTewsday is a local punk rock band.

Monson nomination papers available

MONSON—The Monson Town Clerk’s Office announces that nomination papers are now available for any voter wishing to be on the ballot for the Annual Town Election on June 10, 2025.

Nomination papers may be obtained in the Town Clerk’s office located at 110 Main St. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesdays closed to public but available by phone for pick up. Call the office at 413-267-4115

The deadline for obtaining nomination papers is Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

The following slate of offices will appear on the ballot (1 SEAT):

- Select Board 3 Years
- Moderator 3 Years
- Board Of Assessors 3 Years
- Water/Sewer Commission 3 Years
- Cemetery Commission 3 Years
- Parks & Recreation Commission 3 Years
- School Committee 3 Years (2 Seats)
- Housing Authority 5 Years

Questions may be directed to the Clerk’s office at 413-267-4115. All elections will take place at Memorial Hall located at 198 Main St., Monson from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Preschool and Kindergarten screenings

MONSON—Preschool and Kindergarten screenings for Monson residents will be the week of March 24-28. For preschool a child must be 3 by Sept. 1, 2025, for kindergarten a child must be 5 by Sept. 1, 2025.

You can use this QR code to sign up for an appointment or call 413-267-4160.



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Palmer nomination papers available

PALMER—The Town Clerk of Palmer will have nomination papers ready for pickup the week of March 10th. The available seats on the June 10, 2025 town election are as follows.

- Councilor at Large**
3 year term
District #4
- Three Rivers Councilor**
3 year term

- Planning Board**
3 year term (2 seats)
- School Committee**
3 year term. (2 seats)

If you have any questions regarding filing requirements on above seats please reach out to the Palmer Town Clerk’s office.

QHMA invites public to Bingo Night fundraiser

PALMER – The Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce, the non-profit organization that promotes business and development within surrounding communities of Hampden, Hampshire, and Worcester counties, has announced its Handbag & Hand Tool Bingo Night fundraiser. The event will take place on Friday, March 21 at AMVETS Post 74 in Three Rivers. The Chamber will

produce 10 exciting bingo rounds, each with a grand prize featuring one of seven designer handbags or one of three premium tools up for grabs. Tickets can be purchased on QHMA.com. The registration fee is \$40 per person and includes 10 bingo cards, bingo dauber, delicious snack platters, bonus raffle ticket and a cash bar. Proceeds from the bingo event will benefit the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce and its on-going mission to assist its more than two-hundred member businesses succeed and grow with programs and initiatives throughout the year.

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Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

Monson High School Grinspoon award winner Georgia Perreault celebrated

MONSON—Principal Christopher Fontaine and Superintendent Roland Joyal along with members of the Monson High School Administrative team surprised Monson High School teacher, Georgia Perreault with this years Grinspoon Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Award on Wednesday, Feb. 26. She was also surprised by her friends and family so that they could share this momentous occasion with her. In order to be selected by the district, teachers must be nominated by their peers for demonstrating exemplary teaching practices, having a strong impact on their students and inspiring and motivating others. Ms. Per-

rault not only is an outstanding Health Educator, but also advises the Monson High School class of 2026. Nominating Teacher Eric Degnan said “Georgia, yet only in her third year at MHS, has clearly made a profound impact to both her students as well as the entire student body. She is an exemplary classroom teacher who has earned the respect of her students while making positive healthy decisions for her students.” A parent of a Monson High School Junior said “She’s far more than just a teacher. Ms. P. shows up in every sense of the word. I see her at many athletic games (both boys and girls), school



Monson High School teacher, Georgia Perreault, this years Grinspoon Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Award winner.



Georgia Perreault stands with some of her students.



Georgia Perreault was surprised by family and friends who were in attendance when she was presented with her award.



Principal Christopher Fontaine and Superintendent Roland Joyal stand with Georgia Perreault as she is recognized.

Brimfield presents ‘The UFO Phenomenon’

BRIMFIELD—Join Ronny Leblanc, globally recognized figure in the world of paranormal, Bigfoot and UFOs will present “The UFO Phenomenon” at the Brimfield Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, March 14. Ronny stars in Travel Channel’s Hit Series Expedition Bigfoot on the Travel Channel, Discovery, and Warner Bros Discovery. He also stars in Paranormal Caught On Camera.

Ronny is an independent researcher, screenwriter and author of the critically acclaimed and best-selling book Monsterland: Encounters with UFOs, Bigfoot and Orange Orbs which details the history and connection between the various phenomena, highlighting his experience and a research area called Monsterland in Central Massachusetts. Ronny was the first person ever to cast a Bigfoot print in the Leomin-

ster State Forest in the summer of 2010. He is a regular speaker at the Exeter UFO Festival, New England UFO Conference and ParaFest. Learn about the history of UFO sightings in Massachusetts & Bigfoot sightings that continue to this day in and around Leominster State Forest. What Ronny suggests... is controversial. What if all these phenomena are connected?? What if it has some-

thing to do with the area itself and its history? People have heard about the Bridgewater Triangle of Southeastern Mass. Learn about this strange place within Central Massachusetts from someone that believes that there is more than meets the eye. A light lunch will be served immediately after the program.

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SOCIAL SECURITY Matters By Russell Gloor

Did we make a mistake starting my wife’s Social Security now?

Dear Rusty:
I hope we haven’t made a mistake.
My wife just applied for her Social Security benefit. She was born in May 1962 and the estimated amount of her benefit is \$1,280 per month. Her work income last year was \$5,616; however, mine was about \$65,000. I do not plan on taking my benefit until the age of 70 in July of 2027.
My worry now is about the penalty for earning too much. We figured that since her income was so low, we wouldn’t have to worry about that penalty, so we signed her up, and then it hit me: what if they look at my income, especially since our tax return is filed as Married Filing Jointly. Do we have a problem, or are they just going to look at her income to determine if there is a penalty? I hope I haven’t messed this up. Also, I think I read that any penalty you are assessed for earning too much is returned to you once you reach Full Retirement Age; is that true?

Signed: Uncomfortable Senior Citizen

Dear Uncomfortable Senior:
First, let me ease your anxiety – you haven’t “messed this up.” While it’s true that your income will be included when the IRS determines how much of your wife’s Social Security benefits are taxable, changing your IRS filing status is usually not wise. However, considering your combined income and your “married/jointly” IRS filing status, up to 85% of the SS benefits your wife receives during the tax year will be included as part of your overall taxable income as a married couple. Your wife’s monthly SS benefit is about \$1,280, so about \$13,000 annually will be included in your Adjusted Gross Income when you file your taxes. You can have income tax withheld from your wife’s SS benefit by filing IRS Form W-4V at your local SS office (you can have 7%, 10%, 12% or 22% withheld). Note your wife’s tax obligation for this year will be less because she will not get SS benefits for all of 2025.
The other thing you are concerned about is whether your income will be counted when determining if your wife will be subject to Social Security’s “Annual Earnings Test” and the answer to that is “no.” At her current earnings level (about \$5,600), your wife is well below the annual earnings limit (\$23,400 for 2025) for those collecting early So-

cial Security benefits. So, the AET will not apply and will not reduce your wife’s monthly Social Security benefit. FYI, if her earnings did exceed the annual earnings limit, it is true that some of the resulting penalty would be recovered after she reaches her full FRA of 67.
Note the distinction between “taxation of SS benefits” and the “annual earnings test” for those collecting early benefits. Taxation of benefits is always based on your joint income when filing married/jointly, but the Annual Earnings Test looks only at your wife’s personal work earnings until she reaches her FRA.
As I expect you already know, by claiming now (at age 62 plus), your wife’s monthly SS retirement benefit will be permanently reduced (by about 26%). Until you later claim your SS benefit, your wife will receive her reduced personal SS retirement amount. But, when you claim, her benefit amount will be reassessed to see if she is also entitled to an incremental amount as your wife. If her SS entitlement at her FRA (even though she claimed at 62+) is less than 50% of your FRA entitlement, then her benefit will increase. However, she will not get the full 50% of your FRA entitlement because she claimed her own SS retirement benefit before her FRA (more likely, she will get about 34% of your FRA entitlement).
In the end, you really did not make a mistake by filing for your wife’s Social Security to start now. By the time you personally apply at age 70, your wife will have collected about \$46,000 in Social Security benefits which, I’m sure, will be helpful. And only a relatively modest amount of income tax will be paid on her Social Security benefits.
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Letter to the Editor

