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SCHOOLS

Committee makes strides in academic planning, curriculum development

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MONSON— Faculty and staff at Monson Public Schools have been hard at work, spending the past few months preparing for future academic years and implementing a new curriculum plan that will be accessible to the public.

On April 12, the school committee members reviewed a project that has been months in the making. MPS Director of Curriculum and Instruction Katherine Watts created the “Unified Classroom Curriculum and Instruction” program, an online portal for Pre-K through 12 teachers to access a standardized curriculum plan for all grades on a single site.

“This program will take around 18 to 24 months to complete,” said school committee chair Colleen Flynn. “It’s currently been introduced to all Unit A staff, and teachers have given feedback saying it’s very easy to use and that they look forward to seeing all of it when it is finished.”

The program will involve four phases of completion, and upon completion it will be available for anyone in the community to view. Parents will be able to access the curriculum and materials used for each grade, and stay aware of what the students are learning.

“It will provide an opportunity

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Monson Art Show

attracts artists and residents



Melissa Roberts spoke about “Little Berry,” the mannequin she sculpted.



Staff photos by Marcelo Gusmao

Residents explore the gallery in the town's Center Historic District.

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MONSON – The Art Council’s annual Art Show opened this past weekend, drawing a small crowd of art enthusiasts from beyond the town’s borders.

Every year, the Art Council solicits artists from all over the area to display and sell their artwork at the annual art show. The show began last weekend on April 15, and will open again over the weekend of April 22-23 and again from April 29-30.

The art show has been going on for over 40 years, according to Reed Coles, the Vice President of the Arts Council. He said that the main thing that goes into putting on this show is “desire,” as well as the need for space.

“At one time, this was the Town Hall,” he said about one of the buildings the Art Show was held in, which is now known as Memorial Hall.

“When that was empty, because they moved Town Hall down the road,” said Coles, “one of the Selectmen at that time, Grace Makepeace, who also helped to start the Arts Council, she said, ‘Why don’t you move into this house and have your next year show up here?’ And we did.”

Many art pieces were exhibited across Memorial Hall and the House of Art on Main St., and some of the artists were eager to share their process.

Elfreda Bartley-Henson talked about being inspired to become an artist while in Italy.

“There was an art piece,” Bartley-Henson said.

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THREE RIVERS

Fire District voters invited to annual meeting

By Michael Harrison
 Correspondent

THREE RIVERS — Local voters are invited to the Three Rivers Fire District’s annual meeting at the firehouse on Springfield Street at 7 p.m. on May 2 to decide the 16 articles in the warrant to fund operations for the 2023-’24 fiscal year that begins July 1.

The Prudential Committee is requesting approval for a \$297,125 budget for the next fiscal year, a \$9,825 increase over the current year. The fire department has 23 members on the roster.

Articles in the warrant also seek authorization for the Water Department to offset its expenses with revenue from fees and taxes paid by customers in the district and authorize borrowing and fund transfers as needed to maintain services.

Article 12 in the warrant specifically asks “To see whether the District will vote to transfer any sum of money from the Fire Department Stabilization Account for the purchase of a used rescue/ambulance truck” for emergency calls.

“We are hoping the voters will approve the purchase of a used rescue (vehicle),” Three Rivers Fire Chief Scott Turner said.

“It will be used as a rescue truck and a non-transport ambulance for medical calls. We are in the process of upgrading our EMS

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PATHFINDER

Duda advocates for voc-tech education

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PALMER – Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School Superintendent Eric Duda shared photos and information from his recent trip to Washington, D.C., to advocate for vocational education in the commonwealth.

Massachusetts is one of the most underrepresented states in the country in terms of vocational education, Duda said at the School Committee’s April 12 meeting.

While in Washington, D.C., Duda met with Senator Tim Kaine, founder and co-chair of the Senate career and technical education, as well as Congressman Jim McGovern.

Duda explained how wonderful his experience was, and that he feels like he made real progress in representing Massachusetts’ vocational scene.



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HVAC Department upgrades

After receiving a half million-dollar grant, the HVAC department was completely transformed with a full renovation. HVAC will have a brand-new space, fully equipped with new tools, better ceilings, new light, better ventilation, and all new boilers.

Renovations are estimated to be completed by July 1, and there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony in August.

This renovation was much needed considering HVAC workers are in high demand at the moment and the field is predicted to keep growing.

Behavioral concerns

The school district has been facing unprecedented levels of behavioral issues, including fights amongst the freshman students.

Recent changes have proved effective in addressing the fighting, including no more congregating for breakfast in the morning, assigned lunch seating and stricter regulation of cell phone usage.

Signs of Spring



After an unseasonably warm weekend the trees are full of blossoms in downtown Palmer.

MONSON

Select Board addresses allegations concerning investigation

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MONSON – Complaints about Select Board member Mary Hull were read at a recent Select Board meeting, following an investigation into allegations of inappropriate conduct.

Select Board Chair Patricia Oney opened the meeting by summarizing the complaints made by Hull, which are being addressed by the state government through their own protocols. Oney read one of these complaints during the meeting, which was submitted by Hull back in March and alleged that Oney and Town Administrator Jennifer Wolowicz had given inappropriate gifts to the investigator from Safety and Respect in the Workplace, LLC.

The investigation was initially launched after complaints about Hull’s conduct with Wolowicz, which Hull said were in response to complaints received from residents

about the Town Administrator

“Let’s be clear that the reason for that investigation report was because of your bad behavior,” said Oney, “and yes, it cost the town \$47,000, but the only person who’s responsible for the town spending (that money) is you.”

Select Board Clerk John Morrell read the summary of the investigation provided by attorney Timothy Netkovich of Bacon/Wilson: Attorneys at Law. Netkovich’s report found no evidence of any gifts given to the investigator, with the possible exception of a sandwich for lunch, which the investigator was unable to corroborate.

Following the summary by Oney and Morrell, Hull made her case for the investigation, stating that “The attorney states that while I did not receive documentation related to alleged gifts, Mary Hull did forward the town’s response to her public records request in which the

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LUCY

"This is my favorite picture of my Lucy," said Kelly Bergeron, who lives in Monson, "who I miss dearly." Lucy is still alive, but Kelly had to give her up because of health and finances. "She was such a sweet girl." Is your fur friend a dog, cat, chicken, lizard, horse, bird, mouse... you get the point. Is there a pet you're fostering and trying to re-home? All pets are welcome! Email a high-resolution jpg of your pet with a little information to mharrison@turley.com.

Garden Club plant sale May 13

The Monson Garden Club will hold its annual plant sale at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 13, at Dave Grieve Park Gazebo on Main Street.

A wide selection of perennials in addition to wildflowers, vegetables, shrubs, house plants, bulbs and herbs will be available. Prices range from \$3 and up. There will also be an assortment of special gift planters for Mother's Day gifts.

The plants come from members' gardens and members will be available to answer questions about the plants they enjoy. Proceeds from the sale are used for local community projects such as the downtown plantings, holiday greens and two \$500 scholarships.

Rain date is May 20.

Hilltown Hikers to present information on hikes

WILBRAHAM – The Western MA Hilltown Hikers, Inc. is organized exclusively for the education, maintenance, and development of recreational hiking in the Western MA "frontier." With warmer weather approaching, more people are pursuing outside activities, and hiking is a popular favorite. The Hilltown Hikers know the best trails in this part of the state.

One of its volunteers will be coming to the Wilbraham Public Library to answer questions about hiking in western Massachusetts, along with showing pictures and maps of hiking destinations. The presentation will be on Wednesday, May 3 in the Brooks Room from 6-7:30 pm. If interested, please register on the library website: www.wilbrahamlibrary.org.

Oliveira will co-chair Higher Education Caucus

BOSTON — Sen. Jake Oliveira has been chosen to be the Co-Chair of the Public Higher Education Caucus in the Massachusetts State Legislature.

According to a news release, the Public Higher Education Caucus "aims to build long-term support for public higher education in the legislature and highlight the need to invest in public higher education and make it affordable for students in the Commonwealth."

Before serving the Legislature, Oliveira was the assistant executive officer of the Massachusetts State Universities Council of Presidents, which represents the interests of the nine state universities. While at the Council of Presidents, he helped implement the legislative strategy that changed the name of seven of the then-state colleges to state universities, the release states.

"I'm thrilled to be chosen the co-chair of the Public Higher Education Caucus and continue my effort to enrich public higher education," Oliveira said in a statement.

"I'm a product of the public education I received growing up. I was educated entirely through the public ed system, and I'm an alum-

nus of Framingham State University. My success can be directly attributed to what I learned and the opportunities I was granted. I will continue to do everything I can to ensure everyone has those opportunities and can afford those opportunities through my work on the caucus."

As a state representative, Oliveira helped secure millions of dollars for public higher education and pledges to continue to support the needs of those seeking higher public education, according to the release.

"We need to keep the dialogue open not only within the Legislature but with our public institutions in Massachusetts, the students who seek to better their lives there, and the students who need additional support to make their college dreams a reality," Oliveira said.

While at Framingham State University, Oliveira served three years as an elected member of the campus Board of Trustees. He was a student member of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education, which sets policy for



Sen. Jake Oliveira

the state's colleges and universities.

As a student leader, Oliveira was a founding member of the Public Higher Education Network of Massachusetts, which advocates for higher education at the State House. He will co-chair the caucus with another former member of PHENOM, state Rep. Natalie Higgins (4th Worcester). Higgins was the executive director of PHENOM and joined Oliveira in organizing and advocating for well-funded, affordable, accessible, and well-staffed public higher education in Massachusetts, the release states.

"I'm glad to welcome Senator Jake Oliveira as co-chair of the Public Higher Ed Caucus," Higgins said.

"I've had the opportunity to work with Senator Oliveira on public higher education advocacy for close to a decade. We're both proud products of public higher ed, and I look forward to all we can accomplish together in the new session."

Bargain clothing sale, April 29

MONSON – There will be a bargain clothing sale on Saturday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Monson-Glendale United Methodist Church, 162 Main St.

Inflation hasn't hit the sale, it is still \$1 a bag just as it was in 2000. This is an opportunity to find some clothing for the entire family.

Glee Club to present two spring concerts

WILBRAHAM – The Wilbraham Men's Glee Club will present two concerts this spring in the greater Wilbraham area. The first at St. Cecilia's Church, Wilbraham on Sunday, April 30, and the final performance at First Church of Christ, Longmeadow on Sunday, May 7. Both concerts will begin at 4 p.m.

The Glee Club is accompanied by Marcia Jackson and conducted by Raymond Drury. Drury has chosen a varied and compelling program including music of classical masters Dvorak, Vaughan Williams, and Berger, as well as contemporary pieces, folk songs, spirituals, sea chanties and pop songs. Of particular interest will be four - hand piano selections by Jackson and St. Cecilia's organist/choirmaster, Todd Rovelli.

