

"Nothing that is morally wrong can be politically right." – William Gladstone

Country Journal

Devoted to the Needs of the Hilltowns

Becket, Blandford, Chester, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, Montgomery, Otis, Plainfield, Russell, Sandisfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg, Worthington

A TURLEY PUBLICATION | www.turley.com

October 19, 2023 | Vol. 45, No. 26 | 75¢

www.countryjournal.turley.com

HILLTOWNS

DV Task Force celebrates 25th year

By Wendy Long
Correspondent

The public is warmly invited to take part in the 25th anniversary celebration for the Southern Hilltown Domestic Violence Task Force on Thursday, Oct. 26, from 5:30-7 p.m. at Stanton Hall.

This event will be a gathering of community members, friends and allies to honor the Task Force's work to end domestic violence in the region. It will feature speakers, food and activities. Southern Hilltown Domestic Violence Task Force formed in 1998 after the State Police at the Russell Barracks approached town officials to report that the area lacked a response to the needs of survivors of domestic violence.

District Attorney David Sullivan will be one of the speakers. They welcome everyone to come by for chili and cornbread, raffle and to spend time with

DV TASK FORCE, page 3

Hobo Harvest serves railroad style meal



People sat down to a meal of beef stew in the Chester Railway Station as part of the Hobo Harvest hosted by the Chester Foundation.

Submitted photos



Beef stew was the main course at the Hobo Harvest and this person wearing a Chester sweatshirt lifts the lid to display the beef stew taken from a railroad recipe.



These three people wait to serve those who came to eat at the Chester Railway Station recently.

HILLTOWNS

Rep. Boldyga supports comprehensive \$1.02 billion tax relief package

BOSTON – State Representative Nick Boldyga (R-Southwick) joined with his colleagues to approve a comprehensive tax package that will provide significant financial relief to Massachusetts residents and businesses, but he believes more needs to be done to ease the burden on taxpayers and small businesses to make Massachusetts a more affordable place to live.

House Bill 4104, An Act to improve the Commonwealth's competitiveness, affordability, and equity, offers a phased-in approach to a series of tax reforms that is expected to produce \$561 million in sav-

ings for taxpayers this fiscal year and an estimated \$1.02 billion in savings once the changes are fully implemented in 2026. The bill, which represents a compromise negotiated over the last three months by a six-member conference committee, received preliminary approval by the House of Representatives on a vote of 155-1 on September 27.

Representative Boldyga emphasized the importance of this tax relief package while expressing his belief that it should be just the start of broader efforts to reduce wasteful spending and further alleviate the tax burden on those

struggling to make ends meet. He said, "While this is a step in the right direction, we must recognize that more needs to be done to ensure that the hard-working people of our Commonwealth get the relief they deserve. We must find ways to reduce wasteful spending and provide additional tax relief."

The final tax package provides several key benefits, including increases in the child and dependent tax credit, the rental deduction cap, and



Nick Boldyga

Senior Property Tax Volunteer Program.

House Bill 4104 also authorizes a reduction in the short-term capital gains tax rate and implements a single sales factor for companies beginning

the Earned Income Tax Credit. It also doubles the Senior Circuit Breaker tax credit while raising the estate tax threshold from \$1 million to \$2 million and increasing the amount seniors can deduct from their property taxes when participating in the

Senior Property Tax Volunteer Program.

House Bill 4104 also authorizes a reduction in the short-term capital gains tax rate and implements a single sales factor for companies beginning

January 1, 2025, to encourage economic growth and help maintain Massachusetts-based businesses. In addition, the bill triples the maximum allowable Title V tax credit for homeowners repairing or replacing their septic tanks, while also expanding the lead paint abatement and taking steps to promote more housing development across the state.

According to Representative Boldyga, House Bill 4104:

Combines the child and dependent tax credits into one while eliminating the existing

TAX RELIEF, page 2

Becket.....10
Blandford.....7
Chester.....7
Chesterfield.....6
Classifieds.....15

Cummington.....12
Easthampton.....6
Great Barrington.....6
Greenfield.....8
Haydenville.....12

Hilltowns.....2, 3
Lenox.....8
Middlefield.....10
Northampton.....10
Opinion.....4, 5

Otis.....10
Pittsfield.....12
Russell.....7
Schools & Youth.....9
Southampton.....12

Stockbridge.....6
Westfield.....8
Westhampton.....12
Williamsburg.....8
Worthington.....7



HILLTOWNS

MassDOT announces upcoming roadwork for I-90

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation announces crews will be conducting overnight hour paving, bridge repair and traffic marking operations on I-90 eastbound and westbound in Lee, Becket, and Otis.

The work will be conducted at various times and locations from Thursday, Oct. 19 through Friday, Oct. 20. Lane closures will be in place during the construction operations and traffic will be able to travel through the work zones. The schedule for the work and lane closures will be as follows:

Paving operations in Lee will be

conducted nightly on I-90 eastbound between mile marker 12.2 and mile marker 14.6, from Thursday, Oct. 19 through Friday, Oct. 20 from 7 p.m.-5 a.m. the next morning. The work is expected to conclude by Friday, Oct. 20 by 5 a.m.

Bridge repair operations will be conducted on I-90 eastbound and westbound at mile marker 9.4, on Thursday, Oct. 19 through Friday, Oct. 20, from 7 p.m.-5 a.m. the next morning. The work is expected to conclude on Friday, Oct. 20 by 5 a.m.

Traffic marking installation in

Becket and Otis will be conducted nightly on I-90 eastbound and westbound between mile marker 14.6 and mile marker 21.7 from Thursday, Oct. 19 through Friday, Oct. 20, from 7 p.m.-5 a.m. the next morning. The work is expected to conclude on Friday, Oct. 20 by 5 a.m.

Appropriate signage, law enforcement details, and messaging will be in place to guide drivers through the work area. Drivers who are traveling through the affected areas should expect delays, reduce speed, and use caution. All scheduled work is weather dependent and sub-

ject to change without notice.

For more information on traffic conditions, travelers are encouraged to:

Download the Mass511 mobile app or visit www.mass511.com to view live cameras, travel times, real-time traffic conditions, and project information before setting out on the road. Users can subscribe to receive text and email alerts for traffic conditions.

Dial 511 and select a route to hear real-time conditions. Follow @MassDOT on X, (formerly known as Twitter), to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions.

Athenaeum participates in collaborative project talks

WESTFIELD – More than a year ago groups in the Westfield area got together to talk about collaborative projects.

Since we are all dedicated to presenting the history of this region we thought it made sense to coordinate our efforts. The Tri-Town History Trail grew out of those first conversations.

As one of the five participants in this event, the Westfield Athenaeum will be featuring the history exhibits located in the Athenaeum's Reed Room. This room includes an extensive exhibit covering the history of Westfield from founding in 1669 to the present day.

They also have a large exhibit on the history of military service in Westfield featuring the stories of a number of

Westfield veterans. Both of these displays include many artifacts from the museum and archives collections.

The Athenaeum will also open the newly renovated Smith Room, which features a recreation of a colonial kitchen, displays of Victorian era artifacts and a display on the history of childhood in New England. For this special day we will have docents on hand to answer questions about the displays and activities for the children.

This event is an opportunity for families interested in the history of the region to sample the exhibits and historic sites that are part of the tri-town area. In addition to the history displays at the Athenaeum, families will be able

to see the Old Burying Ground, at 45 Mechanic Street in Westfield, one of the oldest cemeteries in its original location in the United States. At one time there were more than 1,600 graves. Some 1,100 gravestones can still be seen today, featuring unique carvings and beautiful epitaphs.

Another stop on the trail will be the Dewey House at 87 South Maple St. in Westfield. This house, built around 1735, was owned by Joseph Dewey, who operated a saw mill on the river just across the street. By visiting this house, viewers will be able to experience what it was like to live in an 18th century home.

In Granville, participants will be able to visit the Noble and Cooley Center for

Historic Preservation at 42 Water Street. At this site families will be able see the oldest drum factory in the United States and experience demonstrations of original machinery. Participants will also have the chance to see a Civil War drum picked up off the battlefield at Gettysburg.

In Southwick, families will be able to see two historic sites owned and operated by the Southwick Historical Society. The Joseph Moore House, built in 1751, features the story of Moore, who later served and died fighting in the Revolutionary War. The second site is the Charles Gillett Cigar Factory, built in 1872, and is the only remaining site documenting the tobacco industry in the Connecticut River Valley.

Bidwell House Museum offers candlelight tours

MONTEREY – There is something magical about visiting the Bidwell House Museum, 100 Art School Road, on an early evening in the fall, when the rooms are filled with flickering candlelight and twilight is visible through the abundant south facing windows.

This November, the Bidwell House Museum staff and Board of Directors are delighted to once again offer their members and friends a unique opportunity to take a special Candlelight Tour of the Museum. The Museum is offering three of these tours: on Thursday, Nov. 2, Thursday, Nov. 16 and Thursday, Nov. 30th, all beginning at 4 p.m. Cost is \$50 per person and includes wine and cheese reception after the tour.

Led by local antiques experts, Charlie Flint on Nov. 2, Sam Herrup on Nov. 16 and Lorraine German on Nov. 30, these tours will focus on the furniture, decorative arts and textiles with each tour providing a fresh look at the

house and the museum's collection. At the conclusion of each tour, participants will be invited to an intimate wine and cheese reception, where they can mix and mingle, and ask questions of their tour guide. The tour and reception will last approximately 75 minutes.

Space is limited so people should register early for this chance to support the museum and see the Bidwell House in a whole new light. They can register on the Museum website by visiting <https://www.bidwellhousemuseum.org/events/>.

The Bidwell House Museum grounds-194 acres of woods, fields, historic stonewalls, self-guided trails and picnic sites-are open every day, dawn until dusk, free of charge. The house is open for guided tours from Memorial Day to October by appointment only. The program of events can be found on the museum's website by visiting www.bidwellhousemuseum.org.

Clark Art Institute presents conference on African art

WILLIAMSTOWN – On Thursday, Oct. 19, and Friday, Oct. 20, the Research and Academic Program at the Clark Art Institute, 225 South St., hosts a Clark Conference, "The Fetish A(r)t Work: African Objects in the Making of European Art History 1500-1900," beginning at 9 a.m. in Clark's auditorium located in the Manton Research Center. The program is free and open to the public.

The conference brings together scholars across the humanities who examine the making and "invention" of African art in European discourse. Convened by scholar and former Clark

Professor Anne Lafont (The School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences [EHESS], Paris), this conference delves into diverse writings on African objects and interrogates various orientations that transformed these objects, from ritual artifacts and fetishes to works that circulated on the art market and were held in private collections and public museums.

The discussion encompasses global art history, natural history, travel literature, ships' inventories, African geography, comparative religion texts, sales and private collection catalogs, and technical treatises. For more information, people may visit clarkart.edu/events.

TAX RELIEF

from page 1

cap and increasing the credit from \$180 to \$310 in FY23 and to \$440 in FY24, which will benefit over 565,000 families;

Increases the rental deduction cap from \$3,000 to \$4,000, which will assist approximately 800,000 renters;

Raises the Earned Income Tax Credit from 30% to 40% of the federal credit, which will benefit approximately 400,000 taxpayers earning less than \$60,000;

Doubles the maximum Senior Circuit Breaker tax credit from \$1,200 to \$2,400, indexed to inflation, to assist nearly 100,000 seniors with their housing costs;

Eliminates the estate tax for all estates valued under \$2 million and allows for a uniform credit of \$99,600, effective January 1, 2023;

Allows municipalities to provide up to \$2,000 in property tax reductions for older residents participating in the senior work-off program, which is currently capped at \$1,500;

Reduces the tax on short-term capital gains from 12% to 8.5%;

Replaces the current three-prong sales tax apportionment for Massachusetts-headquartered businesses that incorporates property, payroll

and sales with a new system that only factors in sales;

Increases the maximum tax credit for septic tank repairs or replacement under Title V from \$6,000 to \$18,000 and also increases the amount that can be claimed to \$4,000 per year;

Doubles the lead paint abatement to \$1,000 for partial abatement and \$3,000 for full abatement;

Allows cities and towns to adopt a local property tax exemption for renters whose income falls below a certain level set by the community;

Increases the statewide cap on the Dairy Tax Credit from \$6 million to \$8 million to assist local farmers impacted by reductions in milk prices;

Exempts employer student loan payments from being counted as taxable income by the state; and

Increases the maximum amount of alcohol that hard ciders and still wines may contain from 6% of alcohol by weight to 8.5%, which will allow more of these locally produced products to be taxed at a lower rate.

House Bill 4104 must still be approved by the Senate and enacted in both branches before reaching Governor Maura Healey's desk for her review and signature.

GUNS WANTED

"I come to you" & "buy your guns" right on the spot
I buy all types of firearms and firearm related items

- Pistols • Rifles • Shotguns • Revolvers •
- Any age or condition
- Fully Licensed to engage in the gun trade

VERMONT GUNBROKER

Licensed Gun Dealer in All New England States

James Cook **802-558-9363**

vtgunbroker.com

HILLTOWNS

Clark Art Institute expands RX for Wellbeing program

WILLIAMSTOWN – The Clark Art Institute, 225 South St. and Berkshire Medical Center are teaming to provide a new mental health service aimed at providing assistance to trauma victims.