Help me save Aida’s food truck

To the editor,
Aida Torres of Thorndike, better known as the Food Truck Lady, has delivered tens of thousands of pounds of free food to our communities since 2021. Although not affiliated with any regional food center or food share organization, Aida has consistently brought food to Palmer, Ware and Monson for her followers on Facebook.
Initially renting U-hauls with donations, this changed a year ago with a fund raising effort that raised \$5000 towards purchasing a 24-year old truck.
However, this truck lasted only a year and although it consistently delivered free food to all, it’s back to renting U-Hauls. Unfortunately, the rental cost has increased by 30% since February.
With the help of Monson Savings Bank a new campaign has been created for a proper truck with a lift gate and refrigeration. This truck is expected to cost between \$15000 and \$25000.
The first donations began rolling in on February 13 with

\$1820 collected so far.
Please help keep this valuable resource for our communities alive.
Promotional materials, window displays and how to support information will begin appearing in prominent locations.
Donations can also be made in person at Monson Savings Bank, using the name of Food Truck or online using Venmo.

**Robert Ainsworth
Monson, MA**

Sweet potatoes get my vote

My dad was a “meat and potatoes” kind of guy. Mashed, baked or fried, potatoes were his thing.
Growing up, we usually had potatoes most nights for dinner. Since I have been an adult, I don’t eat potatoes very often at all.
I often wonder if that particular Irish gene missed a generation, since I prefer the sweet potato over the regular potato any day of the week. Read on to learn all about this nutritional powerhouse.
According to www.nutritiondata.com, sweet potatoes are “low in sodium, and very low in saturated fat and cholesterol. They are also a good source of dietary fiber, vitamin B6 and potassium, and a very good source of vitamin A, vitamin C and manganese.”
If these facts aren’t reason enough to try adding this veggie to your garden this growing season, delight in the fact that it is also a very pretty vine!
In fact, once I grew “sweet potato vine” in the planter boxes at Old Sturbridge Village. I didn’t know at the time that the variety I was growing also produced bountiful tubers. It was one of those obvious things that I just didn’t put together.
It’s kind of funny that when I attempted to grow them on purpose at home, they were an utter failure. By the time I peeled the thumb-size roots, there was literally nothing left to eat.
It is time for a refresher on sweet potato culture.
Sweet potatoes require a long growing season – some-

where between 90-150 days. The tender shoots are cold sensitive, and must be planted into the ground after all danger of frost has passed. In our area we use Memorial Day as our “frost-free date.”
Then, the edible root, aka

reportedly somewhat drought tolerant. When fertilizing, choose a formulation that is a bit lower in nitrogen, otherwise you will have lots of vines at the expense of sweet potatoes.

Dig up your bounty on a dry day, being extra careful not to damage the skin. Don’t leave them exposed to the sun for more than an hour and don’t wash them either.
Picky, aren’t they?

Fresh sweet potatoes aren’t all that sweet – a curing period of two weeks in the dark at 70-80 and at high humidity will bring out the great flavor we are accustomed to. Long-term storage should be at temperatures around 60 degrees.
To make sweet potato fries simply cut the root into thick wedges then toss them with seasoned olive oil (or a favorite salad dressing). Bake on a cookie sheet at 350 degrees for one hour, flipping occasionally. Some ketchup as a dip may help reluctant kids to give the “funny orange French fries” a try.

My dad is probably looking down and wishing I did an article on good, old fashioned russets. Sorry, Dad, but Happy St. Patrick’s Day anyway!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.



I received an email from a Worthington resident, who reported the one male “red bird” in his yard all winter.
He said, “I feel like I know him and throw seeds to a special place he likes. His habit of showing up in the dim light of dusk and dawn almost makes him shine. He’s real quiet right now, but I really look forward to hearing him as it warms up.”



Male and female cardinal

The red bird is also known as the northern cardinal. The male cardinal is bright red with black around the base of its red

beak. The female is grayish brown above with buffy color below. Her beak is reddish and she has dark around her bill, but not as black as the male.
Both sexes have crests and are 8 ½ inches long. Although the Worthington resident said the cardinal was quiet now, soon he will sing a series of clear re-

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The *Journal Register* welcomes readers to participate in this year’s election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to The Journal Register, care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to journalregister@turley.com. Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday’s newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

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

Campaign news

As part of its election coverage, the newspaper plans to print stories about contested races for Congress, state Senate, state House, district attorney and Governor’s Council during the weeks leading up to the election, as well as a question-and-answer voters guide. In order to ensure fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed, nor will reporters cover political rallies or fundraisers.

Candidates who wish to further publicize their candidacy, beliefs and events may contact advertising, 413-283-8393 about paid advertising in The Journal Register.

Monson Athletic Hall of Fame request for nominations

MONSON—We are excited to announce the 12th Hall of Fame quest for inductees. The Banquet will be held in the Fall of 2025. Nominations are due by May 3, 2025.

The Monson Athletic Hall of Fame was created with the following Rationale:

To preserve the history of and the great athletic traditions of Monson High School.

To recognize and acknowledge former athletes, teams, coaches and others associated with Monson High School Athletic programs that have distinguished themselves, either by virtue of their performance or by meritorious effort on behalf of athletics.

Nomination forms for an individual athlete, athletic staff, faculty and other and the nomination form for a team can be found at Monson High School, by visiting: <https://sites.google.com/view/monsonathlethichalloffame/nomination-info>

You will need a google account to access these forms. Submit all forms via mail to: James Duggan, 5 Wayne Road, Monson MA 01057 or email to: jamesduggan@comcast.net. You can also email James to request the form emailed to you.

Criteria-Athlete:

1. A graduate of Monson (Jr.-Sr.) High School who has been out of school for a minimum of 5 years.

2. Candidates may be living or deceased.

3. The Athlete must have participated for at least two years in a Monson Varsity program.

4. A candidate must receive a majority vote of the selection committee.

Criteria-Athletic staff, faculty:

1. A member of the staff or faculty at Monson High School.

2. A member of the staff or faculty must have made a significant impact or contribution to Monson Athletics.

3. A candidate must receive a majority vote of the selection committee.

Criteria-Team:

1. Team that has proven itself with outstanding accomplishments, such as winning a Championship in league, sectional, state or state runner-up competitions.

2. Team that distinguishes itself from other Monson High School Teams.

Criteria-Other:

1. An individual or group who has made outstanding contributions to Monson High School Athletics in some capacity other than Athlete, Coach, Athletic staff/faculty, or Team, including such areas as Boosters and sports media.

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peated whistles that vary and sound like “whoit whoit whoit, cheer, cheer, cheer.” The call is a metallic “chip.” Both male and female sing.

The female cardinal lays two to five buff white eggs with dark marks in a nest of twigs, bark strips, vines, leaves, rootlets and paper lined with fine grass and hair. They build their nest in dense shrubbery or among branches of small trees.

Bird watchers may witness mate feeding, a common ritual between a breeding pair. The male picks up a seed and brings it to the female. They touch beaks and his mate takes the offered seed. Mate feeding continues through egg laying and incubation.

Cardinals come to feeders. They feed either on the ground and come to platform style feeders. They prefer sunflower seeds, safflower seeds and cracked corn.

Tuesday morning I saw a female cardinal in a lilac bush. I love to see the male cardinal perched on a snow covered branch or ground especially after newly fallen snow. I have a pair of cardinals, which I usually see early in the morning or at dusk.

Red-winged blackbirds

The Worthington resident saw a red-winged blackbird at his feeder and heard them on snow shoe recent hike by a beaver pond. He said, “They don’t sound very confident and I wonder what they find down there with the pond totally frozen and the cattails denuded by the wind.” He said, “The arrival of redwings is exciting for me, as I consider them our first migratory returns.”