The concerts are supported by both The Wilbraham and Longmeadow Arts Councils. While no admission charge will be imposed, a free - will offering will be taken.

Healthy Kids Day at the Scantic Valley YMCA

WILBRAHAM – The YMCA sets kids up for success this summer at Healthy Kids Day!

Free and open to the public, this annual event features a day of fun-filled activities to celebrate kids being kids.

The Scantic Valley Y is hosting the Y's annual Healthy Kids Day® on Saturday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to noon, located at 45 Post Office Park in Wilbraham. This event features a variety of family-friendly activities to encourage healthy kids, healthy families and a healthy start to the summer season.

"It is so important for kids to stay active over the summer, both physically and mentally," said Deb Kelder, Executive Director at the Scantic Valley Y. "At the Y, we believe in providing resources to families to ensure that their children have access to what they need to reach their full potential, no matter the time of year. Healthy Kids Day is a fun, free community-wide event that encourages families to take advantage of all the great summer resources that the Y, and other local, like-minded organizations, has to offer."

For more information, contact the Scantic Valley YMCA at 413.596.2749.

Hampden Community Gardens, accepting plot donations

HAMPDEN – Hampden Community Gardens is now accepting plot reservations for 2023. The 20'x20' plots will be tilled and staked in time for the mid-May to mid-October growing season. For the \$20 fee, gardeners will enjoy having water on site, ample parking, and easy access. The garden is located beyond the parking lot at Green Meadows School. To secure your plot, contact Dave Buel at davebuel@gmail.com. In person sign-up will also be available Saturday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hampden Free Public Library as part of their Earth Day activities.

CAMPUS NOTES

Western New England University

Cole Crosby of Brimfield and Kathryn Henry of Palmer both had important backstage roles in the recent Western New England University Stageless Players spring musical, "Little Shop of Horrors."

Crosby, who is working toward a BSBA in Sport Management, served as technical director/lighting designer, and Henry, who is working toward a BS in Forensic Chemistry, was the show's sound coordinator.

Volunteers needed to deliver groceries to local seniors

HOLLAND – The Council on Aging has an open position on the board for a member at large and possibly a second opportunity to help local seniors, depending on interest.

The COA supervises some of the senior-related financial management and approves expenditures for the Senior Center. The board meets at 10:15 a.m. the second Tuesday of each month and members can choose to meet in-person or virtually over GoToMeeting.

There are also other opportunities for serving as a representative of Holland at regional organizations, but it is not required.

The second opportunity, contingent on enough volunteers offering to help, is with the Brown Bag program that delivers groceries to low income seniors in the area once a month. It is currently run by the Brimfield Senior Center and encompasses the towns of Brimfield, Wales and Holland, but Brimfield is no longer able to continue the program and is asking Holland to take it over.

Brown Bag Delivery is the second Friday of each month. A driver – or two – with a truck or large SUV is needed to drive to the Palmer Senior Center at 10 a.m. on the second Friday of the month and pick up cases of food provided by the Western Mass Food Bank. This job requires someone who can handle lifting cases of canned goods and other items. The driver then brings the food to the Holland Community Center and unloads the food.

Volunteers at the Holland center divide the food up into individual grocery bags and the drivers then deliver the bags to individual residences. There are about 25 to 30 people served in all three towns.

In addition to drivers and baggers, someone is needed to manage the paperwork involved – mostly keeping the delivery lists up to date.

To express interest or get more information, send an email to communitycenter@hollandma.org.

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town's response was that the request was incomplete."

Though emails were provided to Hull, she found there were gaps in the correspondence, but was unable to fill the perceived gaps, as her request was deemed incomplete.

"The reason that I thought there may have been a gift was the heading of an email was 'Happy birthday,'" Hull said.

After participating in a Zoom seminar about investigations in the municipal workplace, Hull described the situation she'd witnessed on the town's Select Board to the presenters.

"I was told it would warrant an investigation, so I immediately sent the request," Hull said.

Oney explained to Hull that the difference in responses to resident complaints against Wolowicz, compared to Wolowicz's complaints against Hull are due to the town's different relationship with an employee such as Wolowicz, versus an elected official like Hull.

"We have an absolute obligation to protect our employees from bad behavior from town officials, or from anyone else," said Oney.

"Both of the people who were complained about, it was recognized in the investigation report," said Morrell, "and I'm wondering if either one of you have taken advantage of that recommendation to do that."

Hull said she had not, but Wolowicz responded that she was.

"She's trying to do something and correct it," Morrell said. "That's my point there."

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Three Rivers Fire & Water District Election

The Annual Election will be held on Tuesday, May 30 from 3 to 7 p.m. at Three Rivers Fire Dept. Headquarters

Nomination papers are available at the Three Rivers Water Dept at 2031 Main St. Nomination Papers must be returned no later than 5p.m. on April 25.

Positions to be filled:

- One Prudential Committee Member – (3 Year Term)
- One District Clerk – (1 Year Term)

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license to EMT level and it would be a great addition to the way we provide emergency services to our community."

The cost is \$63,000 overall, minus the value of trading in an older piece of equipment.

"The dealer took our old rescue truck in trade and put \$5,000 toward the cost, so the total is \$58,000," Turner said.

During the past fiscal year, the department responded to 250 incidents, including 126 EMS calls.

"Another part to the upgrade in service level is to supplement Palmer Ambulance Service," Turner said.

"They are very busy and last year in Three Rivers, there were 60 EMS incidents where an out of town ambulance was requested. We would be able to provide higher levels of care until that other ambulance arrived on-scene," he said.

CHILD ABUSE

Prevention Month highlights what you need to know

SPRINGFIELD – Many millions of children of every race, religion and background face neglect or physical, emotional or sexual abuse in America, experts say.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, an annual observance dedicated to raising awareness and prevention of child abuse. During this month and throughout the year, Baystate Children's Hospital encourages all individuals and organizations to play a role in making the community a better and safer place for children and families.

"Doctors are often asked if cancer or heart disease can be prevented. The answer is, of course, yes," said Stephen C. Boos, MD, FAAP, co-medical director, Baystate Family Advocacy Center/Baystate Children's Hospital.

"It is important to recognize that child abuse and neglect are public health problems, too, and can be prevented," Boos said.

"There have been a good number of models for child abuse prevention. I think one message runs through all suc-



Stephen C. Boos, MD

cessful programs. Preventing child abuse requires us to build and support strong families and communities in which children can become the best versions of themselves," he added.

Boos noted three levels identified by research into child abuse prevention.

Where the research is most active recently is on broad governmental support such as the refundable earned income tax credit, Medicaid expansion, housing assistance, affordable childcare and other food and financial assistance, a press release states. Program after program is being studied, and each has an impact on child abuse rates.

In addition to formal governmental support, informal social supports matter. Researchers look at something called "social capital," the way people feel about and relate to their neighbors. When that is high, child abuse rates are lower.

Then we have the culture of the family itself. Comparing adults who report

past sexual abuse to those who do not, the strongest predictor was parent action. When parents monitor – know where children are after school, know who they are communicating with on social media, know that their activities are being supervised by a trusted adult – and talk regularly to their children about relationships and sexual safety, sexual abuse is less common.

Physical abuse is less common when parents use "positive parenting" – focusing on structuring and rewarding success – and avoiding corporal punishment, the release states.

As a bonus, building those close relationships, remaining involved but not controlling, and accentuating the positive builds resilient children. Resiliency is a challenging concept to study. It means that something in the person before makes them do better after something unfortunate happens.

"A strong parent-child relationship in a strong family with strong connections to a supportive community in a society with strong social supports results in strong children who bounce back when adversity strikes," Boos said.

The Family Advocacy Center of Baystate Children's Hospital is a nationally accredited Child Advocacy Center serving children, families and communities of western Massachusetts affected by child abuse and/or domestic violence. As child abuse and domestic violence are community problems, the Family Advocacy Center coordinates child abuse and domestic violence services with numerous community partners.

Staffed by physicians, psychologists, social workers, volunteers, and advocates, the center offers a variety of support including counseling, medical services, support programs, advocacy programs and victim services.

Anyone who suspects that a child is being abused is urged to call the Child Help National Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-4-A-CHILD (1-800-422-4453).

To make an appointment for therapy services at the Family Advocacy Center at Baystate Children's Hospital, call 413-794-5555. For other services or information on the Family Advocacy Center, call 413-794-9816 or visit tinyurl.com/yc44bvuj.

Haessler is Baystate's first female Medicine Dept. chair

SPRINGFIELD – Dr. Sarah D. Haessler, whose expertise in infectious diseases has been recognized at the local, state, national and international levels, has been named chair of the Department of Medicine at Baystate Health.

Haessler, who has served as interim chair of the Department of Medicine at Baystate since 2022, was appointed chair after a highly competitive national search, a news release states. She is the inaugural female chair of Baystate Health's largest clinical/academic department.

Haessler received her medical degree from George Washington University School of Medicine and completed a residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in infectious diseases at Dartmouth Hitchcock in New Hampshire. She is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in internal medicine and infectious diseases.

Since joining Baystate Health in 2005, Haessler has held progressive leadership roles, including as the Hospital Epidemiologist for the health system; vice chair, Dept. of Medicine; and interim chief, Division of Geriatrics and Palliative Care and most recently interim chair, Dept. of Medicine.



Dr. Sarah D. Haessler

"Her strong work and expert insights have had a tremendous, salutary impact on national, state, and regional preparation and response to several biological threats, including pandemic influenza, Ebola, monkeypox, and COVID-19 – serving in critical leadership roles in these events," said Dr. Andrew W. Arntstein, chief physician executive and chief academic officer for Baystate Health and president of Baystate Medical Practices.

Active in the field of academics and research, Haessler has trained and served as advisor and mentor for dozens of residents and fellows in the specialty of infectious diseases. She is currently an associate professor of Medicine at UMass Chan Medical School-Baystate.

According to the news release, as either principal or co-investigator, Haessler since 2002 has completed numerous research projects and is currently co-investigator in Reducing Antimicrobial Overuse Through Targeted Therapy for Patients with Community Acquired Pneumonia.

Haessler is the recipient of several honors and awards, including Business West's Healthcare Hero Award, the Women in Medicine and Science Impact

Award, and the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America's Speaker Recognition Award and the Women in Medicine and Science Impact Award. She has held several distinct leadership roles in SHEA, including board and committee chair positions.

She has published more than 45 scholarly works in medical literature – including book chapters and peer and non-peer reviewed publications – and has served on several national and state expert panels and scientific review groups.

Haessler has been invited to present at international, national, regional and local symposiums and conferences on a variety of topics, such as the science of hand hygiene for preventing infections, challenging cases in infection prevention, addressing the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on women's academic and clinical advancement and many others.

For more information on Baystate Health, visit baystatehealth.org.



Family Bird Walk

SPRINGFIELD – The Allen Bird Club of Springfield invites families and beginning birders to participate in a free, introductory bird walk to be held Saturday, April 22, from 9 - 11 a.m. in Springfield's Forest Park.