The Clark currently offers a county-wide program, Rx for Wellbeing at the Clark, through local mental health practitioners as a means of encouraging engagement with art as part of a therapeutic treatment plan for those dealing with issues like depression, anxiety and social isolation. The new initiative with Berkshire Medical Center, Access to Wellbeing at the Clark, extends the program to offer victims of trauma opportunities to engage with art as a part of their recovery efforts.

To date, the Rx for Wellbeing program has been beta tested with a select group of Berkshire County-based providers, who have prescribed involvement with the Clark to their clients as part of their individualized treatment plan. Through the new access program, the Institute extends its outreach to a greater portion of the community by partnering with medical practitioners to offer free admission to the Clark's galleries and its programs to the clients these trauma doctors support and serve.

"There have been a number of scientific studies that have linked engagement with art to improved health and well-being," said Olivier Meslay, Hardymon Director of the Clark. "We firmly believe

that looking at a painting or any other type of art can spark self-reflection, inspiration, and understanding that can help people in numerous ways. By deepening our commitment to this project, we hope we will be able to help better serve the needs of our community by providing a way to assist them in discovering and enjoying the restorative power of art," Meslay said.

The original Rx for Wellbeing program was developed by the Clark's Director of Education Ronna Tulgan Ostheimer, working in close collaboration with a cohort of mental health practitioners who advised her.

Earlier this year, Tulgan Ostheimer was approached by Dr. Mark Kryskow, the Berkshire Medical Center's Trauma

Medical Director, to consider how the Rx program could be expanded to assist trauma victims.

"Suffering a traumatic injury can result in not only physical issues, but also can be mentally and emotionally challenging," said Kryskow. "Our partnership with the Clark allows our Trauma Program team providers to refer interested patients to the Access program, which through the beautiful art at the Clark could be helpful in reducing the stress that often comes with trauma."

For information on how individuals can participate in the program, people may visit clarkart.edu/education or call the Clark's Education Department at 413-458-0563.

Massachusetts gas prices decrease five cents

WESTWOOD – The average gas price in Massachusetts is down five cents from last week (\$3.69), averaging \$3.64 per gallon.

Today's price is 13 cents lower than a month ago (\$3.77) and four cents higher than Oct. 16, 2022 (\$3.60). Massachusetts' average gas price is four cents higher than the national average.

"Domestic gasoline prices have continued their daily decline despite uncertainty and volatility gripping oil markets last week after the outbreak of

war in Israel and fresh sanctions against Russia for selling oil for more than \$60 a barrel in violation of earlier price caps imposed by G7 nations in response to last year's invasion of Ukraine," said AAA Northeast Senior Spokesperson Mark Schieldrop. "Meanwhile, domestic oil production reached an all-time high last week and demand remains tepid, which suggest further price drops at the pump in the weeks ahead."

AAA Northeast's Oct. 16 survey of fuel prices found the current national

average to be 10 cents lower than last week (\$3.70), averaging \$3.60 a gallon. Today's national average price is 27 cents lower than a month ago (\$3.87) and is 28 cents lower than this day last year (\$3.88).

AAA Northeast is a not-for-profit auto club with 67 offices in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, New Hampshire and New York, providing more than 6 million local AAA members with travel, insurance, finance and auto-related services.



DV TASK FORCE

from page 1

friends and more.

Since then, the Task Force created Hilltown Safety at Home, a program that is now run by the Hilltown Community Health Centers. As part of this effort, a protocol was developed to allow follow-up after police domestic violence calls. Among its other accomplishments in the last quarter century were the development of community outreach materials including bystander ads on how to help-and the first social norms campaign at Gateway Regional High School on teen dating violence in the country.

With these new initiatives, the number of victims who sought help increased

tenfold, from five per year to over 50 annually. SHDVTF continues to work with community members, schools, faith leaders, police, social service agencies and others to prevent domestic violence before it happens and to make sure that survivors have the help they need.

SHDVTF is the oldest rural domestic violence task force in Massachusetts and is open to community members and agencies that serve the southern Hilltowns.

Those interested may follow Southern Hilltown Domestic Violence Task Force on Facebook or may contact them by emailing southernhillstovtaskforce@gmail.com.

Prescription drug take back day

Saturday, Oct. 28 is National Prescription Drug Take Back Day from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at several locations in Hampshire County.

Medicines can remain in original containers with labels. No liquids, syringes, IV equipment or chemotherapy

py drugs will be accepted. Prescription and non-prescription drugs, vitamins and veterinary meds are accepted. Nearby locations include Public Safety Complex, 32 Payson Avenue, Easthampton; Smith Voke, 80 Locust St., Northampton; Williams Hardware, 49 Main St., Williamsburg and Highway Department, 64 Huntington Road, Worthington.

People may also bring medications to a permanent Drop Box at the following Police Stations: Cummington, Easthampton, Goshen, Northampton, Southampton, Williamsburg and Worthington.



BUSINESS DIRECTORY

George PROANE INC.
PROPANE GAS PLUMBING • HEATING
 (413) 268-8360
TOLL FREE 1-800-464-2053
 Family Owned & Operated
 3 Berkshire Trail West (Route 9), P.O. Box 102, Goshen, MA 01032
www.georgepropane.com

Paul's Plumbing & Heating
238-0303
 PAUL GRAHAM
 Mass. License 23299

DOWN TO EARTH EXCAVATING INC
 Highly Regarded Professionals: Complete Site Work, Septic Development and Repairs. Fully Insured.
413 + 667 + 5269
 Paul & Randy LaPointe, Owners Huntington, Mass.

Dale's Structural & Carpentry
 Home Improvement • Additions • Restorations • Remodeling
 Timber Frame Homes Kitchen & Baths
 Residential Drywall • Paint • Trim Work
 Seasonal Homes & Camps Windows • Doors
 Garage Repairs Decks & Stairs
 Carriage & Colonial Barns Interior & Exterior Finishes
Structural Repairs - Wood - Masonry
 Sagging Floors • Beams • Sill Timbers • Columns • Termites Damage
 Foundation Repairs • Piers & Footings • Chimney Rebuilds
413-667-3149

AQUA PUMPS WATER SYSTEMS
 Water Pumps • Sewer Pumps
 Water Conditioners
 46 Pitcher Street Donald Washburn
 Montgomery, MA 01085 862-3301

Kirke R. Henshaw, Inc.
 Water Well Drilling, Water Pump Sales & Service
 Water Testing System Evaluations
 Water System Repairs Hydrofracture to Increase Flow
HENSHAW
 800-232-4725 • Fax 413-296-4565
 Charles R. Henshaw
 130 Cummington Rd., W. Chesterfield, MA • 413-296-4725

ARCHITECT JEFFREY SCOTT PENN
 77 Worthington Road, Huntington, MA 01050
 Tel. 413-531-1868
 Fax. 413-667-3082
 Email: jpspsd@verizon.net
 new construction, renovation,
 historic preservation

Jeff's Oil Burner Service
 • Tune Ups
 • Installations
 • Oil Tanks
 Huntington, Massachusetts
 Office **413.667.0245**
 Cell **413.530.7037**
jeffsoilburnerservice@hotmail.com

FEED • PET SUPPLIES • CLOTHING • COAL
 WOOD PELLETS • WILD & CAGED BIRDSEED
 POOL SUPPLIES • MOTOR OILS • FENCING
 LAWN & GARDEN SUPPLIES • FERTILIZER
GATEWAY FARM & PET
 Poulin Grain RED WING SHOES Carhartt
 59 RUSSELL ROAD, HUNTINGTON, MA 01050
1-413-667-2279 M-F 8am-5pm
 Sat. 8am-4pm
 TARA GRENIER • PAUL GRENIER

GET NOTICED!!!
 To Advertise On The Business Directory
 Contact Your Advertising Representative
Theresa at 413-283-8393 • twegiel@turley.com

Expert Antenna Installations
Schilling TV
 Call AntennaDon
413-443-9235
 Family business since 1948
 for Top Picture Power

OPINION

GUEST COLUMN



The Garden Lady takes on squash pollination

Christl, a recent transplant to Belchertown from California, wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady: “We are doing the post-mortem on our veggie garden and we had an issue with our butternut squash.

Last year we grew butternut from seed and had some lovely fruit that lasted most of the winter. This year we used the same seed, but the fruit was white without the distinctive crookneck shape.

I’ve cooked some and it is definitely not as sweet, but my dog is enjoying the special treats. I suspect that it cross pollinated with something else in the garden.

We also grew two types of cucumbers (which despite the rain went gangbuster), Mini cantaloupe melons and a yellow summer squash. None of these fruits seemed to be affected.

My question is how to avoid this? Are there particular cucurbits that are more likely to cross-pollinate or be cross-pollinated? Is there a certain distance one can plant away from each other?

I was hoping to plant some pumpkins and watermelon next year, but in light of the butternut, I am wary. I may be willing to forego planting some of the cucurbits, but cukes are a must and I’d hate to give up my melons.

I have enough room that pumpkins will stay out of the veggie garden.”

Thank you for the wonderful and very timely question! First let’s talk about how cross pollination occurs.

In the simplest of terms, bees carry pollen from plant to plant. When fruit forms, and the seeds from the fruit are saved and used the following year to start new plants, you can sometimes run into trouble and not end up with the exact plants you grew the year before.

We will take melon and cucumbers out of the equation here - they belong to the genus Cucumis and are species melo and sativus respectively. They cannot cross pollinate because they are different species.

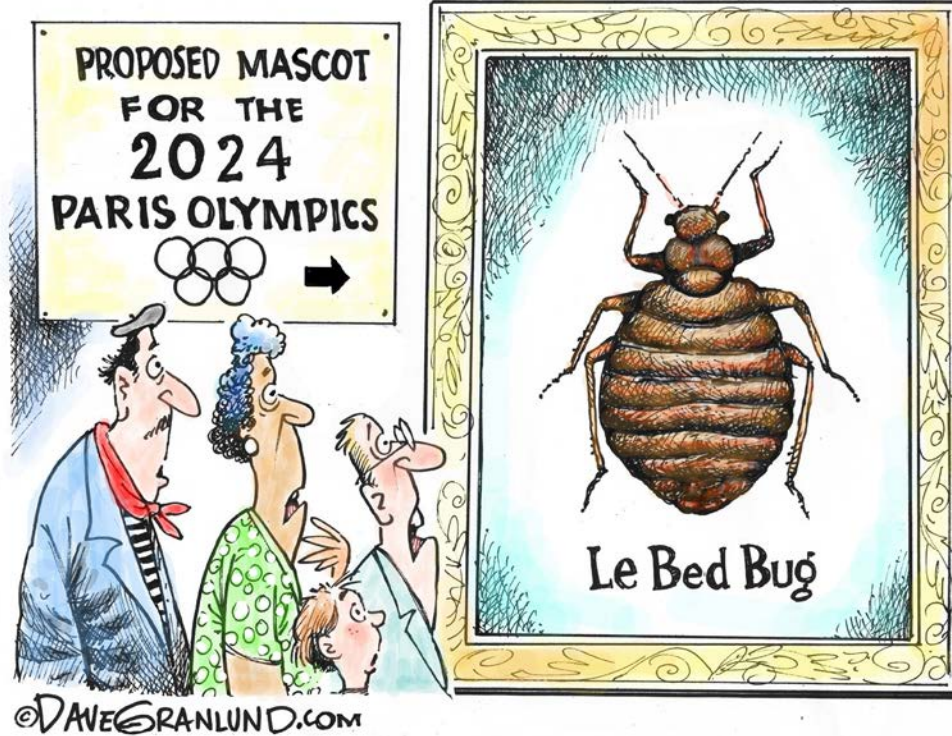
Nor can watermelons, since they are a different genus and species altogether: Citrullus lanatus.

The genus Cucurbita, to which squash belongs, has five different species. Three of them are commonly grown in our climate; one more only occasionally:

- Cucurbita pepo includes summer squash: zucchini, patty pan, and yellow crookneck as well as acorn, delicata/dumpling, and spaghetti winter squashes. Small gourds, and most pumpkins also belong to this species. Pepos have hard, five-sided ribbed stems.

- Cucurbita maxima is comprised of

GARDEN, page 5



GUEST COLUMN

Domestic Violence Task Force to host 25th anniversary event Oct. 26

On Thursday, Oct. 26 the Southern Hilltown Domestic Violence Task Force will hold a community event to honor 25 years of working to prevent and end domestic violence. The event will take place at Stanton Hall from 5:30-7 p.m. We warmly welcome everyone to come by for chili, cornbread, raffle, friends and more.