Bald eagle

In his email, the same resident wrote about seeing a bald eagle. He said, “Two weeks ago driving along the East Branch in Cummington, I saw an eagle lite in a dead tree, break off a small branch and fly off, hopefully to a new or repaired nest. It sure didn’t feel like spring then and even today [written March3] I had zero degrees this morning.” He also reports pretty good numbers of goldfinches at his feeder along with the winter regulars.

Brimfield birds

On Feb. 19, I received an email from a Brimfield resident, who sends emails on a regular basis. He said, “Hope you survived our recent bout of nasty weather.

Our driveway was cleared on Sunday evening and subsequently turned into a skating rink. Fortunately I had lots of sand and rock salt and a little calcium chloride on hand. Using all of that, I was able to get our cars up and out of the driveway. Of course I had to get the frozen garage doors unstuck before I could get the cars out of the garage.”

He took part in the Great Backyard Bird Count of Saturday and Sunday. He said, “I had nine species Saturday, things got a little more interesting on Sunday when there were 15 species seen including an adult sharp-shinned hawk that chased some junco into a quince bush (it missed) and a Carolina wren.”

Bluebirds

He had a pair of eastern bluebirds earlier in the day on Feb. 18 and later five bluebirds showed up, two males and three females. He said, “That’s the most we have ever seen in the yard. Previously we had seen a single bird a few times and a pair investigated a nesting box one year but were chased away by house wrens.”

Non-bird critters

During the snow/ice storm in February, my daughter and I saw a wet opossum digging in the snow for seeds while clearing my walk and driveway. On March 1, two of my grandchildren and I saw a porcupine in a tree while driving on our road.

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

CONSERVATION

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Following Guidry’s welcome, Conservation Agent Sarah Fortune updated the commission on plans for Earth Day activities. Blais said that the events will begin on Earth Day and then continue throughout the following month.

“Things are coming along,” Fortune said. “We have talked about our pollinator planting day, we have a couple of community days for planting and trail work, and, hopefully, a flyer with the more finalized events will be out soon for everybody.”

“Part of it will be the annual clean-up we do every year,” Blais added. “I think we’re going to do it a little bit, maybe a week or two, later than we usually do, given the fact that the weather the last couple of years has been a big riddle.”

Blais then talked about the MACC conference that he, among five members of the Commission, attended in Worcester in early March.

“It was a great opportunity to meet with old friends. Our two previous agents were there and it was great to see them,” Blais said. “It was a great day, I took some really great workshops.”

Blais said that he attended workshops about biodiversity and the importance of conservation commissions.

“Another workshop I attended was an update on the recent climate bill that the legislature passed and how it would impact us commissions in municipalities,” Blais said. “It was a really good workshop.”

This was in addition to a workshop on environmental law that Blais attended, which he said also discussed the recent legislation.

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Select Board’s last meeting, where we discussing shared services between the town and the school,” said Select Board Secretary Pat Oney, “and were given Town Counsel’s opinion that both the School Committee, our board, and ultimately Town Meeting need to approve any shared services between the town and the school.”

After watching the Feb. 26 School Committee meeting to see how the committee would proceed with the issue in question, Town Counsel sent a memo to the Select Board to address a claim made by a resident that the Town Administrator has access to “any and all emails.”

“The public accusation that the Town Administrator has access to all town emails resulted in an investigation by this Town Counsel’s office,” the memo read. “It has been the understanding of Town Counsel that the Town Administrator does not have access to any and all emails.”

Oney read that Town Counsel contacted the town’s contracted IT service, CMD Technology Group, to inquire about the administrator’s ability to monitor emails. The service’s president confirmed that the Town Administrator does not have autonomous email access and explained conditions under which access would be granted.

“As confirmed by the town’s IT service contractor, the Town Administrator does not have access to any and all emails as claimed,” the memo read. “In order for the Town Administrator to gain access to any emails, a specific request must be forwarded to the IT company.”

The board then moved on to the Town Administrator’s evaluation, where she was noted as receiving “good grades on all the duties.” Oney noted that in most of the 11 categories, Wolowicz scored an average four out of five.

“(Town Administrator Jennifer Wolowicz) has a skillset,” Warren said. “I think, most of the time, she is easy to work with.”

At Oney’s prompting, Warren noted a few comments from his personal evaluation of Wolowicz, particularly her ability to work independently and exercise good judgment, and her ability to make timely and appropriate decisions and to seek assistance from experts and input from peers.

“Most of the time, when I ask her a question, she usually has the answer,” Warren said, “but if she doesn’t, she goes and finds it and then she gets back to me. I think that’s the only way to do business.”

Warren said that the board provided Wolowicz with bullet points for things that could be improved, and said that he and other members of the board talk with her about alternative perspectives as needed.



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Cub Scouts held up blue and gold signs that spelled out Scouting's value of "family."



Reverend James Lumsden presented the Religious Emblem Award to Jayden Riopel and his parents.



Senator Jake Oliveira honored local Cub Scouts by joining the ceremony.



Scouts prepared for their procession across Second Congregational Church.



Submitted photos
Jayden Riopel read passages before the assembled members of the community.

CUB SCOUTS | from page 1

Scouting America on Feb. 8, 1910, and are traditionally held around the February pack meeting. After rescheduling due to the recent snowstorm, Pack 164 held its celebration on Feb. 23.

Two Cub Scouts had their Crossover ceremony on Sunday, Lincoln Quinn and Zachary Champagne. They were each accompanied by their parents, and recognized by local scoutmasters and pack leaders.

Holly Riopel, Principal of Old Mill Pond School, announced the speakers for the meeting. After a reading by Pastor James, Senator Jake Oliveira presented a citation to the two scouts on behalf of himself and State Representative Todd Smola.

After the ceremony, the guests were invited for refreshments provided by the church.



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MHS Receives grant to support STEM career learning

Monson High School will add Project Lead The Way programs to provide hands-on, applied learning and in-depth teacher professional development in the Engineering Field

MONSON—Monson High School announced today that it has received grant funds of \$40,000 from the One8 Foundation to offer new applied learning curricular programming from Project Lead The Way (PLTW) that will better prepare students for school and career success. PLTW is a nonprofit organization that provides a transformative learning experience for PreK-12 students and teachers through coursework in computer science, engineering, and biomedical science. With the PLTW curriculum, students apply what

they have learned to solve real-world problems. Monson High School joins more than 12,000 schools across the country offering PLTW programs to millions of students.

“Partnering with PLTW will allow Monson High School to expand its offerings and begin to develop an Engineering Pathway. Connecting the learning in the classroom to real world applications is vital to ensure that our students are receiving the best education possible” says Principal Christopher Fontaine.

Since 2017, the One8 Foundation alongside the Massachusetts STEM Advisory Council, the Workforce Skill Cabinet, and the Massachusetts Life Science Center have provided support to expand PLTW programming for students across the Commonwealth to better prepare them for a rapidly changing, data-rich world. PLTW coursework in the areas of biomedical science, engineering, and computer science provides students with many of the skills they will need to access opportunities in sectors that

are powering the state economy.

“Students are hungry for experiences that allow them to apply what they are learning to solve real-world, meaningful problems. Providing equitable access to hands-on applied learning programs that deliver academic gains while building critical thinking and complex problem-solving skills ensures students are engaged and interested in school and prepared for success in this ever-changing world,” said Joanna Jacobson, President of the One8 Foundation.

Monson High School will use grant funds to start its PLTW Engineering program. Funds from the grant will support teacher professional development and the purchase of materials and equipment that will be used in PLTW courses. In addition, as a school with PLTW programming in Massachusetts, Monson High School will have access to a regular set of teacher professional learning opportunities, student project showcases, and connections

to industry professionals offered by the Mass Learning Project and the One8 Applied Learning Hub.

About the One8 Foundation

The One8 education team identifies, supports and scales high impact programs and approaches that help schools and teachers prepare students for success in a rapidly changing, data rich world. One8 imagines a future where high-quality applied learning opportunities that make learning relevant, stimulating and rewarding are a regular part of the student experience driving impact for all students. Learn more at www.one8.org.