Gearred toward youngsters and those curious about birding, this walk will focus on common local birds, identification tips, and appreciating the joy of birding. The walk will encompass 1.5 - 2 miles with even footing and some hills. Participants should bring water, snacks, bug repellent, comfortable footwear, and binoculars if available. The walk will begin at the Picknelly Field parking lot at Forest Park's Route 5/Longmeadow entrance. For more information or to learn about the Allen Bird Club, please visit AllenBirdClub.org.

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SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

What can I earn in my first year collecting Social Security?

Dear Rusty: My 62 birthday is in late August of this year. I would like to start collecting Social Security, but after reading about the need to keep my earnings less than \$21,240 in the first year it doesn't seem fair to those who have birthdays later in the year. I will have earned a lot by the end of August. Or am I missing the part where the year starts from the day you retire? Or is it a fiscal year? Please elaborate?
Signed: Looking Ahead

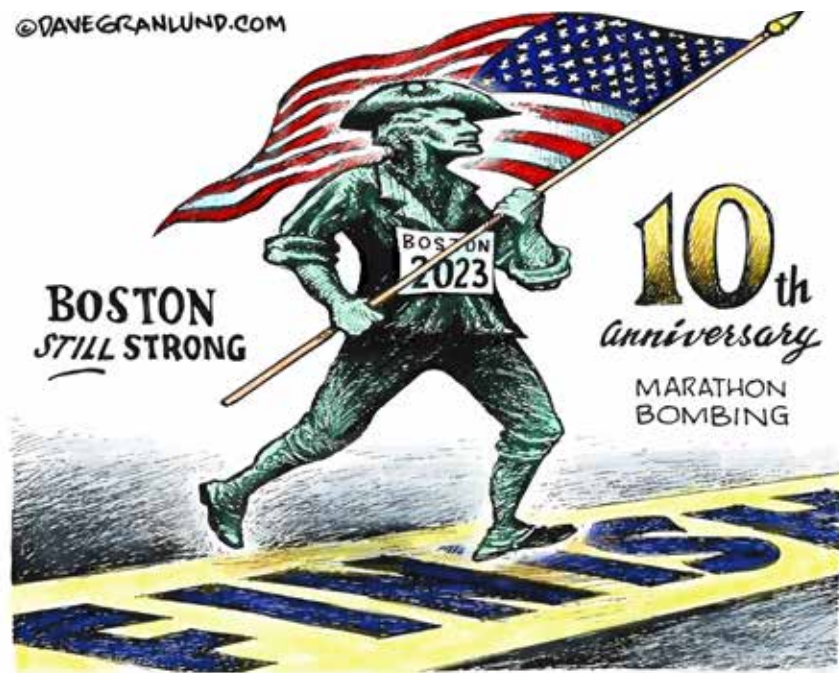
Dear Looking Ahead: Born in late August, your first month of eligibility for Social Security will be September (you must be 62 for an entire month to be eligible for SS benefits). If you start your benefits in September, for the months of September through December 2023 you'll have a monthly earnings limit of \$1,770. If you exceed that limit in any of those 4 months, you won't be eligible for SS benefits in any month that the \$1770 monthly limit is exceeded. If you exceed the monthly limit in all of those months, you won't be entitled to any benefits in 2023, unless using the annual earnings limit formula to determine your penalty would result in a lesser amount.

The penalty for exceeding the annual limit is \$1 for every \$2 you are over the 2023 limit and, if using that formula yields a penalty which is less than for exceeding the 2023 monthly limit for September - December, they will use the annual limit instead of the monthly limit to compute your penalty. Thus, your annual earnings earned before September will only count if using the annual limit will result in less of a penalty than using the monthly limit for the months after your benefits start. If you plan to retire from working before September, then there will be no penalty for exceeding the annual earnings limit prior to that, but if you continue to work full time there will likely be a penalty which will cause Social Security to take away some of your benefits.

Starting in 2024, only the annual earnings limit, which will be a bit more than the 2023 annual limit, will apply to you. Generally, if you continue working full time and will significantly exceed the annual earnings limit, it may be wise to reconsider claiming your Social Security until your income is below or closer to the annual limit each year, or until you reach your full retirement age after which the earnings limit no longer applies. And if you do claim early and exceed the earnings limit, and if you have benefits taken away for some number of months to satisfy the penalty, you'll get time-credit for those months after you reach your full retirement age. That credit will, essentially, move your claim date forward by the number of months you didn't get SS benefits, increasing your benefit amount accordingly after your full retirement age.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.



Asparagus, a perennial favorite

When I was a kid, we had a big flower garden that ran the length of the gable end of our ranch house.

It was tremendous fun for mom and me each spring to mark the rows and sow the seeds of calendula, cleome, balsam and so many other interesting annual flowers.

Sometime in the mid to late 1980s, it became trendy to install perennial flower gardens. Under the guise of "less work," lots of folks traded in their marigolds and zinnias in place of daylilies and summer phlox.

Where am I going with this, you ask? Straight to an article about asparagus.

Yes, asparagus. My favorite perennial vegetable.

The correlation came when I was working in my asparagus patch earlier today and I thought about just how much bang for the buck you get from established asparagus for such little annual labor.

In order to thrive, asparagus plants require full sun, fertile soil, a neutral pH, and a weed-free bed. If time allows, prepare the site in the fall prior to spring planting by removing the sod from grassy areas and by making the necessary adjustments to the soil with the addition of lime and balanced organic fertilizers.

A soil test will determine accurate amounts for your site.

Once asparagus crowns have been purchased you shouldn't wait too long to plant them, or they will dry out. At first look, the roots look like fleshy white tentacles of an octopus radiating out from its head!

If planting ASAP is unlikely store them in moist sphagnum moss until you are able to get them in the ground. New advice recommends planting the crowns in trenches 8-10" deep.

It is helpful to incorporate additional lime and bone meal thoroughly into the bottom of the planting furrow. Set plants

on small mounds of soil 12-18" apart in the row and cover with 2" of soil.

As the spears poke through this first layer of soil and begin to fern out, gradually fill in the trench with a mixture of soil and finished compost. It should take six weeks for the furrow to be completely filled in.

Water regularly and top-dress with fertilizer in August of the first year and every spring thereafter. A thick application of compost at this time will also enhance fertility, while liming annually will help keep the pH neutral.

New studies indicate that spears can be harvested for a week-long period the year after planting. Simply cut with a sharp knife at the soil surface.

The following year expand your harvest to four weeks; by year three a full harvest season of eight weeks is possible.

After harvest let the foliage grow, once winter killed it can be cut back and removed from the garden site in case it harbors insect eggs. Good hygiene and hand picking will reduce populations of the asparagus beetle and other culprits of the asparagus patch.

What was I doing out in the asparagus patch today, you ask?

Besides thinking about flowers, I was weeding, and prepping the beds for their annual application of lime and compost. It's a fair trade-off for two months of harvesting one of my favorite vegetables!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 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.

in the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid



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GUEST COLUMN

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

By Melissa Hutchins, Paul Regan and Monica Moran
Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force

The Ware Police recently posted on Facebook about Ware resident Michael Hunt who has been arrested for sexual assault of a minor and who recently violated his conditions of release by approaching two teenage girls in nearby Oakham asking for directions.

The teenage girls are safe, and Hunt is now in custody, but he could be released at any time.

We are grateful to the police for keeping the community informed and for doing all they can to keep the community safe.

The threat of assault by a stranger is real and should not be minimized. We also want to take this opportunity to remind the community that as many as 90% of situations where a child is sexually harmed, the child (and often their family) knows the person who has caused harm.

We have some tips for parents and guardians who want to keep their children safe. The tips below are adapted from Stop It Now!, a national organization that works to stop sexual abuse.

Tips for talking to children about others' behavior towards them:

Model healthy boundaries

Sometimes we unintentionally confuse kids by insisting they hug a relative or friend, or by saying "Do whatever the babysitter tells you to do."

Help your children practice setting respectful boundaries. If they don't want to hug a relative, help them say no politely or help them find another way to greet their relative (i.e. shaking hands, fist bump).

Model saying, "no thanks" or "I'd rather shake hands but I'm happy to see you!"

If needed, step in and help your relatives understand that no disrespect is intended and that you are encouraging boundary setting for safety reasons.

Use concrete examples

For example, talk through with your child what they would do if they were at a friend's house and a friend's older sibling asked them to play a game that made them feel uncomfortable or weird, or involved physical contact. Make it clear that they can tell you or another trusted adult and that they won't get in trouble for telling.

Talk about touch

Tell your children something like, "It is not OK for anyone to touch you in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable - even if it is someone you are close to and care about, and even if you like the person. Your body is yours alone and you always have a right to say no."

Explain about tricks

Explain that sometimes people use tricks or bribes to keep children from telling things. They might tell a child that the abuse is their fault, that no one will believe them, or that if the child tells something bad will happen.

Reassure your children that they can tell you anything, even if it already happened. Remind them that you will always be there to keep them safe, that some secrets should not be kept, and that if someone tricks them it is never their fault.

Involve other adults

Sometimes children find it easier to talk to other adults.

Ask your child, "If you didn't want to tell me something important, what other adult could you talk to?" Help them figure out who that other adult would be.

Reassure them that it would be okay with you if they told this other trusted adult and that your main concern is their safety.

Be approachable

By making it normal to have these kinds of conversations and by answering questions accurately and respectfully, you send the message that your child can talk to you - even if something has already happened.



Great blue heron

Great blue herons are back

After writing in the previous column about an email from a Hardwick resident about a heron rookery, I received two other emails about rookeries in their area.

A couple who read the Journal Register enjoy watching the rookery at Conant Brook Dam in Monson. They said there were about four or five nests being used.

A Brimfield resident also sent an email about the Conant Brook Dam in Monson. He said there are about six nests.

Last year all of the nests fledged young.

He said the rookery is easy to find and it is accessible from the a parking lot off of Munn Road in Monson. On Google maps it is listed at the Conant Brook Dam/Munn Dike Trailhead.

From the parking lot walk about a quarter mile through the field and then take a right to the water.

He said, "The nest are spread out and sometimes it takes a bit to find all six because of all of the dead tree trunks standing in the water."

I have a pair of great blue herons nesting in the beaver pond, which borders my hayfield. They nested there last year for the first time.

For many years before nesting, the great blue herons frequented the pond. I even saw a green heron once. Sparrows and purple finches

The Brimfield resident said he has not seen many migrants yet, but he had fox sparrows, which were around for a few days. He also saw his first of the year chipping sparrow and a bright male purple finch.

An Oakham couple also have purple finches coming to their feeders. I keep looking, but I have not seen any yet.

I only put a small amount of seed out in the morning because of the many bears in my area.