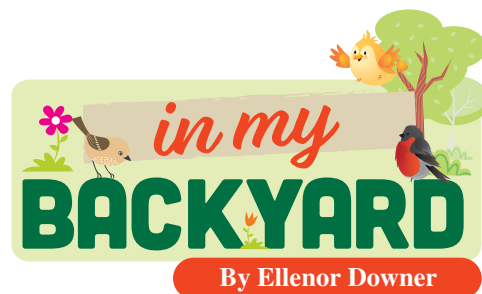
The Task Force and the Hilltown community have accomplished great things together. Our 25 years of persistent effort has saved lives, helped hundreds of survivors get help, and educated the children in our schools about healthy relationships and red flags. We think we should take a moment to honor all we have done.

If you have ever thought about joining the Task Force, if you were involved years ago and want to come see old friends, or if you just want to come by to show your support – we hope you will join us.

District Attorney David Sullivan will be one of the speakers.

- Lisa Goding, Kim Savery, Chief Robert Garriepy, Diane Meehan, Mary Krol, Stephanie Conway, Aimee Burnham, Monica Moran, Donna Laroque, Phil Barry and Dan Kennedy**
Members Southern Hilltown Domestic Violence Task Force

GUEST COLUMN



On Friday, Oct. 6 Massachusetts Audubon Society reported a sighting of a LeConte’s sparrow in Longmeadow.

The LeConte’s sparrow is about five inches long and has a dark crown with a white central stripe. It also has reddish-brown streaks on a gray nape. The upper breast and flanks are buff colored.

It has a orang to buff orange face surrounding a gray ear patch. Other distinct features are a flat head and a short tail with fine streaking on the upper breast of juveniles.

This sparrow feeds on the ground and eats grass and weed seeds as well as insects. The female lays three to five light gray eggs with darker marks in a cup like nest of grasses placed on or just about the ground. They breed in Canada and winter in the Florida

Gulf states.

To avoid danger, it often runs through grasses rather than flying over the grass. It may sing during the day and night. LeConte’s sparrows inhabit marshes, wet meadows and weedy fields. Their song is a high-pitched buzz with accents at start and end like “tika-zzzzzz-tzt.”

Other sightings

Other sightings for Oct. 6 reported to Massachusetts Audubon Society included a Townsend’s warbler at Plum Island, a prothonotary warbler in Winchester and several reports of clay-colored sparrows.

Loon Preservation Committee

Loon Preservation Committee staff and volunteers in the month of September focused on a number of important post-season tasks including storing nest rafts on shore for the winter (over 140 rafts statewide), pulling and storing the signs that were used to protect vulnerable loon families, rescuing loons in distress and beginning the process of quality checking the data collected during the summer months.

LPC staff rescued five loons in distress throughout the state during the month of September. Rescuing a loon is just the first step in getting it the help that it needs. They thank the veterinarians and rehabilitators who worked with us to evaluate and treat ailing loons: the wonderful veterinarians and staff at VCA Capital Area Veterinary Emergency and Specialty, Hopkinton Animal Hospital, and Meadow Pond Animal Hospital, who helped with x-rays, blood work and assessment of rescued loons; Dr. Mark Pokras, who consulted on all cases and provided valuable insight and suggestions for care; and Maria Colby of Wings of



LeConte’s sparrow

BACKYARD, page 5

EDITORIAL POLICY

Letters to the editor should be 500 words or less in length. We require letter writers to include his or her name, town of residence and home telephone number. We must authenticate authorship prior to publication. We reserve the right to edit or withhold any submissions deemed to be libelous or contain unsubstantiated allegations, personal attacks, defamation of character and offensive language. All unknown or alleged facts and quotations offered by the author need to cite credible, unbiased sources.

Mail letter to Country Journal, 24 Water Street, Palmer, MA 01069 or mail your letter to: countryjournal@turley.com.



\$12.50 Each
Digital Photos
TURLEY PUBLICATIONS, INC.
Purchase a photo that recently ran in one of our publications. Go to newspapers.turley.com/photo-request

ISSN NO. 0747-2471

Country Journal TEAM



EDITOR
Ellenor Downer
countryjournal@turley.com



ADVERTISING SALES
Theresa Wegiel
twegiel@turley.com

The Country Journal (USPS 483-550) is published every Thursday by Turley Publications, Inc., 24 Water St., Palmer, Mass. 01069. Telephone (413) 283-8393, Fax (413) 289-1977. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Turley Publications, Inc., 24 Water St., Palmer, Mass. 01069.



@ Country Journal



countryjournal.turley.com

PATRICK H. TURLEY
CEO

KEITH TURLEY
President

DEANNA SLOAT
Graphics Manager



www.turley.com

Turley Publications, Inc. cannot assume liability for the loss of photographs or other materials submitted for publication. Materials will not be returned except upon specific request when submitted.

Corrections policy

If you notice a factual error in our pages, please let us know, so that we can set the record straight. Email information to countryjournal@turley.com, or call us at 413-283-8393.

Corrections will be printed in the same section where the error originally occurred.

OPINION

How will my wife's Social Security be affected by her teacher's pension?



Dear Rusty

My wife, born in 1960, was a Texas school teacher for about 10 years and receives a \$1,000 per month pension from that work. She didn't pay into Social Security while teaching, but she paid into it for about 23 years while working elsewhere. I paid into Social Security my entire life, the maximum in most years, so my SS benefit will be much greater than hers.

I understand there are some sort of penalties or restrictions on my wife's Social Security benefits and also for spousal benefits due to her school pension. Please share the process I can use to estimate my wife's Social Security and tell me if she can file for spousal benefits.

Signed: Planning for the Future

Dear Planning

Because your wife has a Texas

school teacher pension earned without contributing to Social Security, any SS benefits she is entitled to will be affected by two rules: first, by the Windfall Elimination Provision, which will reduce her personally earned Social Security retirement benefit and, second, by the Government Pension, which will reduce any spousal boost if she is entitled to one to her own benefit.

The amount of the WEP reduction to your wife's personal SS retirement benefit will be computed using a special formula, which considers the number of years she has contributed to Social Security through other (non-state) work. Since your wife became eligible for Social Security benefits in 2022 the maximum WEP reduction with 23 years contributing to SS will be \$358. If your wife has already obtained an estimate of her Social Security retirement benefit, deduct \$358 from that estimate and that will be pretty close to her actual SS retirement benefit when she claims. Social Security will figure out the exact amount of her WEP reduction when your wife applies, but you can also use Social Security's

"WEP Calculator" for an estimate, which you can find by visiting www.ssa.gov/benefits/calculators/.

Whether your wife will be entitled to a "spousal boost" to her own Social Security retirement benefit depends on how your respective FRA entitlements compare and the GPO. The base amount of your wife's spousal boost will be the difference between her pre-WEP FRA entitlement and 50% of your FRA entitlement. If your wife's normal FRA entitlement is less than 50% of your FRA entitlement, the difference is a "spousal boost" added to your wife's personal SS retirement benefit. However, that base spousal boost will be reduced if taken before your wife reaches her FRA and even further reduced by the GPO (the GPO reduction will be 2/3rds your wife's State of Texas pension, e.g., about \$667. Any remainder left after these reductions to your wife's spousal boost will be added to her own WEP-reduced SS retirement amount, but if the remainder is \$0 then no spousal boost will be given and your wife will get only her WEP-reduced Social Security retirement amount.

FYI, Social Security's WEP and GPO provisions apply to anyone, who has a pension earned without contributing to Social Security, including many public service retirees in the 26 states, which do not participate in the federal Social Security program. I've published numerous articles about how these rules affect benefits and also about the rationale behind both provisions, which you are welcome to review at this AMAC Foundation website by visiting www.SocialSecurityReport.org.

The Association Mature Citizens Foundation and its staff are not affiliated with or endorsed by the Social Security Administration or any other governmental entity. This article is intended for information purposes and does not represent legal or financial guidance. It presents the opinions and interpretations of the Association Mature Citizens Foundation's staff, trained and accredited by the National Social Security Association. To submit a question, visit amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org. Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

GARDEN

from page 4

banana, buttercup, Hubbard winter squash as well as some pumpkins, most notably the white pumpkin Lumina and the pretty deep orange-red "Cinderella." Fruit in this species have round stems and tend to be on the large side. They often have bumps on their skin and button ends (think of a belly-button). Highest carotenoid content when mature and sometimes the largest fruit on earth!

- Cucurbita moschata is comprised of the familiar butternut-type of winter squashes as well as the cheese pumpkin, ancient "Seminole," and many other less common fruits. One distinguishing feature of this group is its smooth surface and usually a tan color. It is often used interchangeably for pumpkin in pie recipes. Quality of flesh and carotenoid content can range from good to poor; seed is nutritious.

- Cucurbita argyrosperma. To people that live in the Southwest, their "pumpkin" of choice is the "Green Striped Cushaw" or "White Cushaw." Most consider it to be a rather pretty winter squash. Just like the moschatas, it can be used interchangeably in recipes calling for pumpkin. Reportedly, it handles dry weather and is quite resistant to vine borer. It is rarely grown in our climate. One distinguishing factor of this species is silver seed which is large and nutritious. Culinary quality, however, is pale and poor.

Confusion sets in when you want to save seeds of your produce!

All squash are monoecious, that is male and female flowers are produced on the same plant. Note male flowers (usually outnumber female flowers 4:1) are on stems, flowers are fused with stamens versus female flowers that have an ovary at base.

Both are high in nectar that is attractive to visiting bees, most notably the honeybee and native ground bees.

Cross-pollination will not occur between different species - say

between a pepo and a maxima but it will take place among members of the same species.

Since I grew zucchini, yellow crookneck and pumpkins in my garden, all Cucurbita pepos, I can't save the seeds from any of those fruits and expect them to look, or taste, exactly like their parents did.

What makes seed saving even more confusing for the novice is whether or not the variety they are growing is open-pollinated or a hybrid. Hybrids, however, are the result of crossing two inbreds.

Seeds saved from hybrid plants will likely germinate and produce fruit. Unfortunately, it will not be true, and it may or may not have a resemblance to the fruit you saved it from - it will likely resort back to either of its parents or some unique, different combination of genes.

With all of this said, I have a few thoughts as to what happened to produce misshapen butternut squash. If it was seed you saved from the plants you grew the year before, maybe they were hybrids and what you ended up with is something back in the genetic line.

Or maybe they cross pollinated with your neighbors moschatas; for true seed, plants would need to be isolated one-half to one mile.

If what you grew was from the original seed packet- not anything you saved, then it remains a mystery.

Regardless, I do hope this helped in de-tangling a confusing topic and encourages you to plant all of your favorites next year!

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.

BACKYARD

from page 4

the Dawn Wildlife Rehabilitation, who housed, fed and provided daily care and treatment to all five loons rescued in September.

Sadly, LPC also continued to collect and necropsy dead loons throughout the state, nine total in September. While it is always sad to lose a loon, being able to determine the cause of death for individual loons allows LPC to collect valuable data on the challenges that the loon population is facing.

Feeders

I put out my suet feeder during the day and take it in before dusk so the bears don't take the suet and feeder. I

have lost quite a few feeder that way. I have downy, hairy and red-bellied woodpeckers coming to the suet as well as white-breasted nuthatches and black-capped chickadees.

I also have a small tray feeder for meal worms and bird seed. I put a small amount of the meal worms and seed each day. The birds empty the feeder so the bears only find an empty tray.

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

News, photo publication policy

As a community newspaper our focus has always been local news. While we try very hard to run upcoming events as a public service whenever space allows, space does not allow us to run an upcoming event repeatedly. Our policy is to limit publication of upcoming events to one article in advance of the event and, space permitting, a second brief reminder article the week prior to an event, and to run those articles in only one section of the paper, and not in multiple sections simultaneously.

All such public service announcements and photos are subject to space limitations and deadlines, therefore publication cannot be guaranteed. Whenever copy for the week exceeds allotted space, news copy will take priority, and public service copy is the first area to be cut. We also reserve the right to edit for style and space, and are under no obligation to print lists of sponsorships, or articles that arrive after deadline, unless time and space allows.

Deadline is Monday at NOON, on holidays it is Friday at 2 p.m.



This paper publishes birth, engagement, wedding and significant anniversary announcements free of charge.

Simply log on to our web site, choose the paper you want the announcement to appear in, then use our SUBMISSION link to email your information.

birth
announcements

engagement
announcements

wedding
announcements

www.turley.com

STOCKBRIDGE

Berkshire Art Center lists Open Studio offerings

STOCKBRIDGE – Berkshire Art Center (formerly IS183 Art School) announces the expansion of Open Studio offerings in its 2D and 3D studios at its flagship location, Citizens' Hall, in Stockbridge beginning this month.

Building on their popular Ceramics Open Studio offerings, Berkshire Art Center is extending studio and equipment access in the two other studios of their Stockbridge location to further amplify its mission of growing and sustaining artists in the Berkshires and beyond. Open Studio is an opportunity which provides artists in the community with specialized resources to explore new mediums using equipment and supplies at a reasonable fee.

In Berkshire Art Center's Ceramics Department, Open Studio currently allows students taking adult studio classes in wheel throwing or hand building to practice learned techniques and complete projects outside of regular class time. It has also provided local and regional ceramic artists, who do not have access to a large studio space or kiln of their own, the opportunity to create and fire their work in preparation for exhibitions and shows.