About One8 Applied Learning Hub

The One8 Foundation is committed to identifying and funding proven Applied Learning programs that inspire students with innovative, engaging ways to approach core and elective subject matter. At the One8 Applied Learning Hub, we're here to help Massachusetts schools get the most out of those programs by providing

implementation support, educator community building, and student opportunities that help bring learning to life. The One8 Applied Learning

Hub currently supports six programs in the Commonwealth: OpenSciEd, PBLWorks, Project Lead The Way, ST Math, Investigating History, and the Democratic Knowledge Project. Visit www.one8alhub.org to learn more.

About Mass Learning Project

Founded in 2023, Mass Learning Project is a fiscally sponsored project of Community Initiatives that is working with the 350+ Massachusetts schools implementing Project Lead The Way (PLTW) programs to ensure that teachers and school leaders have the support they need to deliver classroom experiences of exceptional quality. Mass Learning Project aspires to make PLTW teachers the best supported teachers in the state with the hunger and opportunity to continuously improve the applied learning experiences they offer to students.

Mass Learning Project offers robust supports to schools and educators, including implementation guidance, professional learning opportunities, and on-the-ground support. More information can be found at www.masslearning.org.

About Project Lead The Way

Project Lead The Way (PLTW) is a mission-driven organization that is transforming the learning experience for millions of PreK-12 students and thousands of teachers across the country.

PLTW empowers students to develop in-demand, transportable knowledge and skills through pathways in computer science, engineering, and biomedical science. PLTW's teacher training and resources support teachers as they engage their students in real-world learning. More than 12,000 elementary, middle, and high schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia offer PLTW programs. For more information on Project Lead The Way, visit www.pltw.org.

SUMMER CAMP GUIDE



Kamp for Kids to celebrate 50 years of summer fun for all abilities with a Golf FUN-raiser on April 10

SPRINGFIELD – Kamp for Kids, a summer day camp for children and young adults with and without disabilities, has planned a season of special celebrations in honor of the camp's 50th Anniversary, starting with a Golf FUN-raiser event on Thursday, April 10, 2025, from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Max's Swing Lounge, located at 1000 Columbus Avenue in Springfield.

The Golf FUN-raiser event will bring together supporters, community members, campers and friends to begin a season of celebration

for 50 years of growth, inclusion, and joy for children and young adults of all abilities. Proceeds from the Golf FUN-raiser will directly benefit Kamp for Kids, helping to ensure that the camp continues to thrive for years to come.

Tickets are \$100 and include access to the driving range, mini golf, appetizers, two drinks, and the chance to win exciting contests and prizes. Tickets can be purchased at kamp50.eventbrite.com. Sponsorship Opportunities are also available for businesses and individuals.

Those interested in sponsoring this event should reach out to Kelly Brown at Kelly.Brown@BHNInc.org or 413-654-0930. Sponsorships can also be made on the event website, Kamp50.EventBrite.com.

Founded in 1975 by Dick and Judy Hoyt, Kamp for Kids was created to offer an inclusive camp experience for their son, Rick, who had cerebral palsy, and his brothers without disabilities. Over the years, the Hoyts

have championed disability inclusion, inspiring countless families worldwide. Today, Kamp for Kids continues to honor their legacy, demonstrating that every child-regardless of ability-deserves the chance to participate in meaningful, fun, and educational experiences.

Located in Westfield, Kamp for Kids serves children and young adults ages 5-22, both with and without disabilities,

hailing from cities and towns throughout Western Massachusetts. Each summer, the camp provides a unique environment for growth and inclusion, offering activities such as expressive arts, outdoor education, arts & crafts, non-competitive sports, and a spray park-all designed to create a sense of belonging and joy for every camper. Kamp for Kids operates during the summer months, serving about 150 campers in three sessions.

“Kamp for Kids is celebrating 50 years of creating a space where every child, re-

gardless of ability, can grow, learn, and have fun together,” said Anne Benoit, Program Director of Kamp for Kids. “We're excited to celebrate this milestone and look forward to many more years of providing life-changing experiences that foster inclusion, friendship, and personal growth.”

BHN has been providing behavioral health services to children and families in Western Massachusetts since 1938.

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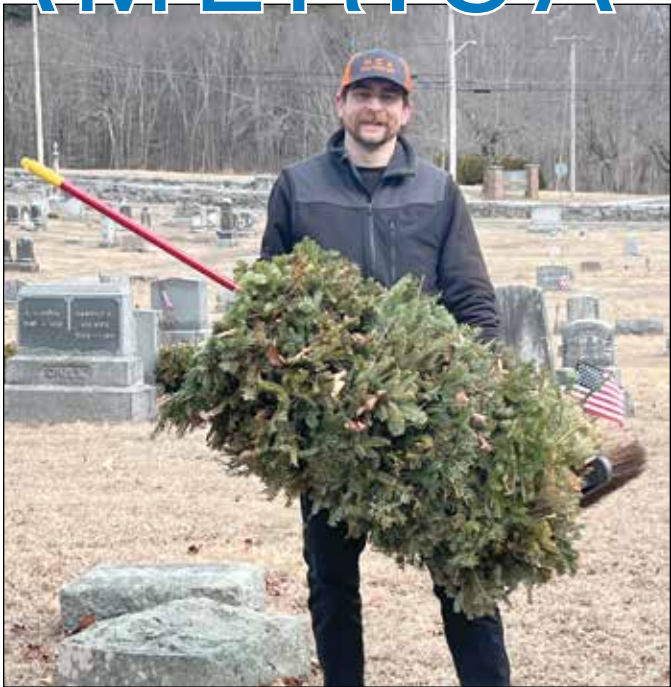
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BASKETBALL



Grace Berry drives to the hoop.



Cali Zielinski holds the ball back before making a pass.



Olivia Chrzan heads for the hoop in traffic.



Mia Hudak passes the ball away.

Season ends in second round for Mustangs

SPRINGFIELD – Last Tuesday evening, the Monson High School girls basketball team was defeated by Renaissance School in the Round of 16 69-45. Monson, which struggled early in the season, made the tournament thanks to a very difficult schedule. The Mustangs made it to the Western Mass. finals, then defeated New Mission to open the Division 5 State Tournament. At Renaissance, the defense could not keep the hosts down as Monson’s season ended at 9-14. Renaissance is undefeated. Chrzan did lead the Mustangs with another huge performance. In her final game for the Mustangs, she led all scorers with 38 points.

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RACE



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The runners are off in the 2024 Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Road Race.

Streets of Holyoke set for 10K Road Race

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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HOLYOKE – The rich tradition that is the Holyoke St. Patrick’s Road Race will make its return next Saturday, March 22. This will be the 48th running of the popular race.

Louis Serafini was the big winner of last year’s event. He completed the very hilly, 6.2-mile course in 30:12. Serafini is from Cambridge.

The top female was a local runner from Western Massachusetts. Anna Steinmen, of Springfield, came across the finish line at 37:00.

Ryan Davis, of South Hadley, was one of the top local finishers at 34:36. He was 20th overall.

This year’s race would feature runners from all over the region, the state, and surrounding states as many are preparing for the Boston Marathon, set to take place in just under a month. Many runners over the years have enjoyed using the St. Patrick’s Day Road Race as practice for the

marathon because of the challenging hills throughout the streets of Holyoke that runners must navigate through.

Of the more than 6,000 runners who were registered, 4,442 finished the 10K course last year. Race officials have said the participation level in the event is still rebounding from the pandemic. Prior to the pandemic in 2019, race participants totaled about 7,000. The race was not held in 2020 and 2021 before it returned in 2022 with around 5,000 participants. More made their way out to the race last year, but that number was surpassed this year.

Because of that, the start of the race featured multiple waves, though 4RUN3 ran the bibs and electronic results kept accurate results for all those involved.

A number of this year’s participants were featured in the usual celebratory costumes and outfits for St. Patrick’s Day, while many others opted for cartoon and other

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Pioneers fall in Round of 32

SPRINGFIELD – Following a win on Feb. 25 in the preliminary round, the Pathfinder girls basketball team fell to host Renaissance in the Round of 32 72-20. The Pioneers’ season ends at 16-6 overall as the Pioneers had an excellent regular season and won a game in the state tournament for the first time. In the Round of 32 loss, Megan Clark and Greenly Lagimoniere had six points each to lead the Pioneers.