Displaying Tom turkeys

On April Fools Day, three of my grandchildren and I saw a Tom turkey displaying in front of a hen turkey in a field in Barre. It was a quiet country road, so we stopped and watched for awhile.

My granddaughter, Lizzie, even took a photo, but it did not come out well as they were a distance away.

The Tom would display his tail feathers in a fan and strut about. Then he would lower them to the normal position and start the mating ritual all over again.

Loon mating behavior

The Loon Preservation Committee in Moultonborough, New Hampshire said in a newsletter, "Courtship is much more subtle in loons than it is in some other bird species. Loons do not perform mating dance, if you see some flashy, splashy behavior going on between two loons, you are likely witnessing a territorial interaction between rivals rather than an interaction between pair members. Instead, loon courtship often looks like peaceful coexistence, they strengthen their bond by doing things together, from preening to foraging to patrolling their territory. You may also hear them hooting softly to one another."

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For more information, call editor Michael Harrison 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.

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Garden Club Plant & Bake Sale to be held May 13

WILBRAHAM – The Wilbraham Garden Club is holding their annual Plant & Bake Sale on Saturday, May 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the grounds of the Wilbraham Library (located off Main Street behind the Veterans Memorial at Crane Park).

The sale will have perennials, annuals, hanging baskets, herbs, potted plants ready for Mother's Day gift giving and a variety of sun loving and shade plants as well. The bake sale will include cakes, pies, breads, muffins, cookies and various homemade goodies. This is the club's major fundraising effort of the year, which enables the club to lend monetary support to many projects that enhance life in Wilbraham. For more information contact Christine Scibelli, Chair for the event at (413) 596-3355.

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Assigned lunch seating with no cell phone usage has proved especially effective, encouraging students to make new friends and entertain themselves in more natural ways such as playing board games.

Chronic absenteeism is at an all-time high following COVID. There are about 35-45 chronically absent students throughout the school, and faculty says that mental health issues have contributed to this issue. The School Committee is considering partnering with local police in hopes of getting this matter under control.

Behavioral issues have also extended to the school buses.

School calendar changes

The School Committee approved adding half days around midterms to lower stress levels for students and staff.

Trips approved

The School Committee approved a number of upcoming field trips including April 27-29, Skills USA at Blackstone Valley Regional Technical High School; April 21-26, DECA International Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida; May 9, New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks, Connecticut; and May 25, Brownstone Adventure Sports Park in Portland, Connecticut.

New hires

The school district looks forward to welcoming new hires Michael Forrest, Transition Coordinator/Assistive Tech and Reading Instructor; Jennifer Pytel, Paraprofessional; Tonia Speenburgh, part-time Library and Media Support.

Retirement

School Committee members recognized retiree John Weyant, Carpentry Instructor, for 23 years of great work.

Donations

The School Committee voted to accept a \$15,000 donation from the Palmer Rotary Club.

They also voted to accept a number of gifts including a Lincoln Electric AC/DC Arc Welder and some other tools from Elaine Hodgman; a 2015 Sedona from Mary K. Young; a 2009 Honda Odyssey from Darlene Henshaw; and a 2010 Ford Fusion Hybrid from Cristian Covert.

Lowes Hardware donated tools and equipment including 49 drills.

The Polish American Citizens Club donated to the music program, and Palmer Rotary Club donated a scholarship.

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ty for others to look at what the curriculums are for each grade," Watts said. "Obviously the teachers will be the only ones with access to editing and uploading things, but this is going to be very helpful for public viewing and easy access without having to go searching elsewhere."

In addition to the new curriculum program in the works, the school committee recently got their budgets approved for the upcoming school year during meetings at the end of March with the town Select Board. The meetings were positive and budgets were met with no questions or concerns, according to Flynn.

"This year, we tried something new," Flynn said. "We went on a retreat in March and had ten whiteboard calendars set up, and we mapped out all of the upcoming meetings for the rest of the year."

"We have confirmed faculty meetings, team leader meetings, and even scoped out our plans for the first few days of school when teachers return in the fall, so I am very thankful for the administrative team for their help with that."

Flynn said that going forward, she plans to have bi-weekly meetings with the town administrator Jennifer Wolowicz to keep each other informed on school-related matters.

Updates concerning the new curriculum plan and school programs will be presented at future school committee meetings in the near future, according to the school committee members.

Weather makes perfect conditions for brush fires



Holland firefighters begin picking up hose after fighting brush fires.

Holland Fire Department firefighters were busy last week fighting brush fires in Brimfield, Wales and Union, Conn., during days with weather that created conditions that increased the likelihood of brush fires.

HOLLAND – Last week's weather brought the start of a busy brush fire season across the state, including in Holland.

The Fire Department was dispatched for mutual aid three days in a row last week. On Monday, April 10, Brimfield had a three-alarm brush fire around 4 p.m. on Five Bridge Road.

On Tuesday, April 11, around 1:30 p.m. Wales/Stafford had a brush fire burning 10.2 acres in the Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary. With assistance from the Wilbraham Fire Department bringing in their drone the fire was located while crews were strategically

placed. It took the teamwork of multiple towns including Spencer, Warren, Brookfield, North Brookfield, East Brookfield, Holland, Brimfield, Wales, Monson and Stafford, Conn. around six hours to extinguish the fire and another two hours of overhauling.

On Wednesday, April 12, around 4 p.m., Holland was called for mutual aid to Union, Conn. for another small brush fire on about one acre. Those days saw a red flag warning, which is issued when weather conditions of relatively low humidity, warm temperatures and gusty winds can cause extreme fire conditions.



Holland firefighters make sure a recent brush fire is entirely extinguished.

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THIS WEEK

FABRIC DRIVE: First Church of Monson partners with Savers of West Springfield to sponsor a soft goods FUN-Drive 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, in the parking lot of the church, located at

5 High Street. Clean used clothing, bedding (sheets, blankets, mattress covers), curtains, towels, or any other woven goods will be accepted. Household goods and books cannot be included. Donors are asked to bag clean items in large plastic bags averaging about 20 pounds each. For more information, call the church office at 413-267-3312, email office@firstchurchmonson.org or go to First Church Monson.org.

TOWN-WIDE CLEANUP: Palmer's annual spring sweep in honor of Earth Day will be held 9 a.m. to noon on April 22. Show up at Lavolette Field. Trash bags and some supplies available, but bring gloves,

grabbers and anything else you might need to clear trash and debris.

EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES: The staff of the Norcross Wildlife Foundation is holding an all-day open house at the sanctuary from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, to celebrate Earth Day.

Anyone who wants to find out more about Norcross or if just want to get outside and have some fun with friends and family in nature, is encouraged to head over to the Norcross Administration Building at 30 Peck Road for programs, activities, tours, representatives from other naturalist organizations, a food truck and giveaways. Guided tours of our public trails will be led by Norcross staff. They will kick off the day with an early-riser birdwatching walk with Bill Cormier of Wild Bird Crossing.

perennials in addition to wildflowers, vegetables, shrubs, house plants, bulbs and herbs will be available starting at \$3. Rain date is May 20.

INTERESTS

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

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

QUABOAG VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD: Members meet at 1 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month in the Amvets post at 2150 Main St., Three Rivers. The Guild is a no-pressure group with varying degrees of accomplishments, from novice to Big E "Best In Show" winners. Dues are \$55 a year. For more information, contact Barbara Beaulieu at 267-4044 or Merry Mombourquette at 283-7577. Follow them on Facebook for more.

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

GAME NIGHT: 6-7:45 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month at Top Floor Learning (third floor of the Palmer Library at 1455 N. Main St.). Free and open to the public. Play available board and card games or bring your own. Must be 16 or older unless accompanied by an adult. No Registration Required – just show up! Questions? Call 283-2329, or 283-3691, or email palewis19@yahoo.com.

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

BINGO: 6:25 p.m., Mondays. Kitchen opens at 4:30 p.m. At Amvets Post 74, 2150 Main St., Three Rivers.

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

UPCOMING

FIRST LADY OF THE WORLD: The Keep Homestead Museum, located at 35 Ely Road in Monson, presents actress Sheryl Faye as she portrays Eleanor Roosevelt in a program, "First Lady Of The World" at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 7, during an open house event. Using costumes, audio, slides and attention to detail, Faye tells Roosevelt's story as a child, wife, mother, first lady and widow. Free, but donations appreciated.

PLANT SALE: The Monson Garden Club will hold its annual plant sale at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 13, at Dave Grieve Park Gazebo on Main Street. A wide selection of

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Baystate Health's "Wheeling for Healing Ride, Walk, Run" will be held on Sunday, May 7 at Yankee Candle Village in South Deerfield.

'Wheeling for Healing' returns May 7

SPRINGFIELD – What began as a grassroots employee effort is hitting the road again to become one of the only comprehensive cancer fundraisers in the area.

The "Wheeling for Healing Ride, Walk, Run" will return on Sunday, May 7, at a new location at Yankee Candle Village in South Deerfield and with an expanded mission to support cancer care and services across Baystate Health.

"We are so thrilled to be hitting the pavement again, especially with our new partners at Yankee Candle Village on board," said Kathy Tobin, director of Annual Giving & Events for Baystate Health Foundation in a press release.

"The expansion of Wheeling for Healing's mission allows us to reach anyone who has been impacted by cancer care at Baystate Health and continue to raise awareness about the many ways this event can support these crucial services throughout our community. We want to be here to support all of our patients, regardless of what point of their cancer journey they are in or where they receive care," she said.

Wheeling for Healing will host 10, 25, and 50-mile cycling routes, as well as a 5K for walkers and runners. There is no fundraising minimum and registration fees begin at \$10 for children under 12, \$25 for those ages 13-17, and \$40 for adults ages 18 and older.

To pre-register as an individual, form a team, or join an existing team, visit BaystateHealth.org/WheelingforHealing.

Those who register online will be set up with their own fundraising webpage that can be shared with family, friends, and colleagues to raise funds for the event, which will support cancer care and resources at Baystate Health.

Pre-registered participants will receive a T-shirt at the event.

To donate to a participant or team fundraising for the event, or to make a general donation, visit BaystateHealth.org/WheelingforHealing.

Registration at the event is 8:30 a.m. for the 50-mile start, 9:30 a.m. for the 25-mile start, 10 a.m. for the 10-mile start, and 11 a.m. for the 5K start.

All proceeds and funds raised remain local to support cancer care and services in western Massachusetts. Since its founding in 2008, Wheeling for Healing has raised over \$538,000, providing funding that has supported the purchase of more comfortable infusion chairs and new exam tables, as well as programs for patients and survivors, including art therapy, writing, and yoga.

To learn more, donate, or register, visit BaystateHealth.org/WheelingforHealing.