Having recently reorganized its stu-

dio spaces in Stockbridge, Berkshire Art Center has expanded its 3D studio, located on the third level of Citizens' Hall, to include space for printmaking centered around a recent generous donation of an American French Tool Etching press. Open Studio will be offered in printmaking at \$25 for three hour sessions per person and artists will be provided with tools for engraving, monotype, drypoint, linocut, woodcut, and more.

"Of the many things artists, especially printmakers, need to thrive, space & equipment are paramount," said Executive Director, Lucie Castaldo. "With the addition of our etching press, new classes are available in Stockbridge – like Intro to Drypoint Printmaking and Monotype Printmaking – and printmakers in our community will have greater access to this incredible piece of equipment."

Berkshire Art Center is thrilled to welcome new faculty artist, Ian Prishwalko, who will be teaching "The Ins and Outs of Drypoint Printmaking," a crash course in drypoint printmaking, beginning Sunday, Oct. 29 from 3-5:30 p.m. in the 3D Studio at Citizens' Hall.

Returning faculty artist, Kathline Carr, will also be offering a print-

making class at Citizens' Hall for five weeks focused on monotype starting Monday, Nov. 1 from 6-9 p.m. In "Exploring Monotype" with Carr, artists will work with Berkshire Art Center's etching press and explore a range of techniques to create textures, layers and spontaneous imagery within their prints. Registration is now open for both courses by visiting www.berkshireartcenter.org/classes.

Along with printmaking in the 3D studio, Berkshire Art Center will also have Open Studio opportunities in the fiber arts (sewing, dyeing, felting, knitting, crochet, and punch needle) and paper arts (collage, bookmaking, and paper making). At a \$15 cost for three hour sessions per person, fiber and paper artists will be able to use supplies and equipment such as needle felting tools, sewing machines, tabletop weaving looms, collage ephemera, paper punches, bone folders, and more.

In addition to offering Open Studio and new classes in the 3D Department, Berkshire Art Center's 2D studio, located on the first level of Citizens' Hall, will have opportunities for Open Studio in painting and drawing for \$15 three hour sessions per person. In this space, students and practicing artists will be

able to create in community, work independently on projects, and utilize equipment including easels, still life materials, a paper cutter, light box, and more.

Pre-registration is required for all participants who wish to attend Open Studio at Berkshire Art Center's Stockbridge location and participants must be 14 years of age or older with experience. For more information about Berkshire Art Center's studio spaces and Open Studio offerings, people may visit www.berkshireartcenter.org/studios.

Founded in 1991, BAC has evolved to reach over 2,000 students each year through studio-based classes, artistic events, and out-of-school engagement programs for all ages, means, and skill levels. BAC is a nonprofit community art center with the mission to encourage people of all ages, means, and skill levels to enrich their lives through hands-on experience in the visual arts. Berkshire Art Center strives to make art accessible by offering full and partial scholarships, work exchange opportunities, and discounts for EBT Cardholders.

For more information on Berkshire Art Center, people may visit berkshireartcenter.org, call 413-298-5252, extension 100 or email info@berkshireartcenter.org.

Congregational Church hosts Music on Main Series

STOCKBRIDGE – The Music on Main series hosted by The First Congregational Church of Stockbridge, 4 Main St., presents violinist Muneko Otani, cellist Ronald Feldman and pianist Hui-Mei Lin in an afternoon concert on Saturday, Nov. 4 at 3 p.m.

The performance will feature works by Lili Boulanger, Beethoven and Brahms. The program for concert is: Lili Boulanger Deux Morceaux

pour violin et piano, Beethoven Cello Sonata No. 2 in G minor, Op. 5 for piano and cello and Brahms Trio in B Major, Op. 8 for piano, violin and cello.

The Music on Main series, which is presented by The First Congregational Church in Stockbridge, is a popular series bringing quality music programming to the wider community, with performances of voice,

piano, and other instruments. Past performers include Jonathan Bass of the Boston Conservatory; BSO violinist Tatiana Dimitriades; BSO conductor and cellist Ronald Feldman; principal harpist Elizabeth Morse; Metropolitan Opera mezzo-soprano Marjorie Elinor Dix, pianists YeeJin Yuk and Paul Celebi and vocalists Jack Brown and Andrea Bargabos.

There is a suggested donation of

\$25 at the door and reservations can be made online at www.StockbridgeUCC.org. Proceeds of this concert series help support the music ministry of the church, which included a 2015 refurbishment of the rare and historic 1908 Steinway B piano. Additional information can be found at www.StockbridgeUCC.org/events or by calling the church office at 413-298-3137, extension 1.

EASTHAMPTON

bankESB fundraising drive helps support local food pantries

EASTHAMPTON – Matthew S. Sosik, president and CEO of bankESB, is kicking off the bank's 2023 Neighbors Helping Neighbors fundraising drive to help support local food pantries.

This marks the third year of the bank's annual appeal, which invites bank customers, employees, and community members to donate money between Wednesday, Nov. 1 and Thursday, Nov. 30 to help fight food insecurity. All donations up to \$2,500 per customer will be matched dollar for dollar by bankESB and the total raised will be divided among participating food pantries across western Massachusetts in

communities the bank serves.

In 2022, through contributions and matching donations, the campaign raised \$35,000 and since inception has donated \$74,000. Donations of any amount are encouraged. As an added incentive to give, the bank offers those who donate the opportunity to enter a drawing for a \$25 gift card, which will be awarded at each of its 11 locations.

"Neighbors Helping Neighbors shows how communities can come together to help others in need," said Sosik. "bankHometown is proud to lead this annual giving tradition. We thank everyone who selflessly gives

each year."

Those who wish to participate have until Nov. 30 to make their donations. Checks should be made payable to "bankESB Neighbors" and can be dropped off at any bankESB branch or mailed to:

Margaret Prendergast, bankESB, 36 Main St., Easthampton, MA 01027.

A total of 14 food pantries will be supported this year and include: The Best Life Food Ministry in Agawam, BUCC Helping Hands Cupboard Food Pantry in Belchertown, The Chicopee Cupboard,

Easthampton Community

Center Food Pantry, Easthampton Congregational Church Food Cupboard & Oasis Kitchen, The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts in Hatfield, The Hadley Food Pantry, Hilltown Food Pantry in Goshen, Margaret's Pantry in Holyoke, Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Inc. in South Hadley, Northampton Survival Center, Not Bread Alone in Amherst, Southampton Community Cupboard and Westfield Food Pantry.

Founded in 1869 as Easthampton Savings Bank, bankESB is headquartered in Easthampton, Massachusetts and operates 11 branches throughout Western Massachusetts.

CHESTERFIELD

Chesterfield Cultural Council hosts Strong Oak Lefebvre

CHESTERFIELD – The Chesterfield Cultural Council presents a free, public event with Strong Oak Lefebvre on Saturday, Nov. 4 at 2 p.m. in the Community Center, 40 Main Road, which will highlight the history of indigenous peoples in Chesterfield and the surrounding areas.

One decisive event in this history was King Philip's War that resulted in the killing and relocation of the peo-

ple, who had lived here for centuries with land grants to white colonists who fought against them. Strong Oak, a local native person, will provide a program that will include information about the history of first peoples in this area and their continuing presence among us.

The Seven Grandfather Teachings, will be discussed including the one about walking in balance in all of our relationships with all of Creation.

GREAT BARRINGTON

South Berkshire concert to be held Oct. 22

GREAT BARRINGTON – Simon's Rock will host pianist Thomas Sauer as part of the South Berkshire Concert Series on Sunday, Oct. 22 at 3 p.m. in the McConnell theater in the Daniel Arts Center on the Simon's Rock campus, 84 Alford Road.

"Homage," a solo piano recital by Thomas Sauer, includes works by Bach, Mozart, Meltzer, Piazzolla, and features Brahms' "Variations on a Theme by Handel."

American pianist Thomas Sauer

performs regularly as a soloist, chamber musician and recital partner. His extensive and varied repertoire encompasses Bach to the present day and includes both staples and neglected masterworks. Audiences and critics alike praise his playing for its clarity, expressivity and assured stylistic sense.

The concert will be free and open to the public. For more information on this event, people may visit <https://simons-rock.edu/events/index.php?eID=7638>.

RUSSELL

General Knox Road to be closed Oct. 23 to 27

RUSSELL – Highway Superintendent John Hoppe announced this week General Knox Road will be closed to all traffic at the Westfield/Russell town line the week of Monday, Oct. 23 through Friday, Oct. 27 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. every day.

Tree removal work is to be done in preparation for the General Knox Site and Slope project. Russell received a Massworks Community One Stop

for Growth Grant through the state's Executive Office of Economic Development to perform road stabilization work near the town line.

Anyone regularly traveling General Knox Road should plan an alternate route while the work is being done. Any questions may be directed to the Russell Highway Department by calling 413-862-6222 or by emailing to jhoppe@townofrussell.us.

Russell library hosts pastel painting workshop

RUSSELL – On Thursday, Nov. 2 from 6-8 p.m., the Russell Public Library, 162 Main St., will host award-winning pastel artist Gregory John Maichack's workshop "Pastel Painting Georgia O'Keeffe's Famous Lily."

This pastel painting workshop is for beginner to advanced, adult and teen artists. The essentials of pastel painting will be demonstrated as participants follow along to create their own

calla lily painting. Maichack provides all the materials, including hundreds of professional grade pastels, paper and pencils.

People may register by email at rpldirector@townofrussell.us, call and leave a message at 413-862-6221 or visit the library. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Russell Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

BLANDFORD

Blandford Historical Society list upcoming programs

BLANDFORD – The Blandford's Historical Society will host a Hilltown Hikers program on Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. featuring their recent discoveries.

This is a free event open to the public held at the Historical

Society's North Street headquarters. Refreshments will be served. Also, on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. the society will host a program by Dennis Picard entitled "A Peddler's Pack of Spooky Tales."

Read the Country Journal online at www.countryjournal.turley.com

WORTHINGTON

Worthington walk to follow Sam Hill Loop

WORTHINGTON – On Saturday, Nov. 4 at 11 a.m., people are invited to a walk along the Sam Hill Loop trail.

The route, approximately two miles, offers both dirt and paved surfaces and passes Center Cemetery, Windy Hill Farm and crosses Watts Brook. It has moderate hills and some walking along Route 112. Walkers will park

and walk from R.H. Conwell School, 147 Huntington Road. A light snack will be provided.

For more information, people may call Joan Griswold at 413-296-4536, extension 102 or email joang@hilltowncdc.org. All participants will be entered in a drawing for a gift card to Hilltown Mobile Market.

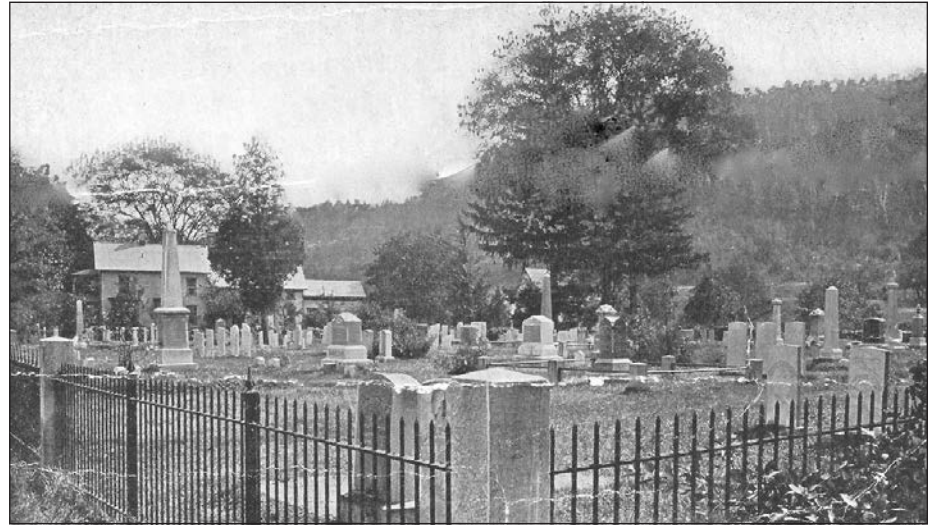
Worthington Library to hold annual meeting

WORTHINGTON – On Thursday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m., the Worthington Library, 1 Huntington Road, will hold its Annual Meeting.

The event is free and open to the public. Chef, farmer and Worthington resident, Hunt Chase will discuss the

Hilltown Mobile Market and the local farm and food scene. Parking for the library is available on Buffington Hill Road off the rotary. For more information, people may call 413-238-5565 or email TheWorthingtonLibrary@gmail.com.

CHESTER



A free guided tour of the Chester Factory Village Cemetery will be held Saturday, Oct. 21 at 2 p.m. Parking is in the gravel lot near 221, Route 20, Chester. *Submitted photo*

Chester Historical Society to conduct cemetery tour

CHESTER – The Chester Historical Society will present a free guided tour of the Chester Factory Village Cemetery on Saturday, Oct. 21 at 2 p.m.

The cemetery is located on Route 20 in Chester and parking will be in the gravel lot at the corner of Route 20 and Hampden Street (near 221 Route 20). There will also be a few parking spaces at Richie's Service Station, 260 Route 20, for anyone who needs to park closer to the cemetery.