Megan Clark shoots for the Pioneers.



Addison Doktor grabs a rebound.



Greenly Lagimoniere hustles down the court.



Taylor Allen gets ready to pass into the paint.



Desiree Croteau makes her way down the court during the state playoffs.

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Wrestlers complete competition

Wrestling season has come to an end and several area teams crowned champions at the sectional and state levels.

In the Division 2 state tournament, Max Holloway took home a state title at 215 pounds. Stella Christopher won a state title in the girls meet while Gabriella Ramos was a runner-up. Minnechaug's Kal Ly won the 132-pound bracket while John Bermudez was a runner-up at heavyweight. Holyoke's Steven Santiago finished second in D2 at 120 pounds.

Ludlow's Lucas Alvan was a state champion in the Division 3 meet at 175 pounds.

In the sectionals held last month, Agawam had a big day with multiple placers. They had four champions. Ryan Sexton at 150, Max Holloway at 215, and Jordin Agosto at 126 all took home titles. Cole Ingham was a runner up at 175, as was Kaleb Progulskie at 106. Keymani Rivera (157), and Tyler Gervais (190) both took third place. Agawam would finish third overall in the meet with 204 points.

Minnechaug was the second-place finisher behind champion West Springfield with 213 points. They had two champions, Kal Ly at 132 pounds and John Bermudez at 285. Matthew Macphail and Hunter Gormally had runner-up finishes. The Falcons had one third place finisher and five fourth-place finishers.

Chicopee's Michael Jenkins placed second at 144 pounds.

In the Division 3 Western Mass. tournament at Mt. Greylock, Belchertown, which returned its program to varsity status this season, saw Jack Bergerson finish fourth at 175 pounds and Evan Perkins finish fifth at 150 pounds. Brogan Bottari also took fifth place at 120 pounds.

Ludlow, Granby, Quabbin, and Pathfinder participate in the Central Mass. Championship meet. Ludlow's Lucas Alvan took first place at 175 pounds while Noah Simard was second at 150. Ryan Gomes had a third-place finish at 126 pounds.

Quabbin's top finisher was Abe Brown at 126 pounds. He finished in second place. Three others, Brady Dennis at 215, Brent Benoit at 132, and Cole Wilson at 150, all took fourth place in the meet.

Pathfinder had one placer, which was Dominic Jerry at 165 pounds. Granby's Nathan Benson finished fifth at 113 pounds.

Valley Wheel tryouts set for next month

Players looking to join the Valley Wheel Over-28 Baseball League can attend the tryouts beginning Sunday April 6. The time and location of the tryout is to be determined.

The league, which plays its games in Western Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut, makes sure that everyone gets a fair share of the action. Everyone plays a minimum of 4 innings in the field, and everyone bats. The league follows MLB rules with some modified rules adapted with safety in mind.

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Warriors suffer defeat in first round of tournament

FISKDALE – On Friday, Feb. 28, Tantasqua boys basketball was defeated in the Division 3 State Tournament by Old Rochester Region-

al 58-47. The Warriors went 14-6 in the regular season before suffering the tournament-opening loss.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
James Sciaraffa fakes then takes a shot.



Max Cohen and Noah Wotton both go after an offensive rebound.



Sam Pleczynski drives into the lane.



Adam Howe takes the three-point shot.



Noah Wotton readies a shot near the hoop.

T-Birds beat Islanders, move toward playoff berth

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — The Springfield Thunderbirds (30-20-2-4) blitzed the Bridgeport Islanders (12-38-4-3) for five unanswered goals in the final 40 minutes to pull away with a 5-2 win on Sunday afternoon at Total Mortgage Arena.

For a third straight game, the T-Birds were slow out of the gates, forcing Vadim Zherenko to be tested early and often in the first period, as 14 of the first 18 shots in the game went to the Islanders. Marshall Warren broke the levee 12:47 into the game with a wrist shot that eluded Zherenko through traffic, giving Bridgeport a 1-0 lead.

After the T-Birds were forced to go down a man on a post-whistle roughing penalty, Liam Foudy made Springfield pay with his seventh goal of the season series at 14:45 to buoy the Isles lead to 2-0.

Springfield finally got pressure on Hunter Miska's net in the closing minutes, finishing the period with the final six attempts on goal, but the Bridgeport netminder remained perfect, stopping all 10 T-Birds shots in the first 20 minutes.

Zherenko was timely in the opening half of the second period as the Islanders continued to mount a push to extend the lead. The Springfield backstop shined, with a pair of odd-man stops off Jack Randl and Adam Beckman to maintain the 2-0 score.

The T-Birds finally snapped out of their offensive zone funk at 10:31 as, on his 31st birthday, MacKenzie MacEachern turned in the high slot and flipped a shot toward Miska's net that got a friendly deflection from Nikita Alexandrov before finding the twine. Alexandrov's 16th goal in just 33 games cut the Bridgeport lead in half, 2-1.

Like the Islanders did in the first, Springfield went to a power play and struck for the second time in as many minutes as Dalibor Dvorsky returned from retrieving a new stick on the bench and beat Miska under the crossbar

at 12:17 for his ninth power-play goal of the season. The game-tying goal brought Dvorsky into a tie among AHL rookies in man-advantage tallies.

The tie score carried into the final period, and the power play came up with the difference-making play as Matt Luff sent a puck perfectly into the paint, where Matthew Peca guided it past Miska just 1:17 into the third to give Springfield its first lead, 3-2. Peca's 26th of the season eventually became the game-winner, giving the captain his second game-deciding goal in as many days, an 11-game point streak, and the AHL lead in game-winning goals.

Samuel Johansson picked up assists on both of the T-Birds' power-play goals, giving him 15 helpers on the man advantage for the season, tied for fifth most in the AHL. Corey Schueneman also had a two-assist night from the T-Birds' blue line.

Springfield's special teams were not finished, as just over five minutes after the Peca goal, Otto Stenberg retrieved a loose puck at the offensive blue line and fed a perfect blind pass to spring Hugh McGing on a short-handed breakaway. McGing delivered the finishing strike through Miska, making it 4-2 at 6:22 of the third.

Bridgeport's power play could not make up the difference on a late chance, and Dvorsky capped the five-goal run with an empty-netter in the final minute to cap off the win.

Zherenko completed a magnificent bounce-back performance with 36 saves for his 10th victory of the season and fourth in his last five starts.

With their magic number down to 18 in pursuit of a Calder Cup playoff berth, the T-Birds begin a three-game weekend on Friday as they make their lone visit to Upstate Medical University Arena against the Syracuse Crunch for a 7:00 p.m. puck drop.

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Athlete of the Week

Megan Clark
Pathfinder

In Pathfinder's first-ever state playoff win, Clark led the Pioneers with 24 points against East Boston.
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Donald Corriveau
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Baldwin Cremation

Maureen Bernat

Maureen Bernat, 80, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 9, 2025, surrounded by her family. Born on June 11, 1944, in Brighton, Massachusetts, Maureen was the daughter of the late James T. and Mary (McGowan) Daly and grew up in Belchertown. She married John Bernat in July 1962, and they built a beautiful life together in Palmer, where they had five children. After John's passing in 1979, Maureen showed incredible strength and resilience, raising her children on her own with unwavering love and devotion.

For many years, Maureen worked as a secretary in the Palmer Public Schools, beginning at Quaboag Elementary and later moving to Old Mill Pond, until she retired in 2011. Known for her kindness and commitment, she made lasting friendships and was a beloved presence. Maureen also was active in the community, volunteering at Story Hour at the Palmer Public Library, acting as Girl Scout Troop Leader, and working at the polls on

Election Day. After retiring, she looked forward to breakfast with "the girls" every month, where she and close friends would catch up and reminisce fondly about the years.

Maureen loved to travel with her family and friends, with a special place in her heart for Ogunquit, Maine. She cherished walking along the Marginal Way and found peace in the ocean. She enjoyed reading, solving word searches, attending craft shows, and watching birds in her yard. Generous and patient, she was a constant source of guidance, support, and unconditional love.