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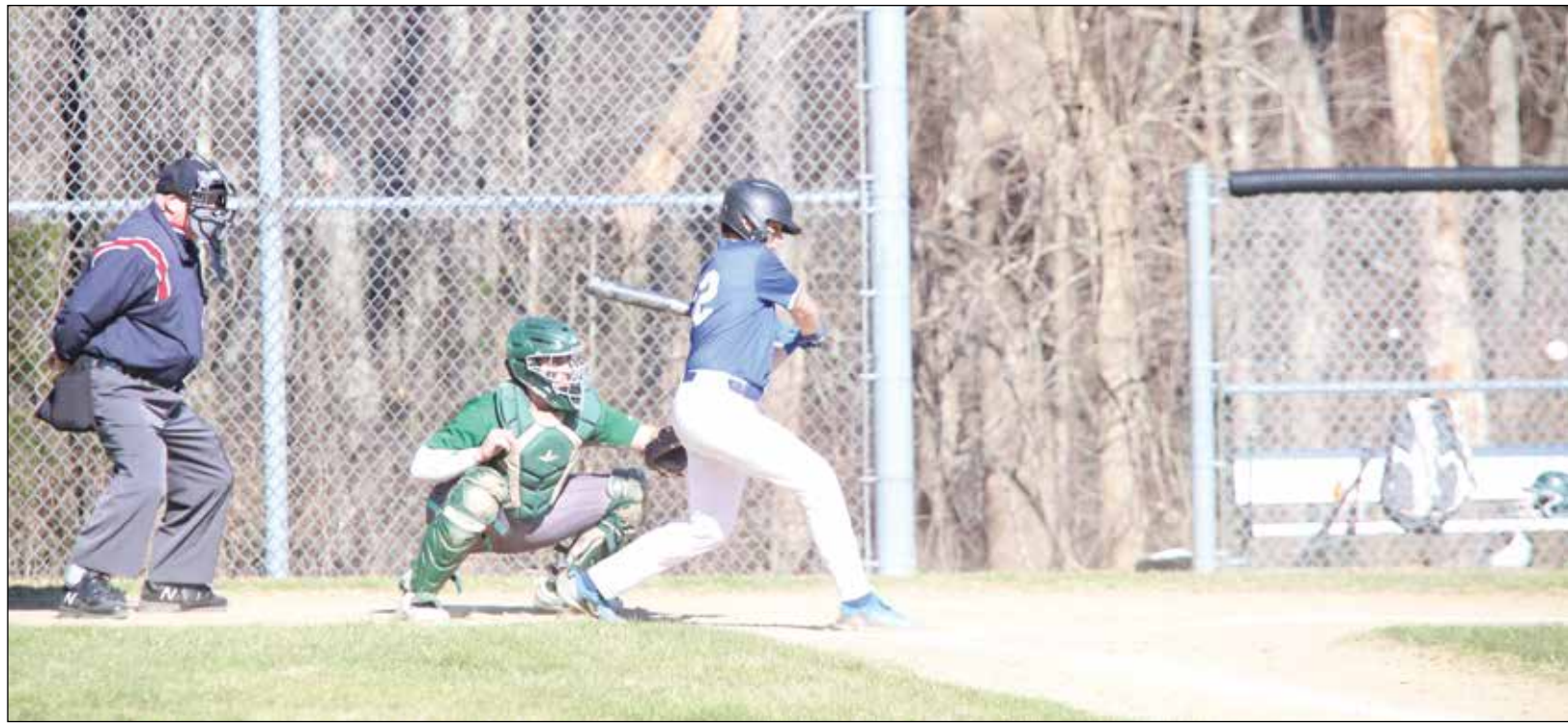
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BASEBALL

Indians offense overwhelms Mustangs



Austin Meacham gets set to swing.

Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

MONSON—The Ware varsity baseball team hadn't had very much success against Suburban Central Division rival Monson at the Ronald Constantino Baseball Field during the past couple of years.

When the Indians made the bus trip to the Monson baseball diamond a year ago, they held an early 6-1 lead, but wound up suffering an 8-6 loss.

The Indians players certainly didn't want a repeat performance this year, as they coasted to an 11-1 road victory over the Mustangs, last Monday afternoon April 10. The contest ended after five innings due to the 10-run mercy rule.

"We've lost on this field during the past couple of years," said Ware head coach Scott Slattery. "We were able to put the ball in play, and we also ran the bases very well in to-

day's game. Our two pitchers also threw strikes."

Sophomore righty Nathan Kaczuwka, who won his second road game, worked the first 4 1/3 innings allowing one run on just two base hits. He struck out seven and walked two. He threw 67 pitches.

Kaczuwka also helped himself at the plate with four hits and he scored three runs.

"We had some good at-bats and put the ball in play, which made it very easy for me on the mound," said Kaczuwka, who threw mostly fastballs against the Mustangs. "I now have a 2-0 record, which feels great."

Kaczuwka won his third road game against South Hadley last Friday afternoon, as the Indians celebrated a 12-2 victory in six innings. Kaczuwka allowed two unearned on two hits in that contest.

There was a lot of pressure on Kaczuwka in his first start of

the regular season, as the Indians squeaked out a 3-2 win at Mount Greylock in the season opener.

"Nate pitched very well in our season opener at Mt. Greylock," Slattery said. "He has a chance to be an outstanding pitcher during the next couple of years. He's a great kid and he loves playing baseball."

Brady Dyer, who made his first varsity appearance on the mound against Monson, retired the only two batters that he faced on ground ball outs to the shortstop.

The road win evened the Indians overall record to 2-2. It was also their first league win. The Mustangs (0-4,0-1) don't have any seniors listed on their roster. Ten of their 16 players are either in the seventh, eighth, or ninth grades.

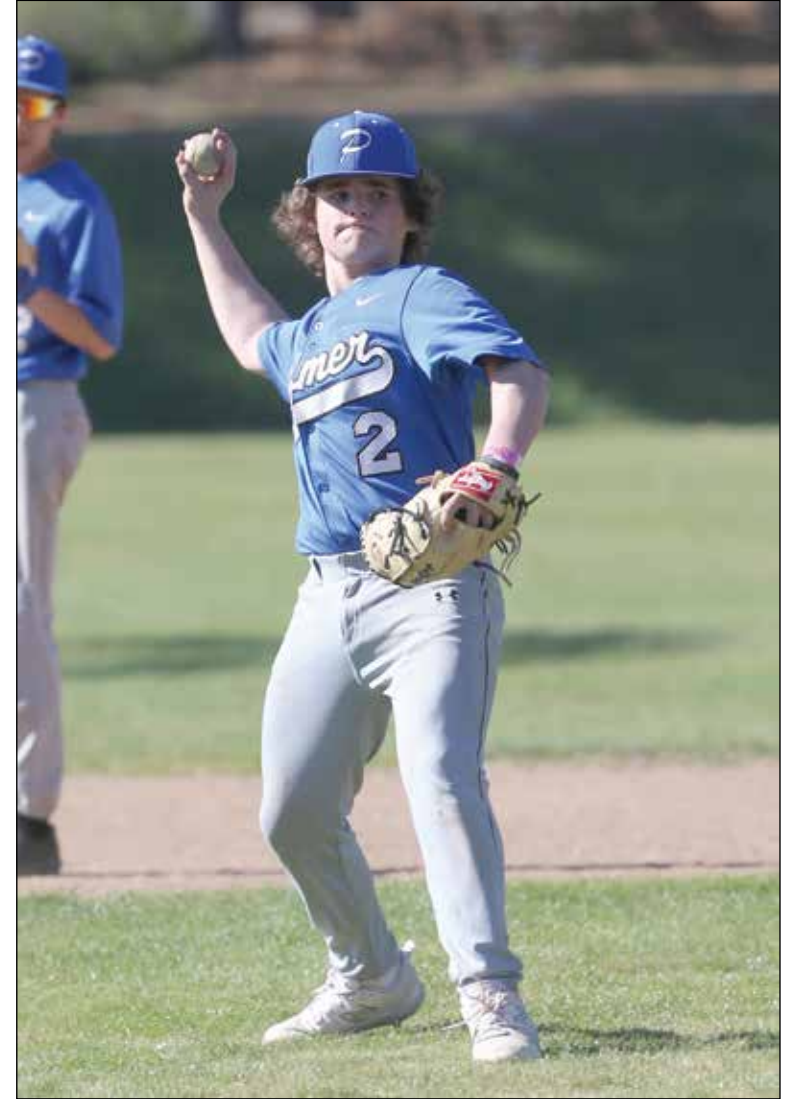
"We're a very young team and we've been making a lot of routine mistakes," said Monson head coach



Nikolas Matthieu gets set to fire over to first.

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SOCCER



Sebastian Mayberry throws across the diamond.

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Rams even at 3-3



Theo Haley throws to first.



Pitcher Ty Miller starts for the Panthers.



Matt Santos fields on the run.

SOFTBALL

Panthers suffer league losses



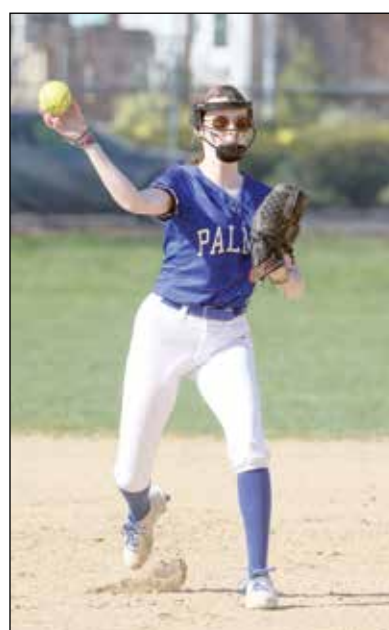
Pitcher Jayda Pardo delivers to the plate.



Jordan Bigda catches an out at first.



Ella Peak fields a grounder.



Ashley Bransky throws over to first base.



Lily White gets ready to tag a runner out at home.



Nyela Dupre fields a ground ball.

Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

PALMER – Last week was a tough one for Palmer softball with losses against both South Hadley and Holyoke softball. Palmer only managed one hit in a loss against

South Hadley on the road, and then had a slugfest with Holyoke, falling 23-9. Lily White had two hits and two RBI in the defeat. Palmer is 1-5 to start the season.

PALMER – Last Monday afternoon, Granby and Palmer had a very close affair with the Rams pulling out a 3-1 win thanks to two runs in the top of the seventh inning. Daniel Gauvin drove in two runs and Jonathan Santiago had three hits for Granby. Pitcher Pat-

rick French had a complete game, allowing one run on six hits and striking out six. Palmer's Ty Miller went 6 2-3 innings, allowing three runs on six hits. He struck out an impressive 15. Sebastian Mayberry drove in Palmer's only run of the game.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Warriors break away in second half for win

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

FISKDALE—The Hopedale and Tantasqua girls' lacrosse teams split a pair of one goal matches during the 2022 regular season. The first meeting of this season between the varsity squads was another very close affair for the first 25 minutes.

The Lady Warriors, who held a slim 2-1 halftime lead, managed to pull away during the second half with the help of six goals leading to an 8-2 home victory over the Blue Raiders on a warm spring afternoon, last Thursday.