The tour will cover some of the people who gave Chester Factory Village its name as well as the gravesites of three Revolutionary War soldiers, two Civil War soldiers and a WWII soldier. Refreshments will follow in the Chester History Museum. The tour will occur rain or shine and there will be minimal walking during the tour, but some of it will be over uneven ground. For more information, people may email HistoricalSociety@chesterma.com.

Library list upcoming events

CHESTER – The Hamilton Memorial Library will sponsor a Spooktacular Pumpkin Decorating Party on Saturday, Oct. 28 at 10 a.m. in the Chester Town Hall, 15 Middleton Road.

The Chester Recreation Committee seeks more trunks for their trunk or treat on Friday, Oct. 20 at 5 p.m. People should email the committee at chester-recreational413@gmail.com if interested in participating.

The Hamilton Memorial Library, 195 West Main St., is open, but construction is taking place. People should park

on Middlefield Road or in the lot across from the Town Hall.

Ongoing events at the library include: first Saturday of month at noon Lego Club, Writer's Club second Wednesday of month at 4:30 p.m., third Wednesday of month Book Club and every Thursday at 11:30 a.m. Story Time for preschoolers. Coming soon will be a virtual story time. Ancestry.com is now available at the library. There is a computer dedicated for the library edition of Ancestry.com. People may reserve a time slot.

Worthington Library hosts 'Oh no, a tick!' workshop

WORTHINGTON – On Saturday, Oct. 21 from 3-4:30 p.m., herbalist and Lyme expert, Sarah Stockwell-Arthen of Hilltown Herbals will present "Oh no, a tick!" an entertaining and cautionary workshop at the Worthington Library, 1 Huntington Road.

This event is free and open to the public. As temperatures drop in October and November, tick encounters actually begin to rise again and continue all winter long. Stockwell-Arthen will share prevention tips and hacks, and research-based remedies to keep everyone safe in

all seasons. Stockwell-Arthen gardens and walks in the woods in all seasons, using her practices and the remedies she learned from Healing Lyme by Stephen Harrod Buhner.

Hilltown Herbal products will be available for purchase at a small discount during the workshop. They are also available at the Hilltown (Mobile) Market at Sawyer Farm. For more information, people may call the Worthington Library at 413-238-5565 or email TheWorthingtonLibrary@gmail.com.

Council on Aging to host Halloween open house

WORTHINGTON – The Worthington Council on Aging will host a Halloween open house on Monday, Oct. 23 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the

Council on Aging office located at the rear entrance of Corner's Grocery.

All seniors are invited. Refreshments and treats will be served.

WILLIAMSBURG



The Williamsburg Congregational Church displays a sign on its front lawn announcing their annual church fair on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Courtesy photo by Jenn Burdick

WCC to hold church fair

WILLIAMSBURG – The Williamsburg Congregational Church is excited to hold their annual church fair on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

There will be local art and craft vendor tables, attic finds, antiques, homemade baked goods, cheeses, a raffle for a handmade quilt, a delicious lunch and more.

GREENFIELD

Freemasons hold open house

GREENFIELD – Masonic lodges across the Commonwealth and Freemasons from Greenfield, Montague and Deerfield will open their doors at the Greenfield Masonic Hall, 215 Munson St. to the public on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Greenfield's Masonic Hall hopes to provide the public with a better understanding of Freemasonry, and demonstrate the positive impact the fraternity has on its members, their families, and their communities. Members will be available to provide tours of their building, talk about Freemasonry's history, discuss its rituals, signs, and symbols and

explain what they do. Light refreshment will be available and a light lunch will be offered to visitors at noon.

The Massachusetts Grand Lodge of Masons is the oldest Masonic group in the Western Hemisphere and the third oldest in the world. Freemasonry brings together men of every country, religion, race, background, and opinion, encouraging bonds of friendship between them. It's symbolic initiation ceremonies teach and encourage enlightened principles, ethics, and morals and charges members to live their lives accordingly.

For additional information, people may visit MassFreemasonry.org.

WESTFIELD

Pignatare graduates from NESFS

WESTFIELD – Kelly Pignatare, Vice President/Regional Manager of Westfield Bank, became a 2023 graduate from the New England School for Financial Studies, a school established by the Massachusetts Bankers Association.

The NESFS is a two-year program that was established to teach banking professionals how to adapt in an ever-changing industry. Pignatare attended the NESFS, which focused on strate-

gic planning, leadership skills, marketing and ethics within the banking industry.

Pignatare has spent 22 years in the banking industry, 16 of those years have been with Westfield Bank. In her role she oversees a network of branches, including employee development, customer service, retail and business product sales and business development. She has also been active in the community and currently serves as a Board Member for Pathlight.

LENOX

NightWood experience runs from Nov. 17 through Jan. 6

LENOX – The Mount, Edith Wharton's Home, presents the fourth year of NightWood, an innovative sound and light experience that immerses visitors in a fantastical winter landscape.

Inspired by The Mount's unique setting, NightWood combines scenic elements, theatrical lighting, and a dramatic score to create eight unique scenes that evoke wonder and awaken the imagination. The Mount is once again collaborating with designer Chris Bocchario of Clerestory Light to create this year's experience. Building upon last year's cap-

tivating scenes, Bocchario has expanded the show with revised soundscapes and four mesmerizing new installations; The Hollow, The Woods Revisited, The Crossroads and The Stream.

NightWood runs Friday, Nov. 17 through Saturday, Jan. 6, with timed entries starting at 5 p.m. Admission is limited each night. Reservations are strongly recommended and can be made at NightWoodLenox.org. General admission is \$25 per adult, \$12 per child 13-18 years old and free for children age 12 and under.

Warm beverages and light refreshments will be available for purchase in the walled courtyard and the bookstore will be open for holiday shopping

NightWood brings participants on an ethereal, sensory journey ranging from contemplative and intimate to celebratory and communal. Bocchario explains, "There is something evocative about being in the woods at night: a connection to our ancient past, to old traditions and long-forgotten experiences. It unlocks a host of emotions that differ from person to person."

NightWood is not your traditional holiday light show. "More than anything," says Mount executive director Susan Wissler, "it is a celebration of the vast splendor and mystery of our natural world."

The total route is approximately 3/4 of a mile through the woods and gardens and takes approximately 45 minutes. Golf cart tours are available on select days for those requiring accessibility accommodations. Advanced registration is required for accessible tours by calling 413-551-5100.

SEPTIC PUMPING CALL

Under New Ownership • Family Owned and Operated
Serving Belchertown, Granby and Surrounding Communities for Over 30 Years.
185 West State Street, Granby • 413-323-4569
www.latourwilsonseptic.com

HELP WANTED
Circulation Assistant Position
8 Hours per week.
Application and Job Description available from Director at (413) 512-5206 or librarydirector@huntingtonma.us
EOE
HUNTINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
7 East Main Street, Huntington

SEND US YOUR EVENT PHOTOS

As a free service for our readers we accept and will print when space allows community event photos and announcements. Just scan the QR code above and send us your photos and any information.

LOWER PRICES TO BOOST YOUR BUDGET! **INFLATION PRICE BUSTERS** **PRICES IN RED ARE AT OR BELOW LAST YEAR'S PRICES!**

USDA INSP. FROZEN COUNTRY STYLE PORK RIBS.....	\$1.59 lb	USDA INSP. FRESH PORTERHOUSE or T-BONE STEAK	\$7.99 lb	USDA INSP. FRESH BONELESS BEEF SHOULDER ROAST or STEAKS.....	\$4.44 lb
USDA INSP. FROZEN CENTER CUT PORK CHOPS..	\$2.49 lb	USDA INSP. FRESH CHUCK ROAST or STEAK GREAT FOR THE CROCK POT!	\$4.99 lb	USDA INSP. FRESH WHOLE CHICKENS.....	\$1.29 lb
USDA INSP. SLICED IN OUR DELI MONTEREY JACK CHEESE.	\$3.99 lb	USDA INSP. FROZEN COOKED SHRIMP 51/60 CT 1 LB BAG.....	\$4.99 ea	USDA INSP. FRESH 10 LB BAG CHICKEN DRUMSTICKS....	66¢ lb
SLICED IN OUR DELI TURKEY BREAST.....	\$3.99 lb	USDA INSP. IQF FROZEN 10" PUMPKIN PIES.....	\$4.99 ea		
TAILGATE SPECIALS		USDA INSP. STORE MADE BONELESS BOURBON BLADE STEAK....	\$6.99 lb		
		USDA INSP. STORE MADE CAROLINA GOLD MARINATED CHICKEN THIGHS.....	\$2.99 lb		
		USDA INSP. KAYEM NATURAL CASING FRANKS 2.5LB BOX.....	\$6.99 ea		

90 Meat Outlet 90 Avocado St. Springfield 413-737-1288
www.90meat.com
HOURS: Mon. - Wed. 8-4 Thurs. 8-6 • Fri. 8-6 • Sat. 8-3
We reserve the right to limit quantities.

CENTER STREET AUTO PARTS OF CHICOPEE, INC.

We will pay you top dollar for your car AND we will pick it up! Call us for a price!

- Top-Of-The-Line Auto Salvaging Services
- First-Rate Used Auto Parts
- Top-Grade Auto Body Parts
- Sell Your Old or Used Car to Us

"Serving all of Western Mass."

centerstreetautoparts.com
651 Center St., Chicopee 413-733-2778

\$\$\$ Money on the Spot for All Vehicles

SCHOOLS & YOUTH

Holyoke Community College to host annual 'Trunk or Treat'

HOLYOKE – Visitors to Holyoke Community College on Friday, Oct. 27 from 5-7 p.m. can expect to see ghosts, witches, and ghouls, along with an assortment of characters from their favorite children's movies, games and TV shows as the college celebrates Halloween with its annual Trunk or Treat event.

Dozens of HCC departments, programs and student clubs, as well as community groups and area businesses decorate vehicles every year for this event.

Trunk or Treat runs from 5-7 p.m. in Parking Lot M by the Bartley Center for Athletics and Recreation on the main HCC campus, 303 Homestead Avenue. In the past, trunk sponsors from HCC have included the Education Dept., Student Engagement, Veterinary and Animal Science, Dance Club, ASL Club, Japanese Anime Club, C.A.M.O. Club, Radiologic Technology, El Centro, Student Records, Early Childhood Grants Initiative, Culinary

Club, Business Dept., President's Cabinet, Disney Club, Nursing Dept., Student Senate, STEM Club, Latinx Empowerment Association, Psychology Club, Radio Club, Animation Club and Dungeons & Dragons Club.

Participants from the community include Dean Technical High School Hawks, Holyoke Police Dept., Berkshire Hathaway, Valley Opportunity Council, YWCA, Mass. Dept. for Children and Families Holyoke, Positive Regard Network/Center School, NexGen Roofing, Elms College: The Teachers' Lounge, Holyoke Credit Union, Y



Kids Learning Center, Girls Inc. of the Valley, and Holyoke Public Schools - Early Childhood program.

Last year's trunk themes included crayons, rubber ducks, happy clowns, a witch's house, a haunted house, Jurassic Park, The Nightmare Before Christmas, Hungry Hungry Hippos, construction, Hocus Pocus, Paw Patrol, bones, Encanto, Star Wars, spooky fun prom, M&M's, Frozen, Ratatouille, Disney villains, Muppets, Mary Poppins, Spiderman and other Marvel superheroes, outer space, a pumpkin patch, Alice in Wonderland, the Multiverse and Ghostbusters.

Prizes are awarded to vehicle sponsors in various categories including Best Executed Theme, Scariest Trunk, Best Costumes, and Most Original.

Each vehicle will be handing out free Halloween treats and also have non-food items for children with dietary restrictions.

Trunk or Treat at HCC started in 2017 as a safe, fun, and early alternative to traditional trick-or-treating on Halloween night. Rather than going door to door seeking Halloween treats, children go "trunk to trunk" to collect their candy, visiting cars decorated with seasonal themes and familiar stories and characters.

The event is free and open to the public and will be held outdoors, rain or shine. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

To sponsor a vehicle, people may email organizers Lindsey Pare at lp@hcc.edu or Alexis Roach at aroach@hcc.edu. The deadline is Monday, Oct. 23.

HCC fall session III classes start Oct. 30

HOLYOKE – Prospective students have one more chance to sign up for classes at Holyoke Community College for the fall 2023 semester.

Fall session III classes begin Monday, Oct. 30 and run for seven weeks. All fall semester classes conclude by Thursday, Dec. 21.

Students, who enroll for HCC's flexible fall start dates, have the opportunity to take a variety of courses both on campus and online in anthropology, biolo-

gy, business administration, communication, culinary arts, economics, English, English as a Second Language, geography, human services, Latinx Studies, law, management, marketing, math, nutrition, music, psychology, sociology, Spanish and veterinary and animal science. To see a full list of courses and sections, people may visit hcc.edu/flex-fa23.

Registration for winter session classes and spring 2024 classes opens Monday, Oct. 30. Winter session classes

start Friday, Dec. 29 and run for two weeks. The spring 2024 semester begins Tuesday, Jan. 16.