Maureen was the proud mother of her daughters Barbara Barry (and her husband, Michael, of Palmer) and Allyson Singleton (and her husband, Daniel, of Enfield, Connecticut); and her sons Steven Bernat (and his wife, Amy, of Haydenville); William Bernat (and his wife, Jennifer, of Westbor-



ough); and James Bernat (and his wife, Amanda, of Shrewsbury). In addition to her parents and her husband, Maureen was predeceased by her sister, Marilyn Astin, and her brother, Brian Daly.

Maureen poured endless love into her grandchildren, creating cherished memories with Michael, Bradyn, Anna, Joseph, Julia, Nora, Margaret, and Thomas. While her children will miss her deeply, they find comfort in knowing Maureen is now reunited with her beloved husband.

Visitation will be held on Monday, March 17, 2025 from 4 to 6 p.m. with closing prayers to begin at 6 p.m. at the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home. Burial will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, donations in Maureen's memory may be made to the Palmer Public Library, 1455 North Main Street, Palmer, MA 01069.

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fictional characters, such as Spider-Man. Several local running clubs also made their way to the race, as did the youth of the region. Youth participants in the race were as young as sev-

en-years-old.

Security was in full force at the event with plenty of presence from the Massachusetts State Police, Holyoke Police, and Hampden County Sheriff's De-

partment, and the event went off without any incidents.

If you're still looking to participate in this year's race, go to www.holyokestrackingsroadrace.org.

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Surveyor Ben Murphy said that when he joined the department, he made this bridge one of his top priorities.

"It's still there to this day, that 'temporary' bridge," Murphy said.

Murphy said that in his work in highway departments for 36 years, he has seen several temporary bridges flood over and wash out.

"It washed all the sides around the edge of the road," Murphy said.

Murphy said that a state report came back in the fall saying that "the underneath was failing," and that this was subsequently fixed with the help of the Highway Department and Building Commissioner.

"The state checked it and they approved that it will suffice for now," Murphy said. "They will not say how long it will last."

Though Murphy said that it was possible that the temporary bridge would stand for another 20 years, he

said he did not have a good feeling about it.

"When we were working on it, we had an oil truck over it and we had numerous cars," Murphy said. "There are concerns of mine, so we put a weight limit on it of 15 tons."

Murphy said there are 10 inhabited residential addresses on that road, as well as the town's water pumping station.

"If that was to get washed out, we have residents and we have our town water supply that we can't get to," Murphy said.

Through several meetings with the Town Administrator, Conservation Agent Toni Uliana, and other town officials, Murphy said that a plan was formed on how to address the bridge.

"Our former Town Planner helped the town become a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness community," Uliana said. "Since Route 32 and our entire downtown, basically, runs parallel to Chicopee Brook, we thought it pertinent to develop a flood

damage reduction plan for the Chicopee Brook corridor."

Uliana said that once the plan was completed, the town was able to focus on specific points of interest, including the flooding at Cushman Field and Veterans Field and on Maple Street, as well as the Bunyan Road bridge.

"We decided that we should focus our next grant application with the MVP program on the Bunyan Road bridge because, as Ben stated, we've had a temporary bridge on it since 2007," Uliana said. "If it wasn't a dead end, the state would have made us close it by now."

Following improvements to Chicopee Brook's flood resilience, the town held a public visioning walk-shop at Veterans Field in 2023 and a public information session that same year. The town also included references to the issues with the bridge during its Hazard Mitigation Plan updates.

Town Counsel Jay Taler- man then listed the variety of public safety, environmental harm, and water access is-

Robert P. Cole



Robert P. Cole, born on April 21, 1943, in Palmer, MA, passed away peacefully on Feb. 9, 2025, in Webster, MA. Robert's life was a testament to dedication, both to his country and his family. He served honorably as a Master Sergeant in the National Guard, primarily stationed in Ware, with a brief tenure in Worcester. Robert was the cherished son of Edmund and Florida Cole, and the beloved brother of Richard Cole, Roger Cole, Shirley Morton and her husband Chick, all of whom preceded him in death. He is lovingly remembered by his sister-in-law, Patricia Cole, as well as his nephew, Robert Morton, and nieces Judy Shields and her husband David, Sherrie Dillon, Laurie Manning and her husband Bill and Lynn Cole. He is also

fondly remembered by his three great nieces Kaylee, Arielle and Anjelina. To those who knew him, Uncle Bob was truly a rock for his family; he was the steadfast presence one could always depend upon. Known for his remarkable memory, Robert could recall any and all significant dates of his loved ones, a testament to his deep care and love for his family. His devotion extended beyond the walls of his home into his community, where he regularly attended church functions at the former St. Anne's Church and Sts. Peter & Paul Church. Robert possessed a profound commitment to helping others, always ready



to take on any odd job or provide assistance to family and friends. His dedication and selflessness left a lasting impact on those around him, and his legacy as a supportive pillar will not be forgotten. Family and friends are invited

to honor Robert's memory on Saturday, April 26, with a visitation at Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., followed by a service and burial at St. Anne's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association in Robert's memory.

Donald Corriveau

May 15, 1944 –
February 4, 2025

With great sorrow we say goodbye to Donald Corriveau, age 80, who passed on to the next life, surrounded by the family he cherished.

Don was a devoted husband, proud father, adoring grandfather, honorable veteran, dependable brother, and loyal friend. His love and generosity touched countless lives.

Born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, Don began a lifetime of service to others by joining the Air Force during the Vietnam war. He carried a deep sense of duty and honor with him throughout life and up to his final breath.

After his military tour, he worked as an administrator of

nursing homes, providing his clients and their families with the dignity, care, and comfort they deserved.

Don would later fulfill a lifelong passion by founding his own photography studio. His award-winning portrait and wedding photography helped make him a household name in Western Mass.

But Don's greatest joy in life was his family. He leaves behind his wife Bozena Corriveau, and his three children: Jeff Corriveau & wife Karen, Michelle Gilson & husband Gregory, and Nicole Corriveau. He also leaves a stepdaughter, Paulina Palmer & husband Jim. He will be greatly missed by



his five grandchildren: Amelie, Teagan, Leo, Carter, and Madeleine. As well as step-grandchildren Rene and Tyler. His younger brother Wayne Corriveau also survives him.

Don leaves us with many wonderful memories. But his true legacy lives on in the people he touched. His kindness and love will be felt for generations.

Don will be interred at Florida National Cemetery on May 15, with full military honors. Please share your memories of Don at his Tribute Wall: <https://baldwincremation.com/obituaries/donald-corriveau/>

road, the town will have to acquire property currently owned by the adjacent Country Club, which will require a Town Meeting vote to approve.

"There will be a lot of, as (Murphy) has already said, public question and answer sessions and further meetings in the light of day when we're coming up with a warrant for the fall Town Meeting," Taler- man said.

Taler- man assured the public that the work after the Town Meeting vote will also

be public, and will involve hearings before the Conservation Commission and further meetings of the Select Board.

"At best, what we're looking at is maybe breaking ground on this in 2027-ish," Taler- man said. "It's a long process."

Taler- man assured the public that there will be ample opportunity for members of the community to make their voices heard on the issue.