"The weather was a major factor during the first half," said

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Panthers defeated by Cougars



Drew McAlary runs towards net as he hits this forehand.



Aiden Szenda is focused as he returns this shot.



Donovan Rayleonard returns a serve.



Shane Normoyle concentrates as he focuses on this forehand shot.

PALMER – Palmer boys tennis suffered a 4-1 defeat against visiting Quabog Regional. The rivals have typically been meeting once each season. Palmer is 1-1 so far this season.

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Lily White
Palmer High School

Athlete of the Week

White had a good week for Palmer softball. In a game against Holyoke, White drove in two runs and had two hits. Against South Hadley, she tagged out a runner at home.

To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.



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Thunderbirds fall in finale against Bruins

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – The Springfield Thunderbirds (38-26-3-5, 84 points) fell to the Providence Bruins (44-18-8-2, 98 points) in their regular season finale on Sunday afternoon by a final score of 7-3 inside Amica Mutual Pavilion.

Providence's win sealed an Atlantic Division championship; the T-Birds will be the 4-seed when they open the First Round of the Calder Cup Playoffs on Wednesday night against the 5-seed Hartford Wolf Pack.

It looked like the Bruins would run away with the game in the opening minutes, as back-to-back goals 43 seconds apart from Chris Wagner and Eduards Tralmaks staked Providence to a 2-0 lead less than eight min-

utes into game action.

However, the T-Birds showed their comeback fight, along with a stroke of luck, to turn the first period around. A dump-in attempt came bouncing near the back of Kyle Keyser's net. The Bruins goalie bobbled the puck, and it skittered right into the slot to Mikhail Abramov, who had a wide-open net to make it a 2-1 game at 13:58.

Just 4:04 later, and after the Bruins committed a pair of minor penalties, Will Bltten cashed in his career-high 22nd goal in the paint to tie the score, 2-2, with 1:58 to go in the frame.

Vadim Zherenko stabilized after allowing the two early goals to keep the 2-2 game

heading into the second, but Providence's power play restored the lead as Vinni Lettieri wired a slapper into the top shelf at 7:56 of the period, making it 3-2.

Once again, the T-Birds had a reply as Greg Printz whistled home a centering pass from Dylan McLaughlin with 3:23 left in the second to send a 3-3 tie into the final period.

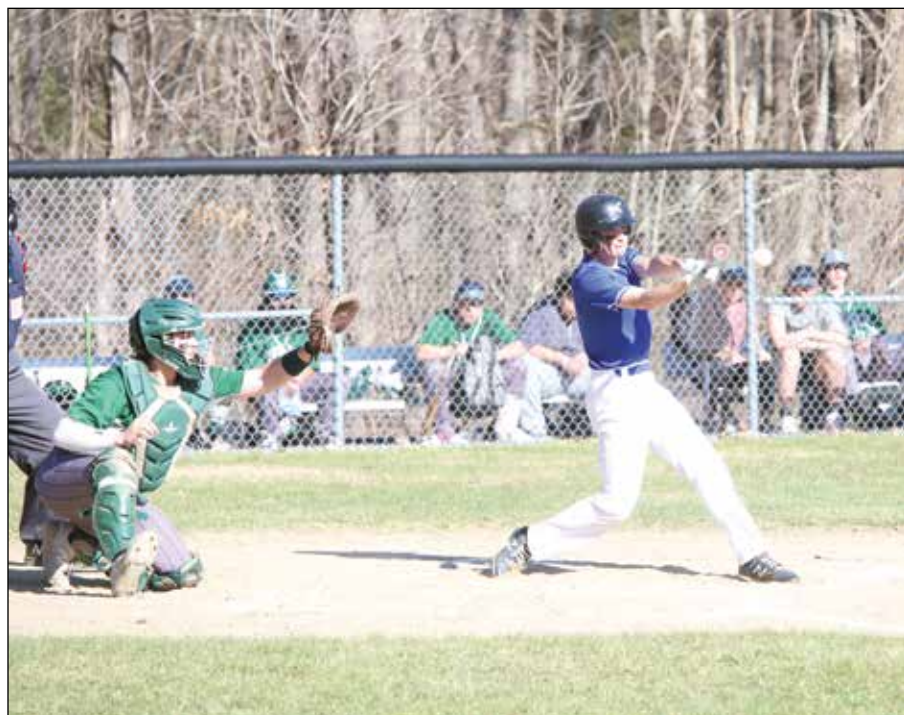
The Bruins' offense proved to be too much in the final 20 minutes. Jack Ahcan netted a shorthanded goal off a rush at 3:16, and tallies from Joona Koppanen, Marc McLaughlin, and a second goal of the afternoon from Wagner helped secure the division title for Providence.



Austin Meacham pitches for Monson against Ware last Monday.



Jake Beaupre slings a throw to first.



Benjamin Pignone connects for the Mustangs.

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Curtis Orlik. "The Ware pitcher was throwing strikes and we just needed to start swinging the bats. We did score a run in our final at-bats, which was good to see."

Before taking the mound for the first time, Kaczukwa helped himself by hitting an RBI single with two outs in the top of the first. After stealing two bases, Kaczukwa scored on a throwing error by the catcher.

The visitors also scored a pair of runs with two outs in the second.

Junior shortstop John Mumper drove home the first run of that frame with a line-drive single to left center. Then his younger brother, Jason, who started at third base, grounded a run scoring single down the left field line.

Jason Mumper, who started at third base, finished the game with three base hits, which were all singles, and four RBIs.

"Jason has been our best hitter so far this

season," Slattery said. "He started the season at the bottom of the order, but we moved him up to the second spot for today's game."

Jason Mumper capped off a four run third inning with a two-run single to center. Junior second baseman Jack McKeever and John Mumper also had RBIs, as the Indians built an 8-0 lead.

"When we played here last year, we took an early lead, but then we couldn't score any runs after that," Slattery said. "We just kept scoring two or three runs in every inning in today's game. We didn't allow them to make a comeback."

Kaczukwa struck out five of the first eight Monson batters that he faced. A walk to eighth grade second baseman Niko Matthieu with two outs in the bottom of the third ended Kaczukwa's dreams of hurling a perfect game.

Freshman Austin Meacham, who was

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Tantasqua senior captain Sophia Parker "We just refocused in the second half and built a large lead. This is a very big win for us."

The Lady Warriors (4-3) squeaked out a 14-13 home win versus Hopedale (1-4) last April. They lost the second meeting by the final score of 9-8.

"We did play two very close games against Hopedale last year," said Tantasqua head coach Heather Egan. "It was nice to get some separation from them in today's game."

The first goal of last Thursday's home contest was scored by Tantasqua freshman Tess Alexander on a backhandler a little more than a minute into the opening half. Sophomore Kaydie O'Neil was credited with the assist. Alexander, who scored two more goals during the second half, posted her first hat-trick in a varsity game.

"Tess is only a freshman, and she has been playing very well so far this season," Egan said. "We do have a bunch of very good freshmen on this year's team."

Tantasqua's other freshmen starters in the home match were Elle Kearns, Abby Wotten, Maeve Early, and Fiona Knott, who's the starting goalie. She made a total of eight saves.

"Fiona has never been a goalie before this year," Egan said. "She made a couple of nice saves and has been improving in every game. We're very excited about her future."

Rounding out the Lady Warriors freshmen class are Emily Cooley, Leah Schweter, and Emily Whitter.

Hopedale junior Antonia Rolo netted a man-up goal, which tied the score at 1-1 with 15:51 remaining in the first half.

The score would remain tied for more than ten minutes.

Parker, who broke her stick early in the first half, had to borrow Alexander's stick.

"Using someone else's stick was very difficult at first because I never used it before," Parker said. "I'm used

to my net and the length of my own stick. I'm going to go home and fix my stick, which I've been using for the past four years."

With 3:52 remaining in the opening half, Parker picked up a ground ball with her new stick and fired a bounce shot into the cage past Hopedale freshman goalie Allie Pearlman (14 saves) for the go-ahead goal, which was unassisted.

"I really wanted to score that goal," Parker added. "I've now scored at least one goal in every game so far this season."

Five minutes into the second half, Tantasqua junior Grace St. Laurent scored a goal on a free position shot giving her team a 3-1 advantage.

St. Laurent assisted on Alexander's second goal of the match a minute later.

Then Parker and O'Neil took over the spotlight for the next five minutes.

Parker delivered a beautiful pass to O'Neil, who finished off the play by scoring a goal with 18 minutes remaining in regulation. The duo hooked up again two minutes later with O'Neil scoring her second goal after receiving another pass from Parker.

"Kaydie and I have good chemistry," Parker said. "We're always looking for each other on the field. She works very hard and I'm proud of her."

Following a water break, the home team built a commanding 7-1 lead when junior Taylor Sexton netted an unassisted goal.

Alexander completed her memorable afternoon by scoring a free position goal with 2:12 remaining on the scoreboard clock.

The final goal of the match was scored by Hopedale sophomore Emily Frohn with 25 seconds left.

The Lady Warriors, who'll have two weeks off between games, will be looking to sweep the season series in the second meeting against the Blue Raiders, which is scheduled to take place at Hopedale High School on May 11.

Pathfinder falls at Pope Francis



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Kendra Burke fires to the plate for Pathfinder.



Bella Nompleggi catches for the Pioneers.

SPRINGFIELD – Last Thursday afternoon, Pathfinder softball suffered a tough loss at Pope Francis 16-5. In the loss, Pathfinder fell behind early as Pope Francis racked up the hits. Pathfinder would drop to 1-2 on the season.



Brianna Beynor makes an under-hand flip for the out.



Lianna Carrasquillo tries to bare-hand a slow roller.