The HCC Admissions and Advising offices are located on the first floor of the HCC Campus Center and are open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and Fridays from 4:30 p.m.

For more information, people may call HCC Admissions at 413-552-2321, email admissions@hcc.edu or visit online at hcc.edu.



Lincoln Kanelong begins Bard College at Simon's Rock early enrollment

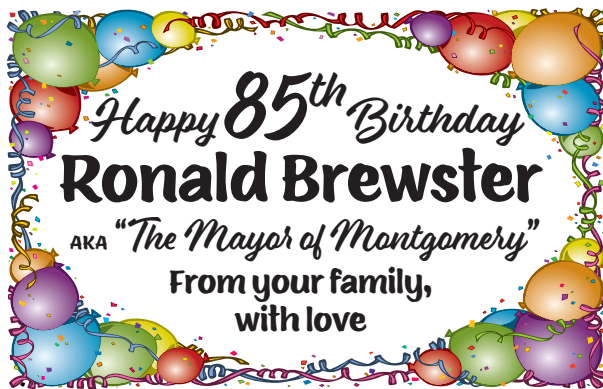
GREAT BARRINGTON – Lincoln Kanelong of Easthampton joined the fall 2023 class at Bard College at Simon's Rock, the nation's first early college.

Kanelong's academic and personal achievements stood out, securing Lincoln a spot at Simon's Rock this fall. The college is home to about 400 students, who engage in a rigorous liberal arts and sciences curriculum and graduate from college one or two years ahead of their peers.

Bard College at Simon's Rock is the only college in the country specifically designed for students ready to enter college after the tenth or 11th grade and begin working on their Bachelor's Degree two years early. Simon's Rock offers a curriculum in the liberal arts and sciences, taught by supportive, highly trained faculty, who are leading scholars in their field. The College grants degrees in more than 35 majors. For more information, people may visit simons-rock.edu.

NOTICE

ERRORS: Each advertiser is requested to check their advertisement the first time it appears. This paper will not be responsible for more than one corrected insertion, nor will be liable for any error in an advertisement to a greater extent than the cost of the space occupied by the item in the advertisement.



The Janis Santos Scholarship Fund is available for Head Start alumnae, past or current Head Start parents, or current staff, interested in pursuing a career in Early Childhood Education to help address the current workforce crisis.

Janis Santos Scholarship

This scholarship was created in recognition of Janis Santos and her tenure at HCS Head Start, Inc.

One \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded annually.

To Apply:
<https://hcsheadstart.org/janis-santos-scholarship>

Questions?
 email: JSScholarship@headstart.org

Deadline October 31, 2023

HCS Head Start, Inc.
 EDUCATING children. SUPPORTING families. BUILDING healthy communities.

CULVERINE FIREARMS

BUY / SELL QUALITY FIREARMS

www.culverinefirearms.com

(413) 789-7466

1325 Springfield Street #7
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

NORTHAMPTON

Children's Advocacy Center holds anniversary breakfast

NORTHAMPTON – The Children's Advocacy Center of Hampshire County, 593 Elm St. will gather to celebrate 25 years of safety, healing and justice on Friday, Oct. 27 from 7:30-9 a.m., at the Log Cabin located on 500 Easthampton Road, Holyoke.

The Children's Advocacy Center will award community members who epitomize their mission, thank their partners, hear from survivors and cheer on the courageous children, who inspire all to make this world a better place.

This past year, the CAC served more children than ever before in their history. The need for child abuse prevention, inter-

vention and response is greater than ever.

The proceeds raised from this breakfast will directly support child survivors in the local communities ensuring they receive a coordinated, culturally competent, multidisciplinary team response to allegations of child abuse in our dedicated, child-friendly house.

Individuals and organizations can contribute anytime to the CAC by sending donations to the Children's Advocacy Center of Hampshire County, 593 Elm St., Northampton, MA 01060, visiting the organization's website at cachampshire.org or through Venmo @cachampshire.

OTIS

Tax information announced

OTIS – There has been an increasingly large amount of returned mail.

Tax bills are being returned to sender due to physical addresses being used. Anyone who used a physical address in

the past, just purchased a home or have not received their tax bill should email a change of address with P.O. Box if it applies to collector@townofotisma.com.

Otis Library hosts story walk

OTIS – The Otis Library will feature "Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf" by Lois Ehlert for its story walk located on the Farmington River Trail behind St. Mary's of the Lakes Church.

The story will remain up through Tuesday, Oct. 31.

Participants will experience the beauty of the season right here in town.

BECKET

Becket Arts Center lists upcoming news and events

BECKET – Kit Curry's art will be on display at the Becket Arts Center, 7 Brooker Hill Road, now through Monday, Oct. 20

The exhibit is free and open to the public Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturdays from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sundays from noon-4 pm. An artist reception will

be held Friday, Oct. 20 from 5-7 p.m.

On Friday, Oct. 20, Robert Oakes, author of "Ghosts of the Berkshires" will speak at 8 p.m. Cost is \$10. To register for tickets, people should visit becketartscenter.org/events. Before his talk, people will gather to share or listen to ghost stories at 7 p.m.

MIDDLEFIELD

Trick-or-Treating on Oct. 28

MIDDLEFIELD – The Select Board set Saturday, Oct 28 from 5-7 p.m. for town trick-or-treating hours.

Houses intending to participate should put outdoor lights on. The Fire Department will be open for candy-seeking visitors, as usual. Blossom Community Center, upper rear at 16 Bell Road, will again be a congregated trick-or-treat location.

Households unlikely to get visitors are welcome to bring their candy and set up at a table in the dining hall at the Blossom Community Center, chat with neighbors and eat non-candy snacks. Costumes are encouraged.

Families should bring their children to this indoor "trunk or treat" site with space for children to play together. People may visit www.BlossomCenterMA.org for calendar reminders.



REGION

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission secures grant

The National Park Service named the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission's 501(c)3 subsidiary, the Pioneer Valley Regional Ventures Center, Inc. as one of only 13 awardees nationally to receive a Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant.

The \$750,000 grant will allow the state-designated regional planning agency to work with the Ventures Center to develop a sub grant program and select individual projects in rural communities for physical preservation projects that will contribute to economic vitality. It is the first time a Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant has been awarded to a Massachusetts organization.

"From our cities to our rural towns, we know economic development is often spurred when we reinvest in places that

reflect the history of community and pay tribute to the people who came before us," said PVPC Executive Director Kimberly H. Robinson. "We are grateful to the National Park Service and its Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization grant program for providing the resources necessary to reactivate historic buildings in rural towns that will create 21st-century opportunities for growth," said Robinson.

Using its 501(c)3 subsidiary, the Pioneer Valley Regional Ventures Center, PVPC staff will provide sub grants to competitively selected preservation and rehabilitation projects on National Register-listed anchor historic buildings in 40 communities with less than 12,500 residents in Hampden and Hampshire Counties and West Central and

Southwest Central Worcester County.

The PVPC's Perseveration Works in Western Mass Bruhn Competitive Sub grant Program's focus is on projects that will support the revitalization of National Register-listed anchor historic buildings that are significant to the community and, when rehabilitated, will contribute to local economic development.

Sub grant awards of up to \$100,000 will be given to work in compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Rehabilitation of Historic Properties to conduct pre-planning; roof repair or replacement; exterior rehabilitation such as painting, repointing, or historic siding restoration; structural repairs; window and door restoration; and life safety improvements to include

fire suppression and ADA compliance.

Eligible owner-applicants will be private, public or nonprofit. There will be no match required. Applications will be evaluated based on population, regional distribution, variety of project type, community and economic development potential, pre-planning to determine project needs and the capacity of the active, local working group.

A Preservation Restriction will be required on a property that receives funding. These grants mark the fifth year of funding for the program honoring the late Paul Bruhn, executive director of the Preservation Trust of Vermont for nearly 40 years. The Pioneer Valley is the state-designated regional planning agency for the 43 cities and towns of Hampden and Hampshire Counties.

Rays of Hope Walk & Run Toward the Cure on Oct. 22

SPRINGFIELD –Thirty years and nearly \$17million raised, the 30th annual Rays of Hope Walk & Run Toward the Cure of Breast Cancer has plenty to celebrate on Sunday, Oct. 22, when the largest fundraiser steps off from Temple Beth El in Springfield.

This year's presenting sponsor is Gary Rome Hyundai. Over the years, all money raised remains local to assist individuals and their families affected by breast cancer. Baystate Health Foundation administers the funds which support treatment, breast health programs, outreach and education, the purchase of state-of-the-art equipment through the Baystate Health Breast Network, as well as support for the Rays of Hope Center for Breast Cancer Research. Rays of Hope also provides grants to various community programs throughout western Massachusetts.

Once again, the Ray of Hope

will step off from Temple Beth El on Dickinson Street in Springfield and wind through and around Forest Park. The 14th Annual Run Toward the Cure 8K is coordinated and timed by 4Run3. As in the past, the Rays of Hope BIG WIG program offers special "big wig" status to those raising \$1,000 or more online only by credit card.

Using the simple and convenient registration at baystatehealth.org/raysofhope, participants can create their own personal webpage to assist them in their fundraising efforts. Participants must raise at least \$50 to receive the collectible Rays of Hope 2023 t-shirt.

Check-in for the run begins at 7:30 a.m. followed by step off at 8:30 a.m., while check-in for the walk begins at 9 a.m. followed by step off at 10:30 a.m. Buses begin operating at 7:30 a.m. for runners and at 8:30 a.m. for walkers to shuttle them to

Temple Beth El. Parking for runners is only at the Lenox American Saw & Mfg. Co. lot in East Longmeadow at 301 Chestnut St. Parking information for walkers can be found at baystatehealth.org/raysofhope. Parking for walkers is at Lenox American Saw and East Longmeadow High School and Blueberry Hill School and Longmeadow High School in Longmeadow. There will be lot attendants to assist participants.

If people want to support the Rays of Hope, but cannot participate on Oct. 23, or you are unvaccinated or immune-compromised, there is the option online to fundraise and sign up as a "virtual" participant walking or running anywhere on any day.

Also, walkers and runners can visit the Rays of Hope Shop with branded apparel for sale, the Pink Hope Survivors Lounge, as well as a vari-

ety of breast health exhibitors. There will also be water stations and entertainment along the walking routes and cheerleaders "cheering" everyone on to success.

In addition to presenting sponsor Gary Rome Hyundai, other major sponsors include Baystate Breast & Wellness Center, Baystate Breast Specialists, Radiology & Imaging, Inc., Gilead Oncology, Golden Years Home Care Services, Kinsley, MGM Springfield, Pfizer, PeoplesBank, USA and Zasco Productions. Also, all Baystate Health Foundation events are underwritten by Health New England. A listing of all sponsors can be found on the Rays of Hope website.

For more information about this year's Rays of Hope Walk and 8K Run, held rain or shine, people may call 413-794-8001 or visit baystatehealth.org/raysofhope.

3 EASY WAYS TO SUBSCRIBE TODAY

Don't miss a week of your Hometown News Source!

PLEASE CONSIDER SUBSCRIBING

Current recipients of our weekly paper, receive town news, updates, local stories and articles of interest throughout the Hilltowns.

Get the Country Journal mailed directly to your home



Each week you will receive:

- TOWN HALL NEWS • BUSINESS HAPPENINGS • AREA EVENTS
- COMMUNITY STORIES • SCHOOL COVERAGE • CLASSIFIEDS & MORE!

1 online
Use our website to securely subscribe at **COUNTRYJOURNAL.TURLEY.COM**

2 CALL US
1-413-283-8393
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER!

Yes! I want to subscribe to the Country Journal!

New Renewal Gift A GIFT CARD WILL BE SENT TO ANNOUNCE YOUR GIFT!

Name _____
Address _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Credit Card #: _____
Exp. Date: _____ CW2 code: _____
Signature: _____

CHECK ENCLOSED CHARGE MY CREDIT CARD

GIFT TO:
Name _____
Address _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

3 Please complete this form and mail it in a secure envelope to:
Country Journal
24 Water Street, Palmer, MA 01069

CJ23TMC

WESTHAMPTON

Westhampton Select Board to hold tax classification hearing

WESTHAMPTON – The Westhampton Select Board will conduct a tax classification public hearing on Monday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall, 1 South Road.

In accordance with Section 56 of Chapter 40 of the General Law, the Westhampton Select Board will con-

duct a public hearing on the question of adoption of percentages of the total tax levy to be borne by each class of real property (residential, open space, commercial, industrial) and personal property for Fiscal Year 2024. All interested parties are invited to attend and will be heard.

HAYDENVILLE

Haydenville Congregational church to host documentary film

HAYDENVILLE – The documentary film, “Kiss the Ground” is about the power of regenerative agriculture to reverse global warming, will be shown on Thursday, October 19 at 7 p.m. in Haydenville Congregational Church, 143 Main St. (Route 9).

The film is narrated by actor Woody Harrelson. It presents the research and practices involved in cre-

ating healthy soil as a way to fight climate change, address the water crises and improve human wellness. The event is co-sponsored by the Haydenville Church Peace and Justice Committee, and Grow Food Northampton.