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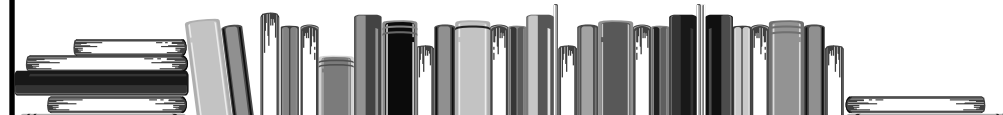
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Send letter of interest, resume and three references with relevant contact information to:
Worthington Police Department P.O. Box 247 Worthington, MA 01098
Or via email to: **sboard@worthington-ma.us**
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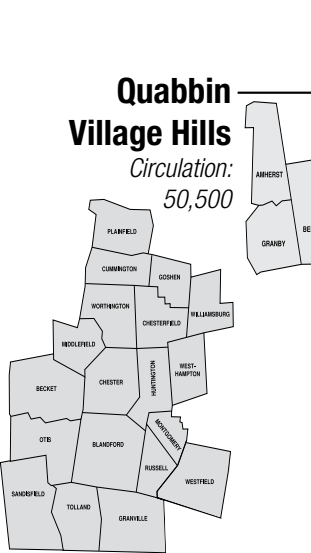
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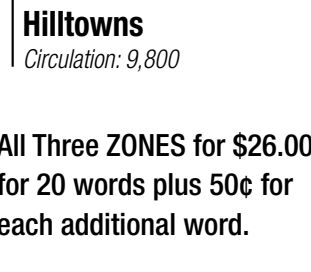
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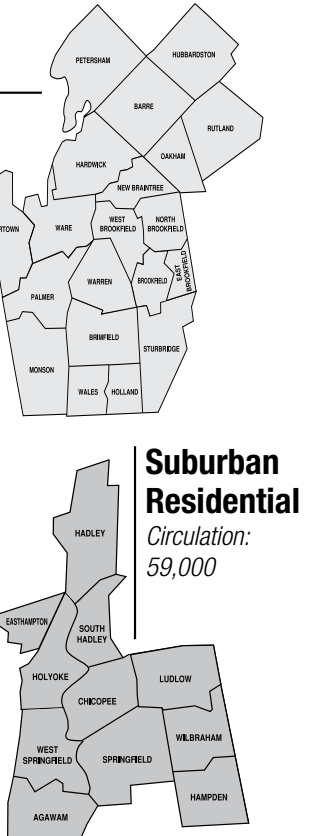
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Public notices

Town of Monson
Zoning Board of Appeals
LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance M.G. L Chapter 40A the Monson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing, Thursday March 27th, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. at the Monson Town Hall 110 Main St. Monson, Ma 01057 on the application of Strum’s Construction Service for a variance from the requirements of §3.2, Table 2, Dimensional & Density Regulations, of the Monson Zoning Bylaws. The applicant seeks a variance for an installed sign that violates the required setbacks. The property is in the General Commercial zone and is located at 494 Boston Road West, Map 1 and Parcel 002B. 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, Vice Chairman
03/06, 03/13/2025

MORTGAGEE’S
NOTICE OF
SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Elyzza F. Blatchley to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Academy Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated October 27, 2017 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 21921, Page 7, subsequently assigned to Freedom Mortgage Corporation by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Academy Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 24349, Page 524, subsequently assigned to Freedom Mortgage Corporation by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Academy Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 25319, Page 491 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM on March 20, 2025 at 70 Ruggles Street, Palmer (Three Rivers), MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

That certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situate on Ruggles Street in Three Rivers, in Palmer, Hampden County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning in the westerly line of Ruggles Street, at a point one hundred (100) feet northerly from the northerly line of Lafayette Avenue, and thence running westerly in a line parallel with said Lafayette Avenue one hundred (100) feet;

thence northerly in a line parallel with Ruggles Street, fifty (50) feet;

thence easterly in a line parallel with said first mentioned line, one hundred (100) feet to said Ruggles Street;

thence southerly along said Ruggles Street fifty (50) feet to the place of beginning being lot #17 (seventeen) on Plan of Riverside Terrace made by F. T. Westcott, C. E. dated July 1909, and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, File 290, Plan No. 2, to which plan and record reference is hereby made for further description.

This conveyance is made subject to the conditions and restrictions described in deed of Charles E. Collins, Trustee, to Charles H. Giroux, dated April 11, 1912, and recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 843, Page 397. The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney’s fees and costs.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer’s check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the

purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer’s check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee’s attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee’s attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Freedom Mortgage Corporation
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
ORLANS LAW GROUP PLLC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
23-011759
02/27, 03/06, 03/13/2025

Town of Monson
Invitation to Bid
Local Ad
Monson Fire Department
Addition / Renovation
Construction

The Town of Monson Massachusetts, the Awarding Authority, invites bids for the Monson Fire Department Addition / Renovation Construction project.

Bids are due on or before 2:00PM, local time, March 27, 2025 for Filed Sub-Bids and on or before 2:00PM, April 8, 2025 for General Bids. All Bids will be received electronically via Projectdog.com.

The scope of work consists of the renovation of the existing fire department offices and apparatus bay, as well as a single story addition.

The General Contractor shall be DCAMM certified in General Construction The Filed Sub-Bidder DCAMM categories for this project are as follows: Masonry, Waterproofing D&C, Roofing & Flashing, Tile, Acoustic tile, Glass & Glazing, Painting, fire Suppression, Plumbing, HVAC, and Electrical. Plans and Specifications are available at www.Projectdog.com. Login and reference project code 867152. Refer to the bid documents for specific bidder instructions and requirements.

Bidding procedures shall be in accordance with M.G.L. c. 149, SS44A-44J, as most recently amended, and all other applicable laws. Bids are subject to Prevailing Wage Rates as required by MGL c. 149, SS 26 to 27H. The Town of Monson reserves the right to reject any or all bids if it is in the public interest to do so.

03/13/2025

Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No.
HD25P0384EA
Estate of:
Kenneth R Fontaine
Date of Death:
January 25, 2025
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of
Petitioner Jeremy P Fontaine of Wales, MA
Petitioner Renee Snay of East Brookfield, MA
Jeremy P Fontaine of Wales, MA
Renee Snay of East Brookfield, MA

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, in-

cluding distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
03/13/2025

MORTGAGEE’S
SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage dated December 6, 2011 from Regina Ann Gagne to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Bank of America, N.A., its successors and assigns, recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 19095, Page 42, the undersigned U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as trustee of the Truman 2021 SC9 Title Trust being the present holder of said mortgage by Assignment of Mortgage dated January 22, 2014 from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Bank of America, N.A., its successors and assigns, to Bank of America N.A. recorded in Book 20175, Page 261, Assignment of Mortgage dated April 28, 2018 from Bank of America N.A. to Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. recorded in Book 22151, Page 130, and Assignment of Mortgage dated May 24, 2022 from Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as trustee of the Truman 2021 SC9 Title Trust recorded in Book 24582, Page 348, for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at:

1:00 P.M., Monday, March 24, 2025

upon the hereinafter-described premises, known as and numbered as 2140 Palmer Road, Three Rivers (Palmer), Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singularly the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land with the buildings thereon, situate on the Southwesterly side of Palmer Road, so-called, in the Village of Three Rivers, Town of Palmer, Hampden County, Massachusetts bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin in the ground in the Southwesterly line of said Palmer Road, and at the Northeastery corner of land formerly of John Szczgyl, now of one Zalazo, said iron pin being located at a distance of one hundred thirty -two (132) feet from the Northwesterly corner of said Zalazo’s land;

thence South 42 degrees 0’ West along said Zalazo line, three hundred thirty and 25/100 (330.25) feet to an iron pin in the ground;

Thence South 50 degrees 04’ East along said last named land, sixty-six (66) feet to an Iron pin in the ground in line of land of one Amelia Baldyga;

Thence North 42 degrees 0’ East along said land of Amelia Baldyga about three hundred thirty (330) feet to an Iron pin in the ground in the Southwesterly line of said Palmer Road;

Thence Northwesterly along the Southwesterly line of said Palmer Road, sixty-six (66) feet to the point of beginning.

Being the same parcel conveyed to Regina Ann Gagne from Walter P. Kozik and Mary A. Kozik, by virtue of a Deed Dated 3/31/1989, Recorded 3/31/1989, in Deed Book 7131, Page 3, as Instrument No. 17426 County of Hampden, State of Massachusetts.

Assessor’s Parcel No: M;0067 L:000022

The above-described premises shall be subject to all easements, restrictions, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, outstanding tax titles, building, zoning and other land use laws and all permits and approvals issued pursuant thereto, including, without limitation, orders of conditions, and existing encumbrances of record created prior to said Mortgage, if there be any. Said premises are to be sold subject to the right of redemption of the United States of America, if any there be.

TERMS OF SALE: The highest bidder shall be required to make a deposit of \$10,000.00 to the holder of said Mortgage, in cash or by certified or bank cashier’s check at the time and

place of said sale of said premises. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid to said holder in cash, by certified check or bank cashier’s check, and thereupon the deed shall be delivered, in thirty (30) days from the date of sale at the firm of Cunningham, Machanic, Cetlin, Johnson, Harney & Tenney, LLP, Attorneys for said holder, 220 North Main Street, Suite 301, Natick, Massachusetts. The successful bidder shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Terms of Sale. The description of the premises contained in said Mortgage shall control in the event of an error in publication. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the time and place of sale.