Megan Bly catches an out at first base

DEATH NOTICES

Ogden (Quinn), Elizabeth D.
Died April 13, 2023
Services April 23, 2023

Shumway, Monsignor Gregory W.
Died April 12, 2023
Funeral April 22, 2023

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O B I T U A R I E S

Elizabeth D. (Quinn) Ogden, 85,

PALMER – Elizabeth D. (Quinn) Ogden, 85, passed away at home on April 13, 2023. Born November 19, 1937 in Elmira, New York, she was the daughter of John and Francesca (Moore) Quinn. Betty grew up in New York and lived all over the country before settling with her family in Palmer in 1972. She worked for Sanderson MacLeod for a number of years as a brush assembler. She also worked for Palmer Food Service for 5 years. In her leisure, Betty enjoyed playing cards and loved her pitch leagues. In her younger years, she was a 4H leader and also en-

joyed gardening. She was predeceased by her husband, Clarence Arthur Ogden in 2011. She will be missed by her children, Mary-ellen Roche and her husband, William of Palmer and Timothy Ogden of Palmer. She leaves five grandchildren, Jason, Jacqueline, Owen, Damien, Susan, and one great grandchild, Otto Jay. She will be greatly missed by her partner Richard Howlett and her sister, Jean Merritt of Colorado Springs, CO. She was prede-



ceased by her sister Ann Miller, and 5 brothers James, Francis, Richard, Robert and her twin William. A visitation will be held Sunday, April 23 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home. Betty will be laid to rest with her husband Clarence at the MA Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Agawam at a later date. Please consider donations in her memory to the Palmer Senior Center. Please visit www.beersandstory.com

Monsignor Gregory W. Shumway, 71

PALMER – Monsignor Gregory W. Shumway, 71, was called home to his loving Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Wednesday, April 12, 2023. At the time of his passing he was surrounded by the love of his family. Monsignor Gregg was born in Springfield to the late Netha A. (Bowen) Gray and John E. Shumway Sr. He graduated from Somers High School and Worcester State College before being ordained in 1997. Monsignor Gregg then served as the Pastoral Director of Bethany Charismatic Catholic Church until he retired in 2017. He was a dedicated advocate and human service worker, serving the Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services for 33 years. His devotion to the Church and passion for social welfare were paralleled only by his love for his family, where he found his greatest joy in life. He was a

Past Master of the Day Spring Lodge of Masons in Monson, and he was active at the Center of Hope in Southbridge. Monsignor Gregg was also an avid golfer and a lover of music, kayaking, and long walks. A Shepherd in many senses, he cared for the horses and flock of sheep at Bethany and nurtured all life at the Church.

Monsignor Gregory leaves his loving wife, Pauline I. (Nahabedian) Shumway; their children Danielle Doris Shumway and her partner Angela Bryan, Nicole Pearl (Shumway) Davini and her husband Simon; grandchildren Meghan Cassidy Topor and her partner Noah Kelly, Maxwell Gregory Bryan and Arthur Paul Bryan; great grandchild Tristyn Bee Davini; sister Sheila Noe;



sister-in-law Donna Gray; and many beloved nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by brothers John E. Shumway Jr. and Robert C. Gray.

Visiting hours will be Friday, April 21, 2023, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Lombard Funeral Home, 3 Bridge Street, in Monson, MA. Please gather at Bethany Charismatic Catholic Church 167 Dunhamtown Palmer Road, Brimfield, MA Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 10am for the Funeral Liturgy. Burial will follow at Four Corners Cemetery in the Three Rivers section of Palmer.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be sent to Bethany Charismatic Catholic Church, P.O. Box 607, Palmer, MA, 01069.

Fire Logs

Bondsville

The Bondsville Fire Department responded to eight calls April 4-17:

April 4 at 12:54 p.m., there was a mutual aid response to Sykes Street in Three Rivers for an alarm activation. The department returned to service at 12:59 p.m.

On Tuesday, April 11, at 3:33 p.m., there was a mutual aid response to Wilbraham Fire Headquarters for station coverage and the department returned to service at 5:42 p.m.

At 5:18 pm. on Wednesday, April 12, the department responded to a mutual aid call on North Liberty Street in Belchertown for a brush fire and returned to service at 6:50 p.m.

On Friday, April 14, at 5:24 p.m., there was a mutual aid response to Bacon Road in Ware for a brush fire and the department returned to service at 5:34 p.m.

Also that day, there was a response to State Street for an outside burning complaint and the department returned to service at 8:25 p.m.

On Saturday, April 15, at 2:24 p.m., there was a mutual aid response to South Street in Belchertown for a brush fire and the department returned to service at 5:12 p.m.

Also that day, at 6:40 p.m. there was a mutual aid response to South Street for a structure fire and the department returned to service at 9:18 p.m.

And, while covering Belchertown, there was a response to Bay Road in Belchertown for a medical assist. The department cleared the scene at 9 p.m.

Police/Fire

Police Logs

Monson Police

The Monson Police Department logged the following calls for the period April 9-15:

April 9

Juan Ernesto de La Cruz Perez, 25, of 3 Mica Ave. in Cranston, Rhode Island, was arrested and charged with OUI drugs, having an open container of cannabis, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and a lights violation following a traffic stop.

April 14

Officers responded to a call about a theft in progress. No other details were provided.

April 15

A 50 year-old Palmer resident received a summons for using an electronic device while operating a motor vehicle.

Also that day, police responded to a call about firearms or weapons use in progress. No other details were provided.

Palmer Police

The Palmer Police Department had approximately 570 calls and made arrests or summons for arrests April 11-18. Those arrested will appear at the Palmer District Court and are innocent until proven guilty:

April 11

Rosaura Rios Soto, 47, 18 Notre Dame Street in Springfield, was arrested on Main Street in Bondsville and charged with OUI liquor, possession of Class B and Class E drugs, leaving the scene of property damage, negligent operation of a motor vehicle and a marked lanes

violation.

April 13

Three teens – a 17 year-old, 15 year-old and 14 year-old – whose names were not released due to their status as juveniles – were each arrested at Palmer High School and charged with assault and battery and in two of the incidents, assault and battery on a public employee.

April 16

Lamont L. Brawner, 28, of 5 Temple Street, Apt. 5 No. 405 in Springfield, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor in the vicinity of Harding Street.

Michael Austn Brown, 40, of 17 Newman Street in Springfield, was arrested and charged with possession of a Class B drug and conspiracy to violate drug law.

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WSU receives earmark for nursing and health science programs

WESTFIELD – Congressman Richard E. Neal joined Westfield State University President Dr. Linda Thompson to announce a \$1,000,000 earmark to enhance Westfield State University's training capacity for nursing and health science students.

According to a press release, the allocation was made possible through Congressionally Direct Spending from the Department of Education. Neal included funding for this project in the fiscal year 2023 spending bill that was signed into law on Dec. 29.

"The Commonwealth has long been at the forefront of innovations in the healthcare field, making our state's healthcare system the envy of the nation. We are fortunate to have some of the best hospitals in western and central Massachusetts, and institutions like Westfield State University are ensuring we have the skilled workforce needed to staff these facilities," said Neal. "This funding will allow the university to improve and expand its nursing and health science programs, ensuring the next generation of healthcare professionals has access to the state-of-the-art technology and real-world experiences needed to succeed in their respective fields."

"The funding appropriated for Westfield State University's nursing and healthcare programs will create opportunities to reverse a healthcare professional shortage trend that has impacted a wide swath of our region," said Thompson. "The critical, smart, and necessary move by Congress, led

by House Ways and Means Chairman, Richard E. Neal, will lead to the creation of systems that will reinforce and strengthen the health of the population. Westfield State University is eager to continue collaborating with our healthcare partners to provide top-level services to our communities through training and development opportunities for our students and others who may be interested in improving their skills."

Westfield State's plans for this funding are threefold: Double the University's simulation space that is utilized to develop students' skills and confidence in applying healthcare practices.

Provide a new Easy Street simulation space that will allow healthcare students to apply concepts of home-based and community care in their learning.

Provide new spaces for the practice of healthcare innovation.

Under guidelines issued by the Senate and House Appropriations Committees, members of Congress requested CDS funding for projects in their state for FY 23. CDS requests were restricted to a limited number of federal funding streams, and only state and local governments, and eligible non-profit entities, were permitted to receive CDS funding.

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WARREN, MA The Warren Housing Authority seeks an experienced housing administrator or managing agent to lead and manage its programs, properties, and contracts. The Warren Housing Authority owns and operates 60 units of state-aided elderly/handicapped public housing, 4 units of state-aided family housing, 11 MRVP, six Section 8 new construction units, and 66 HCV currently administered through a third party. Required Minimum Qualifications: A minimum of two years' experience in housing management, community development, public administration, or a closely related field; knowledge of the principles and practices of housing management, finances, and maintenance systems in public and private housing; excellent written and verbal communication skills; knowledge of laws regulating State and Federal housing programs; clearly demonstrated management and organization skills, and; experience working with people of various socio-economic backgrounds. Certification as a Public Housing Manager from a HUD/DHCD approved accrediting organization is desired or must be obtained within one year of employment. The successful candidate must be able to pass a criminal background check prior to final selection. The annual salary range is up to \$62,775.00 depending upon experience, certifications, and in accordance with the DHCD Executive Director Salary Schedule/Calculation worksheet. The work week is 26 hrs. per week and includes a generous benefit portfolio. Candidates should apply in confidence by submitting cover letter and resume to G. Matthew Pike, MassNAHRO, 990 Washington Street, Suite 209, Dedham, MA 02026, ATTN: Warren E.D. Search. For a complete job description go to: https://files.constantcontact.com/a08b90e001/042de6b4-8e7b-4f6b-ad76-4321183847e9.docx Managing agent respondents should submit a proposal to that same address. Closing date is close of business on Wednesday, May 3, 2023. Late submissions will not be accepted. The Warren Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Minorities, women, veterans, and people with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.

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CLUES ACROSS

- Dylan and Marley are two
- Makes healthy
- The Who's "O'Riley"
- Side sheltered from wind
- Flat-bottomed sailboats
- Egyptian supreme god
- Advice
- Mass of small, loose stones
- Online learning services provider
- "Lords" in North-Western Semitic languages
- Of she
- A place to relax
- Critical and mocking
- Consumed
- You get one in summer
- Bath
- Luxury automaker
- Spiders spin one

37. Guy (slang)

38. Greek personification of Earth

39. Large instruments

40. Domestic cattle genus

41. Appetizer

42. Oil group

43. Where to put groceries

44. Speak incessantly

45. Popular color

46. A place to sleep

47. Make fun of

48. Former CIA

49. Salts

50. Water (Spanish)

61. Cyprinids

63. "Dark Knight" actor

64. Fictional demon

65. Old World lizard

66. The content of cognition

67. Makes a mistake

CLUES DOWN

- One-liner
- Evergreen genus
- College in Rome
- Prevents from seeing
- Cycles/second
- Mischievous child
- Less common
- Honorably retired
- Midway between south and southeast
- A confusion of voices and other sounds
- Bony fish genus
- Type of pear
- Egyptian cross
- Satisfies
- Founder of Babism
- Bar bill
- Chicago ballplayer
- Performer
- Hairpiece
- Partner to flowed
- Aircraft formation

68. A way to make wet

69. Tide

33. You have 3 per day

34. Goes into

36. College athletic organization

37. Wet, muddy ground

38. Talk

40. Witty conversation

41. Gurus

43. "French Price of Air"

44. Sports equipment

46. Try to get

47. Flower cluster

49. Sea dwellers

50. Palmlike subtropical plant

51. Polio vaccine developer

52. Baseball's Ruth

53. Gelatinous substance

54. Hungarian violinist

57. Offered

58. Ancient Greek City

59. A way to derive

61. Touch lightly

62. Witnessed

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Viewpoints

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division Docket No. HD23P0712EA Estate of:

Samuel J. Borowsky
Also Known As:
Samuel Joseph Borowsky
Date of Death: 3-11-23
**INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Brenda Borowsky of Bondsville, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
Brenda Borowsky of Bondsville, 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.
04/20/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD23P0788EA Estate of:

Annette D Breton
Also known as:
Annette Breton
Date of Death: 04/21/2012
**CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Dennis Breton of Palmer, 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: **Dennis Breton of Palmer, 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 05/11/2023.**

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: April 13, 2023

Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
04/20/2023

(SEAL) THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket Number: 23 SM 001561 ORDER OF NOTICE

To: **Heather M. Carson** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):
Specialized Loan Servicing LLC

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Holland**, numbered **9 Amber Road**, given by **Heather M. Carson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.**, as nominee for **Residential Mortgage Services, Inc.**, dated **September 24, 2018**, and recorded in the **Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 22371, Page 553**, 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 **May 29, 2023**, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on April 12, 2023.
Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
23341
4/20/2023

PALMER CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the Wetland Protection Act of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Palmer Wetlands Ordinance, Chapter 143, the Palmer Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 8:30 PM** on the application of Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts (EGMA) c/o SWCA Environmental Consultants, Inc. of 153 Cordaville Road, Suite 130, Southborough, MA 01772.