Admission is free. For more information about the film, people may visit kisstheground.com.

CUMMINGTON

Mark, Sabadosa to hold forum

CUMMINGTON – State Senator Paul W. Mark and state Rep. Lindsay Sabadosa invite the public to a “ReMarks and Refreshments” forum on Friday, Oct. 27 from 5-6:30 p.m.

The legislators welcome the public to ask questions or offer up comments about opportunities and/or challenges facing the town of Cummington and Western Massachusetts. Sen. Mark and Rep. Sabadosa will also share some legislative updates from the State House. This event is open to the public and will be held at the Cummington Town Hall, 33 Main St.

Sen. Mark’s Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin, and Hampshire District con-

sists of 57 municipalities in western Massachusetts. He is the chair of the Joint Committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development. Rep. Sabadosa’s First Hampshire District consists of the towns of Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Hatfield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg and Worthington, as well as the city of Northampton, all in Hampshire County. She is the vice chair of the Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

The Cummington “Remarks and Refreshments” event is one in a series of public forums Sen. Mark is organizing in an effort to reach all 57 communities.

SOUTHAMPTON

FCC to hold Fall Festival Oct. 21

SOUTHAMPTON – The First Congregational Church of Southampton, United Church of Christ, 212 College Highway, has their Fall Festival coming up on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

There will be tables filled with home-

made goodies, handcrafted items and a raffle with lots of great prizes. The festival is being held rain or shine in Parish Hall. Funds raised are to help offset the cost of hosting multiple Scout troops and community groups, who utilize the building for hundreds of hours during the year.

PITTSFIELD

Digital Resource Fair scheduled for Friday, Oct. 20

PITTSFIELD – The City of Pittsfield, supported by the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission and a generous group of local and regional partners, invites the community to attend Connect Pittsfield! A Digital Resource Fair, on Friday, Oct. 20 from 1-4 p.m. at Berkshire Athenaeum Library, 1 Wendell Avenue.

This event was funded by the

Massachusetts Broadband Institute at the MassTech Collaborative under the Municipal Digital Equity Planning Program.

Funding was provided by Massachusetts ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Funds. The fair includes: Affordable Connectivity Program Enrollment (Western Mass. Alliance for Digital Equity), Opportunities for Remote

Work (Molari Employment), Training for Basic and Advanced Computer Skills (Can Code Communities), Helping Youth Stay Safe Online (Berkshire District Attorney’s Office), Assistive Technologies for People with Disabilities (United Cerebral Palsy of Western Mass),

Workforce Development and Computer-Related Degrees (Berkshire

Community College) and Preparing an Online Resume and Applying for Jobs (Berkshire Jobs).

There will also be information from MassHire Berkshire Career Center and MassHire Youth Works including Computer Basic Classes and Internships and many more in the works including Tech Goes Home and Computers 4 People.

Downtown Pittsfield holds ‘It’s Alive’ Halloween event

PITTSFIELD – Downtown Pittsfield, Inc. announces the return of Downtown Pittsfield “It’s Alive” to celebrate the Halloween season.

This year’s event on Saturday, Oct. 21 will feature two parts: a Block Party from 1-5 p.m. and Kids’ Zone from 1-4 p.m. inside the McKay Street Parking Garage.

Both events have been moved to the McKay Street Parking Garage due to Saturday’s rainy forecast. To park for the day, enter the Parking Garage via the Depot Street entrance for access to the upper parking levels. The event will be on

the McKay Street level.

The It’s Alive! Block Party will feature a Marketplace with 15 plus vendors, a Beer Garden with Wandering Star Craft Brewery and food from BB’s Hot Spot. Musician Evan Lanoue will play from 1-2:30 p.m. and the band Vaguely Pagan will play from 3:30-5 p.m. There will be a performance by Opal Raven Cirque at 1:30, 2:30, and 3:30 p.m. featuring swords, scarves, and fans. Opal Raven Cirque is a circus and sideshow performer based in Western Massachusetts. She’s known across New England and the Tri-

State area for her “Danger Dame of the Flame” variety show.

The It’s Alive! JR. Kids’ Zone will feature arts and crafts, games, face painting, giveaways and more. There will be free activities provided by Adams Community Bank, Berkshire Athenaeum, Berkshire Museum, Flying Cloud Institute, Boys & Girls Club of the Berkshires, Katunemo Art & Healing, Operation Copsicle, Pittsfield Parks and Recreation, and Witch Slapped. Downtown Pittsfield, Inc. will host a Halloween canvas painting activity. All

Kids’ Zone activities are free and costumes are encouraged. Slater and Marjo from Live 95.9 will broadcast live from the Kids’ Zone from 1-3 p.m.

Downtown Pittsfield... It’s Alive! is presented by Downtown Pittsfield, Inc. with support from the Mill Town Foundation and Townsquare Media Berkshire.

For more information on Downtown Pittsfield... It’s Alive!, people may visit downtownpittsfield.com or call Downtown Pittsfield, Inc. at 413-443-6501.

Berkshire Green Drinks announces upcoming November gathering

PITTSFIELD – Tom Ryan, a forester with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, will present at the November Berkshire Green Drinks event on Thursday, Nov. 9, in person and online via Zoom.

The in-person gathering begins at 5 p.m. at Big Elm Brewery Sheffield Taproom, 65 Silver St., Sheffield. The presentation and Zoom meeting start at 6 p.m.

Ryan will touch on several areas within forestry including an overview of the current state of the forested landscape, a summary of state forestry programs and the existing land use designations for DCR state properties, conservation options for private landowners, forest-climate adaptation and carbon management concepts, landscape-scale habitat restoration efforts,

Massachusetts forest product consumption trends, biochar and supporting local forest products and how this can help mitigate climate change.

To RSVP, people may visit to <https://tinyurl.com/Nov2023-Berks-Green-Drinks>. Pre-registration is required to attend this free event.

Berkshire Green Drinks is an informal gathering that takes place once a month. A guest speaker talks for about 30 minutes beginning at 6 p.m. and the presentation is followed by a discussion and question and answer. These nights are free and open to everyone with any environmental interest. The drinks aren’t green, but the conversations are. Everyone is welcome.

Berkshire Green Drinks is sponsored and organized by the Berkshire Environmental Action Team

Humane Society offers new exhibit

PITTSFIELD – The Guild of Berkshire Artists curates art exhibitions for Berkshire Humane Society at 214 Barker Road.

The GBA, a regional non-profit visual arts organization supports and promotes its members through education, exhibits, and community events, and contributes to the cultural life of the Berkshires.

The exhibit at Berkshire Humane Society runs from Oct. 19 to April, 2024. Hours include Tuesdays to Saturdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sundays 1-4 p.m. Reception is Thursday Oct. 19 from 5-7 p.m. An original painting “Dita” by artist Terre Lefferts will be raffled to benefit Berkshire Humane Society.

The Berkshire Humane Society show celebrates works of art inspired by nature, animals and wildlife from Guild of Berkshire Artists. Media include oils, acrylics, watercolors, mixed media, and photography, and styles range from realis-

tic to the abstract. The exhibit showcases the artistic strength and stylistic diversity of the submissions.

Representational works in the exhibit include the stunning watercolor portrait of a cat by Amy Pressman, photographs by Blue Moon photographer Dana Goedewaagen, Red Leaves by photographer Doane Perry. Featured abstract work for this show includes dramatic acrylic landscapes by Kathy Glenn, Thirsty Tree by Lori Bradley and Meandering, a colorful oil landscape by Karen Carmean.

All works are for sale and a 20% of each sale will go to the Berkshire Humane Society and 5% to The Guild of Berkshire Artists, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that educates members and the public about art and contributes to the quality of life in the Berkshires. For more information on the Guild and its programs, people may visit <https://www.berkshireartists.org/>.

Al's Tire & Auto Repair

When it comes to tires we do it all,
from wheelbarrows to big rigs.

MOST MAJOR TIRE BRANDS AVAILABLE
Brakes, Shocks, Struts, Front End Repairs & Alignments
Air Conditioning Service, Check Engine Lights

918 Southamptton Road, Westfield, MA 01085
Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Mike Morin **562-3391** Alice Morin **562-1704**

THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPES

ARIES
Mar 21/Apr 20
This week you may invite a friend over who shares all of his or her good energy with you. It's just the boost you need right now to have a positive few days.

CANCER
Jun 22/Jul 22
You are in the process of widening your field of opportunities, Cancer. This may translate into taking a trip overseas or even across the country for a little bit.

LIBRA
Sept 23/Oct 23
Take a few moments this week to go over spending, as you may determine that you have to reel in your budget a little more than you had expected, Libra.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, put all of your cards on the table this week, especially with those close to you. They deserve to see the bigger picture if they are involved with you.

AQUARIUS
Jan 21/Feb 18
The week ahead may be trying for you, Aquarius. You may have to prove yourself to loved ones by offering a speech or other actions. It could be emotionally draining.

TAURUS
Apr 21/May 21
You may have an urgent need to get physically active, Taurus. That can propel you to get a gym membership or to organize a walking club with some local friends.

LEO
Jul 23/Aug 23
Your typically amicable personality could be nowhere in sight this week, Leo. Perhaps you are feeling disrespected and bullied and want to advocate for yourself.

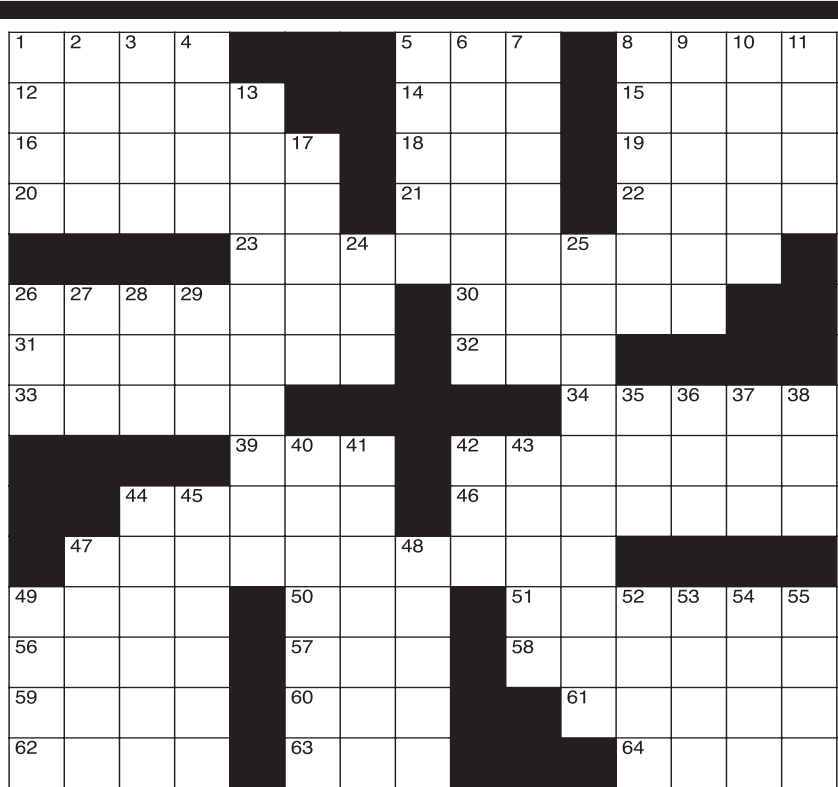
VIRGO
Aug 24/Sept 22
There are moments when everyone gets strong feelings of where they should be heading in life, Virgo. Sometime this week you could receive an epiphany moment.

GEMINI
May 22/Jun 21
You are brimming with energy right now, Gemini. It's only a matter of figuring out what to do with it. A painting or other home renovation project could be the perfect fit.

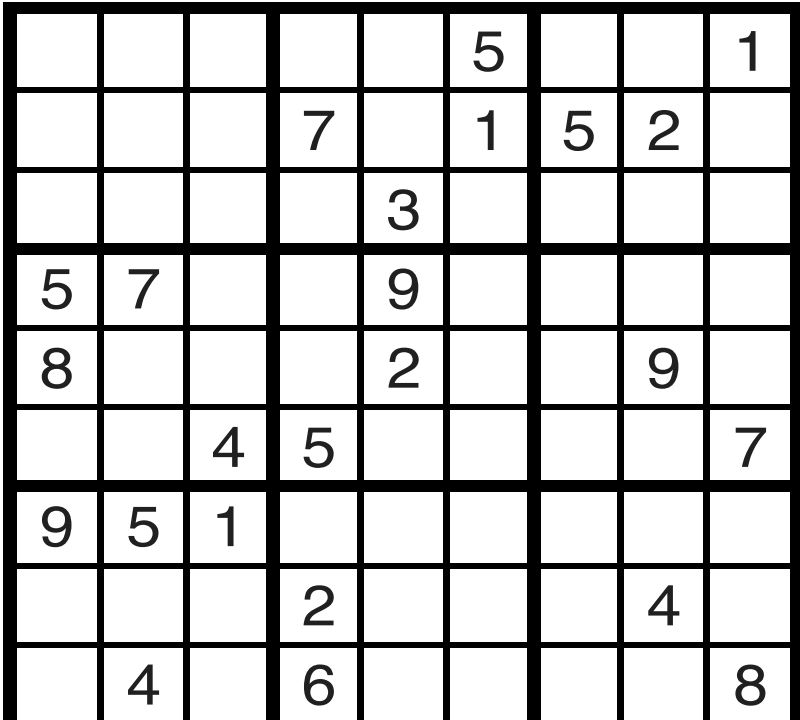
SCORPIO
Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, this week you could be inspired by someone who comes across as a natural leader. Learn from this individual about how you can become more assertive.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, your help is urgently needed, so there is no time to waste. When the alarm clock goes off, it is time to spring into action each day.