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee of the Truman 2021 SC9 Title Trust,
By its Attorneys,
CUNNINGHAM, MACHANIC, CETLIN,
JOHNSON, HARNEY & TENNEY, LLP
220 North Main Street,
Suite 301
Natick, MA 01760
(508) 651-7524
02/27, 03/06, 03/13/2025

(SEAL)
THE COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE
TRIAL COURT
Docket Number:
25 SM 000627
ORDER OF NOTICE

To: Chad R. Graves; Jennifer L. Graves a/k/a Jennifer Leigh Szall

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

PennyMac Loan Services, LLC

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Holland, numbered 54 Mashapaug Road, given by Chad R. Graves, Jennifer L. Graves to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans, dated June 13, 2014, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 20313, Page 414, 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. 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 Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **April 21, 2025**, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of non-compliance with the Act.

Witness, **Gordon H. Piper**, Chief Justice of this Court on March 5, 2025.

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
27311
03/13/2025

Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No.
HD25P0416EA
Estate of:
Holland E. Johnson
Date of Death: 12/30/2024
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **James H. Johnson of Thorndike, MA.**

James H. Johnson of Thorndike, MA

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration

from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
03/13/2025

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of MA Gen. Laws, Chap. 255, Sec. 39A, the following vehicles will be sold at public auction for towing and storage charges due: NISSAN VIN:1N4AL11D06C268613 Christopher Serra 14 Duggan Cir Springfield, MA; HONDA VIN:3ZCRU6H391G701186 Losto Properties 99 Chandler ST Worcester, MA; JEEP VIN:1J8H-G48K17C588598 Dawn Dawicki 315 Lower Hampden RD Apt A Monson, MA; NISSAN VIN:3N1CN7AP7CL910175 Jodi Membrino 77 Chestnut Hill RD Millville, MA; NISSAN VIN:3N1BC13E99L377944 Loni Otto 70 West Main ST Ware, MA; CHRYSLER VIN:3CF8Y68B62T270186 Alice Suprenant 316 Amherst RD Pelham, MA; SIERRA VIN:1TT1126B6P1008571 Angie Campos 129 Main St #872 Ashaway, RI; NISSAN VIN:JN1BJ1CR9KW327845 Amanda Brown 44 Gage St Apt 2 Augusta, ME; ACURA VIN:19VDE1F3TDE020455 Eliezer Rodriguez 2175 Plank RD Cheshire, CT; LINCOLN VIN:5LMEU88H74ZJ30175 Edward Libera 39 Bourne St Three Rivers, MA; CHEVY VIN:1GCHK29U93E197403 Gregory Rozkuszka 255 West St Ludlow, MA; CHEVY VIN:2G1WT57K091181374 Ruben Suarez 751 Fairbanks Ave Cincinnati, OH; SUBARU VIN:4S3BMB6C69A3246926 Elizabeth Lund 12 Norbell St Three Rivers, MA; MORITZ VIN:4WXBD1721P1046879 Owner: Unknown; DODGE VIN:2B3KA43G76H174241 Gabriel Morales 119 Stafford St Apt 1 Springfield, MA; CHEVY VIN:KL8CA6S98DC594049 John Walt 48 Smithfield Ct Springfield, MA; CHEVY VIN:2GCEK19TX41131357 Raymond Lavalley 3123 Main St Bondsville, MA; NISSAN VIN:1N4BA41E36C812803 Tammy Castagnaro 1021 Baptist Hill Rd Palmer, MA.

This auction is to take place on March 21, 2025 10:00 A.M. at LaBontes & Son LLC, 241 Wilbraham St., Palmer, MA 01069
03/06, 03/13, 03/20/2025

Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate
and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD25P0432EA
Estate of:
Johan Theodor Leth-Steensen
Date of Death: 10/12/2024
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR FORMAL
ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Pro-**

bate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Johan Leth-Steensen, Jr. of Brimfield, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Johan Leth-Steensen, Jr. of Brimfield, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/31/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION
UNDER THE
MASSACHUSETTS
UNIFORM PROBATE
CODE (MUPC)

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

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 04, 2025

Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate

03/13/2025

Town of Wales
Planning Board

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Ch 40A §11, the Wales Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **March 31st, 2025, at the Wales Senior Center (85 Main St.) at 6:00pm**, regarding the acceptance of a new table of contents and numbering system throughout the Town of Wales Zoning Bylaws. Additionally, the public hearing will also address the acceptance of amendments made within the following sections of the Wales Zoning Bylaws: 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.1, 4.2, 7.0, 7.1.1, 7.4, 7.9, 8.4, 9. A copy is available on the Town of Wales website and is on file with the Town Clerk where it is available for inspection during regular business hours. Any person interested and wishing to be heard on the acceptance of these amendments should refer to the town website (www.townofwales.net) under Planning Board agenda. If you have any questions or concerns, please email planning@townofwales.net.
03/13, 03/20/2025

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AMVETs squadron 74 fundraiser



Members of Sons of AMVETS Squadron 74 host the annual Corned Beef dinner.

This past Sunday, the Sons of AMVETS squadron 74 held their annual corned beef fundraiser. “We have done this event for years and we sre grateful for the support of the community” said Tony Silva, Commander.

This year’s fundraiser produced over 200 take out orders consisting of a traditional Irish Corned Beef dinner. Over two dozen members of the Sons of AMVETS Squadron 74 participated in the event.

“This event helps the Sons raise money to continue to support local Veterans and families as well as supporting local civic programs. We at the Sons are proud of what we accomplish for our Vatersn community” said Silva.



Rick Dulude, Mike Moynahan and Mike Matheau assemble the take out meals



Dave Rice and Dave Coderre serve a meal.



Ross Karnbach delivers a take out meal to a patron.



John Bigda and George Robichaud prepare a meal.

Turley staff photos

Public notices

TOWN OF MONSON
Public Hearing
Tuesday, March 25, 2025
7:00 PM Town Hall
110 Main Street, Monson, MA
Proposed FY25 CDBG
Application

The Town of Monson, in as-
sociation with the Pioneer Valley
Planning Commission, will con-
duct a public hearing regarding
the FY25 Community Develop-
ment Block Grant Program. **The**
hearing will take place at 7:00
PM on Tuesday, March 25th,
2025, in person at the Town Hall,
110 Main Street, Monson, MA
01057. If the meeting is can-
celled due to inclement weather,
the hearing will take place during
the rescheduled Select Board
meeting.

The public is encouraged to
attend this hearing to discuss the
town’s FY25 application to the
Massachusetts Executive Office
of Housing and Livable Commu-
nities for up to \$850,000 in avail-
able Community Development
Block Grant Funds. All persons
with questions or comments re-
garding the grant application will
have an opportunity to be heard.
Those unable to attend can send
written comments to the Mon-
son Town Hall, 110 Main Street,
Monson, MA 01057, Attn: Jenni-
fer Wolowicz.

The Town is encouraging input
on community needs and projects
which would benefit from grant
funding. Projects currently being
considered include an additional
phase of infrastructure improve-

ments on Harrison Avenue. Addi-
tional projects may be discussed
and may be included in the grant
application Additional commu-
nity needs that can be addressed
through the Block Grant program
will also be discussed.

Persons who require special
accommodations for the hearing
should contact the town at least
one week prior to the hearing
date at (413) 267-4100. For fur-
ther information contact Joseph
Hagopian at PVPC at (413) 781-
6045 or jhagopian@pvpc.org.
03/13/2025

Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No.
HD25P0414EA
Estate of:

Roger A. Rondeau
Date of Death: 12/09/2024
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
To all persons interested in the
above captioned estate, by Pe-
tition of Petitioner **Cynthia A.**
Matera of Palmer, MA
a Will has been admitted to in-
formal probate.
Cynthia A. Matera of Palm-
er, MA
has been informally appointed
as the Personal Representative of
the estate to serve **without surety**
on the bond.
The estate is being adminis-
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