The applicant has submitted a Notice of Intent for

activities associated with the proposed construction of Work is proposed to occur within the Riverfront Area.

The project site is located between 4145 Church Street and 4010 Center Street at the Ware River, Palmer, MA 01069. Assessor's Map Church Street Right-of-Way (ROW). Between coordinates (42.186121, -72.325340) to (42.184835, -72.324093).

Any interested persons wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the time and place designated. A copy of the application and plan may be inspected at the Palmer Town Hall in the Conservation Commission Office, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA 01069 or contact the office at 413-283-2687.

Donald Blais, Jr., Chair
Palmer Conservation Commission
04/20/2023

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:

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04/20, 04/27, 05/04/2023**

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The applicant has submitted a Notice of Intent for activities associated with the proposed construction of a single-family home with a private sewage disposal system, driveway, and domestic well. Work is proposed to occur within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW). No work is proposed to occur within the 50-foot No Disturb Zone to this wetland resource area.

The project site is located on Lot 1 Thompson Street, Depot Village, Palmer, MA 01069. Assessor's Map 8 Lot 167.

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The project site is located on Lot 2 Thompson Street, Depot Village, Palmer, MA 01069. Assessor's Map 8 Lot 167-2.

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Donald Blais, Jr., Chair
Palmer Conservation Commission
04/20/2023

PALMER FIRE DISTRICT NUMBER ONE AND PALMER WATER DISTRICT NUMBER ONE

ANNUAL FIRE DISTRICT MEETING WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS Hampden,ss.

Town of Palmer
TO: William K. Cole, Clerk of Palmer Fire District Number One and Palmer Water District Number One.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the qualified voters of Palmer Fire District Number One and Palmer Water District Number One to meet in the Palmer Public Library, N. Main Street, in Depot Village, of said Palmer, on **Tuesday, the 9th day of MAY, 2023 at seven o'clock in the evening**, to act on the following Articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at the meeting.
ARTICLE 2. To choose by ballot the following officers:
For a term of one (1) year:
One (1) Auditor
For a term of three (3) years:
One (1) Member of the Prudential Committee
One (1) Water Commissioner
ARTICLE 3. To hear and act on reports of district officers and committees.
ARTICLE 4. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be

deemed necessary to pay the salaries expenses and operating expenses for the Fire Department for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2023, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to pay the salaries expenses and operating expenses for the District Treasurer, District Clerk, Tax Collector, Assessors and Auditor for fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2023, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the District will vote to empower the Water Department, through the use of its receipts and revenues, to expend funds to defray the expenses for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the District will vote to transfer any sums of money from Free Cash to reduce the tax levy for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2023, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the District will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2023, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and acts in amendment thereof, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide a sum of money to a Reserve Fund-Fire Account for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2023, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the District will vote to establish a Reserve Fund-Water Account and to appropriate from water receipts a sum of money to the Reserve Fund-Water Account in accordance with Section SC of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide a sum of money to repay an obligation to Farmer's Home Administration for the remodeling of the Fire Station, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide a sum of money to purchase a 2024 Brush Truck, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide a sum of money to purchase a 2023 UTV w/ Skid Unit, Fire & Rescue Mount & Utility Trailer, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide a sum of money to repay an obligation to Monson Saving for the new pumper fire truck, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide a sum of money to replace second floor windows and training room exterior doors and windows, or

take any other action relative thereto

ARTICLE 17. To choose committees and give them instructions.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof and publishing an attested copy thereof in one issue of The Journal Register, a newspaper published in said Palmer, the publication to be not less than seven days before the holding of said meeting, said postings to be fourteen (14) days at least before the time of holding said meeting, at the offices of Palmer Fire District Number One and Palmer Water District Number One, Walnut Street, and at the Palmer Town Administration Building, all in said Palmer.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doing thereon, before the holding of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 20th day of April, 2023.

**P R U D E N T I A L
C O M M I T T E E O F
PALMER FIRE DISTRICT
NUMBER ONE AND
PALMER WATER DISTRICT
NUMBER ONE**

James L. St. Amand,
Chairman
Daniel Belanger
Charles F. Abbate
A True Copy
ATTEST:
William K. Cole, Clerk
04/20/2023

Wales Conservation Commission Notice of Public Hearing

In accordance with the Wetland Protection Act, Chapter 131, Section 40, a Public Hearing will be held by the Wales Conservation Commission on **April 27, 2023**, at the **Wales Senior Center (85 Main St. Wales, MA)** at **6:00 PM**, for a Notice of Intent filed by Tighe & Bond, Inc. who represents Freehold Real Estate Management. The application is for the replacement of two existing culverts where Delphi Brook crosses. This will bring the undersized culverts up to Massachusetts Stream and River Crossing Standards, this project is located at 199 Stafford Rd. Wales, MA 01081. Please refer to the Town of Wales website's (www.townofwales.net) Conservation page, for information regarding this hearing, any questions, email conservation@townofwales.net.
04/20/2023

Town of Wales RFQ-DESIGN SERVICES FOR OLD TOWN HALL

The Town of Wales (the "Town"), acting by its Historical Commission, seeks proposals from qualified and duly registered architectural and engineering persons or firms for existing conditions and feasibility and future full service design, bidding, and construction administration services for the **OLD TOWN HALL PROJECT DESIGN SERVICES**. Fees will be negotiated and not to exceed \$98,000, the amount funded by the Massachusetts One-Stop Rural and Small Town Development Grant.

Request for Qualifications and Proposal Forms may be obtained online on the Town of Wales website.
<https://www.townofwales.net/historical-commission/pages/request-qualifications-design-services-old-town-hall>

Sealed proposals, clearly marked **"OLD TOWN HALL PROJECT DESIGN SERVICES"** must be received at the Office

of the Executive Secretary, Wales Town Hall, 3 Hollow Road, Wales, MA 01081 by **May 3, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.** Questions can be directed to historicalclerk@townofwales.net.

The Town's Historical Commission, acting as the Evaluation Committee for the project, will make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen for award of the contract. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, wholly or in part, and make such award as it determines to be in the best interest of the Town. This RFQ is issued in accordance with, and subject to, M.G.L. c. 7C, §§44-58, inclusive (the Massachusetts Designer Selection Law), and otherwise in accordance with the Town of Wales Designer Selection Procedures.x
04/13, 4/20/2023

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 Jason R. Voyik and Kaitlyn M. Voyik to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Prospect Mortgage, LLC, a limited liability company, its successors and assigns, dated April 14, 2011 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 18737, Page 373 as affected by a Loan Modification recorded on March 17, 2016 in Said Registry of Deeds at Book 21099, Page 474, subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Prospect Mortgage, LLC, a limited liability company, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 20530, Page 476 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at **10:00 AM on May 11, 2023** at 1 Lakeshore Drive, Monson, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land, with buildings thereon located on the westerly side of Silver Street, Monson, Hampden County, being shown and designated as Lot 1 on a plan by Sherman & Woods dated September 5, 2001 entitled "Plan of Land in Monson, Prepared for Lemon & Lemon Land Development" recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 322 Page 50, being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

NORTHERLY by Lot 2 as shown on said plan, 372.22 feet;
EASTERLY by Silver Street as shown on said plan, 201.00 feet;
SOUTHERLY by Lake Shore Drive as shown on said plan, 154.54 feet;
And **WESTERLY** by land now or formerly of Paul M. Brodeur et ux, 378.94 feet.

Containing 1.377 acres and being a portion of the premises described in deed dated July 17, 2001 recorded in Book 11802 Page 305 and in Book 11802 Page 308. Being the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagors herein by Deed of David P. Paradis, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, simultaneously herewith.

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.
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
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PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
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PALMER CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the Wetland Protection Act of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Palmer Wetlands Ordinance, Chapter 143, the Palmer Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 7:00 PM** on the application of Sophia Panova c/o Connecticut Valley Artesian Well Co Inc, of 58 Bond Avenue, East Longmeadow, MA 01028.

The applicant has submitted a Request for Determination of Applicability for activities associated with the proposed construction of an artesian well. Work is proposed to occur within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Wetland Resource Area. No work is proposed to occur within the 50-foot No Disturb Zone to this Wetland Resource Area.

The project site is located on 148 Flynt Street, Palmer, MA 01069. Assessor's Map 68 Lot 68-90.

Any interested persons wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the time and place designated. A copy of the application and plan may be inspected at the Palmer Town Hall in the Conservation Commission Office, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA 01069 or contact the office at 413-283-2687.

Donald Blais, Jr., Chair
Palmer Conservation Commission
04/20/2023

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Suzanna Poplawski looks at a wall of paintings at the House of Art.



Linda Donaldson came from Athol to see the art show.



Connecticut residents Terry Lavoie and Ann Chuk came to Monson to attend the show.



Artist Elfreda Bartley-Henson poses beside her painting, "Blue Angel."

Monson Art Show

attracts artists and residents

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son said, "It was at Wisteria, and the sun was shining onto the steps, and I thought it was so neat that somebody could capture that in a painting."

Bartley-Henson said it was her dream to open a gallery called "Art by Elfreda," and with the help of a mentor, she learned to paint and was able to start selling her artwork.

Another artist, Melissa Roberts, displayed a sculpture she had made by attaching broken glass and beads to a mannequin. She mentioned that the piece has a companion at home, but that she had chosen to submit only "Little Berry."

The art show happens every year, and will be going on from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. on April 22 to 23, and April 29 to 30.



Select Board member Mary Hull, seen admiring Cynthia Andrews's painting, titled "Hold Tightly to Hope, the Sun will Rise Again."



Larry Pidel stands next to Randall Nelson's sculpture, titled "Hammerhead Shark."



Marsha Beckwith admires paintings at the art show.



Jeff Wrench and Debra Dunphy work at a table for the Holyoke League of Arts and Crafts.

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