PISCES
Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, you can look forward to your busy week ahead because the time is going to fly by. Do not schedule anything extra, as you will not be able to fit it in for the time being.



- CLUES ACROSS**
1. A device to disengage without a key
 5. Subdivision
 8. Network of nerves
 12. Lounge chair
 14. Ocean
 15. C. European river
 16. Bowl-shaped cavity
 18. ___ Caesar, comedian
 19. Lyric poems
 20. Tia's sister
 21. A way to develop
 22. Cows collectively
 23. Areas close by
 26. Slightly disreputable
 30. Made a mistake
 31. One who cites
 32. Food stall: ___ pai dong
 33. Narrow valley between hills
 34. Members of people living mainly in the Congo
 39. More (Spanish)
 42. Classroom implementations
 44. Cognizant of
 46. One who tells on others
 47. Free from slavery
 49. Thick piece of something
 50. Containing two nitrogen atoms between carbon atoms
 51. Removed entirely
 56. Late rocker Turner
 57. Appreciated
 58. Observation expedition
 59. Opposite of subtracts
 60. Unit of work
 61. Wreckage on the sea bed
 62. Affirmative! (slang)
 63. Witness
 64. River in England
- CLUES DOWN**
1. A dissenting clique
 2. Japanese city
 3. Spiritual leader
 4. Second letter of Greek alphabet
 5. Musical term
 6. Ruled over
 7. Fortified wine
 8. First year player
 9. Moved in a circular way
 10. Adolescents
 11. Scottish or Irish Gaelic language
 13. Someone who serves in the armed forces
 17. Bring up
 24. Factual written account (abbr.)
 25. Having three sides
 26. Annoy
 27. Hustle
 28. American WW2 leader
 29. Stale atmosphere
 35. US Treasury
 36. Sound unit
 37. They ___
 38. Soviet Socialist Republic
 40. Places to play video games
 41. Medical event
 42. When you hope to arrive
 43. Fixed prices
 44. Popular Boston song
 45. Valley in Indiana and Illinois
 47. Omit when speaking
 48. German explorer of the Congo Basin
 49. Stick around
 52. From a distance
 53. Heroic tale
 54. Amounts of time
 55. Eat



SUDOKU

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Fun By The Numbers
Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

answers

To advertise here
contact Teri at
413-283-8393
or email:
twegiel@turley.com

WESTFIELD
AUTO PARTS INC

AUTO PARTS
& SUPPLIES

NATIONALLY ADVERTISED MERCHANDISE FOR ALL MAKES & MODELS

WHOLESALE RETAIL

★ Complete Auto Machine Shop Service ★ Engine Rebuilding Of All Kinds
★ Authorized Caterpillar Hydraulic Hose Dealer ★ Hydraulic Hoses

Call "DALE" 8-12 BIRGE AVE., WESTFIELD

Dial 568-8944 or 568-1611 FAX # 568-1554

Now stocking
Car Quest
Filters made
by WIX,
Amalie Oil,
Bailing Twine
&
Tractor Parts

OBITUARIES

Richard Allen Cook, 73

SUFFIELD, CT – Richard Allen Cook, 73, passed away Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023 at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford Connecticut.

He was born on Oct. 12, 1949 in Westfield, the son of the late Horace and Pearl (Walker) Cook. Richard grew up in Blandford. He lived in Virginia after being drafted into the Army during the Vietnam War. Later, he moved to Stockton, California where he worked for the Parks Department and also earned his Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts.

Upon moving back to the area he lived in Feeding Hills, Windsor Locks and Suffield, Connecticut. He worked for more than 15 years and retired from Baker Nursery in Suffield. He was an avid reader, but especially enjoyed science fiction. He loved fishing and tinkering (taking things apart and putting them back



together). He enjoyed watching TV; some of his favorite shows; Phineas and Ferb and Charmed. He had several cats over the years and enjoyed their company.

Richard leaves his two daughters: Deanna Patsouris and husband Jeff Brown of Berlin, Vermont and Danielle Clapp and her husband Chris of Brookline; three grandchildren: Dino Patsouris, Alexa Modugno and husband Joey and Isabella Clapp; two great-grandchildren, Leo and Ari

Modugno. He also leaves his two sisters; Nancy Ackley and husband Tom of Blandford and Barbara Bishop of Belchertown; he was predeceased by his brother, James Cook and nephew James Jr. He also leaves six nieces and nephews.

A private funeral service was held at Hill Cemetery in Blandford on Oct. 11, 2023

Susan E. (Miner) Merrell, 77

MIDDLEFIELD – Susan E. Merrell, 77, of Middlefield, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023, in the loving care of her husband and daughter.

She was born on Feb. 14, 1946, the daughter of Leland and Helen Miner. She attended Belchertown High School and graduated from Fitchburg State College with a BSN degree in nursing.

Susan had a 44-year career as an RN in various settings in New Jersey, Vermont and Massachusetts. She worked primarily in the field of developmental disabilities as a supervising RN and later as a consultant to several local agencies in Berkshire, Hampshire and Franklin counties.

In her leisure time, Susan loved to travel, especially to Bar Harbor and Sanibel Island, with a one-time detour to Kauai and Maui in Hawaii. She was an avid gardener, who provided food for her family and special flowers for her hummingbirds and butterflies.



She loved animals, especially her grand kitty Gracie, and helped to convert family land into a permanent wildlife sanctuary under the auspices of The Nature Conservancy and Orenda Wildlife Land Trust. She enjoyed driving, particularly small British sports cars with a four speed. She was also a voracious reader, whose Kindle was always within reach.

Susan is survived by her husband of 55 years, Richard S. Merrell, of Middlefield and her daughter Janis L. Merrell, of Belchertown. She is predeceased by her brother, Leland P. Miner, who died on June 28, 2021.

A memorial service for Susan will be held Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023 at 10 a.m. at the Kelly Funeral Home, 3 Main Street, Lee. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to may make a donation in Susan's name to the Dakin Humane Society, P.O. Box 6307, Springfield, MA 01101.

PUBLIC NOTICES

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampshire Probate and Family Court
15 Atwood Drive
Northampton, MA 01060
(413)586-8500
Docket No. HS23P0636EA
Estate of:
Charles David Graton
Date of Death: 09/15/2023
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Michelle M. Graton of Huntington, 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: **Michelle M. Graton of Huntington, 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 11/15/2023.**

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. **Diana S. Velez Harris**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 05, 2023

Michael J. Carey
Register of Probate
10/19/2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampshire Division
Docket No. HS23P0622EA
Estate of:
Joseph E. Kellam, Sr.
Also Known As:
Joe Kellam
Date of Death:
May 1, 2023
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petitioner **Suzanne Kellam of Huntington, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Suzanne Kellam of Huntington, 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.
10/19/2023

**TAX CLASSIFICATION PUBLIC HEARING
Monday, October 23, 2023,
7:00 PM at the Town Hall,
1 South Road**

In accordance with Section 56 of Chapter 40 of the General Law, the Westhampton Selectboard will conduct a public hearing on the question of adoption of percentages of the total tax levy to be borne by each class of real property (residential, open space, commercial, industrial) and personal property for Fiscal Year 2024. The hearing will be held on **Monday, October 23, 2023, 7:00 PM** at the Town Hall, 1 South Road. All interested parties are invited to attend and will be heard.
10/19/2023

DEATH NOTICES

COOK, RICHARD ALLEN

Died Oct. 7, 2013

MERRILL, SUSAN E.

Died Oct. 14, 2023
Memorial Service Oct. 24 at 10 a.m.
Kelly Funeral Home, Lee

Country Journal OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$225, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph. **Death Notices & Paid Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

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

PUBLIC NOTICES ARE NOW ONLINE

- 1 Email all notices to notices@turley.com
- 2 Access archives and digital tear sheets by newspaper title.
- 3 Find a quick link to the state of Massachusetts' public notice web site to search all notices in Massachusetts newspapers.

Public notice deadlines are Mondays at noon, Fridays noon for Monday holidays.

[visit www.publicnotices.turley.com](http://www.publicnotices.turley.com)

OPPORTUNITY

newspaper correspondent

Turley Publications seeks **Experienced Writers/Journalists** to produce news and/or feature stories of local interest for various towns and cities.

- **Must be dependable, professional and able to meet strict deadlines**
- **Salary based on a flat rate by story and photo**

Send writing samples with resume to

Turley
Publications, Inc.
www.turley.com

Eileen Kennedy, Executive Editor
24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069
or email directly to
ekennedy@turley.com



- **Check Out Our For Sale, Services, Pets and Other Classifieds**
- **Real Estate: For Sale, For Rent & Vacation Rentals**
- **Help Wanted: Part Time & Full Time Career Opportunities**

Call to place your classified ad: **413-283-8393**

the best around
CLASSIFIEDS
TURLEY PUBLICATIONS, INC.
Reaching readers in
50 local communities every week.



Classifieds

12 WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS | SERVING 50 LOCAL COMMUNITIES

A TURLEY PUBLICATION | www.turley.com

COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE

Call us at 413.283.8393

FOR SALE

MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY. EXTRAORDINARY performance. Central Boiler certified Classic Edge Titanium HDX OUTDOOR WOOD FURNACE. Call today **413-296-4320**.

FIREWOOD

MORE HEAT LESS WOOD. Central Boiler Classic Edge HDX Outdoor Wood Furnace. EPA Certified. Titanium Stainless Steel. 26% Tax Credit. Call **(508)882-0178**

HAY FOR SALE

Round, Wrapped Hay Bales, First & Second Cutting. Dry & Wet. Worthington, MA. Call **(413)478-0178**.

TAG SALE

HOTPOINT CHEST FREEZER. \$100. Fish tank with everything \$25, car truck cooler \$40, filing cabinet \$20. Over 600 DVDs \$200, Galanti accordion \$275. Pick up in Barre call 978-724-5624.

WANTED

WANTED TO BUY

ANTIQUES AND OLD STUFF WANTED BUYING Bottles, Crocks, Jugs, Pottery, Costume Jewelry, Toys, Games, coins, sterling, Glassware, Silver-plated items, watches, Musical instruments, typewriters, sewing machines, tools, radios, clocks, lanterns, lamps, kitchenware, cookware, knives, military, automotive, fire department, masonic, license plates, beer-cans, barware, books, oil cans, advertising tins, hunting, fishing, signs, and more Donald Roy **(860)874-8396**

JUNK REMOVAL

ARA JUNK FURNITURE REMOVAL
Full house cleanouts, attics, basements, garages, pools, hot tubs, sheds, decks. Same day service. 8am-9pm. Credit cards accepted. Free estimates on phone. Call Pete **413-433-0356**.

A Call We Haul FAST REMOVAL
Junk, Appliance, Cleanouts. We load it & take it. **413-531-1936**
CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

SERVICES

CHAIR SEAT WEAVING & refinishing - cane, fiber rush & splint - Classroom instructor, 20+ years experience. Call Walt at **(413)289-6670** for estimate.

MASONRY

STOP WET BASEMENTS

ABC MASONRY & BASEMENT WATERPROOFING
All brick, block, stone, concrete. Hatchway doors, basement windows, chimneys rebuilt & repaired, foundations repaired, basement waterproofing systems, sump pumps. BBB+ rating. Free estimates. Lic #14790. Call **(413)569-1611, (413)374-5377**

AUTO

AUTO FOR SALE

2011 JEEP WRANGLER. 2 door with 6 foot plow, 72,000 miles. Serious inquiries only. Studded snow tires, many extras. \$18,000 firm. Bob **413-519-6937**.

PETS

AKC REGISTERED MINIATURE SCHNAUZER. Salt & pepper, 2 males. Vet checked, first shot. Ready now \$1200. **413-596-8190**.

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT



EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

ALL REAL ESTATE advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation, or discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination." We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

Find archives of this local newspaper at www.newspapers.turley.com

Digital Photos

TURLEY PUBLICATIONS, INC.
Purchase a photo that recently ran in one of our publications.
Go to newspapers.turley.com/photo-request

\$12.50 Each

Recycle Your Stuff for Cash in the Classifieds

Call or use the form in papers, to sell!

Turley Publications, Inc.
CLASSIFIEDS
WWW.NEWSPAPERS.TURLEY.COM • 413.283.8393

FILL OUT AND MAIL THIS MONEY MAKER

MAIL TO: Classifieds, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069
or call: 413-283-8393

DEADLINES: QUABBIN & SUBURBAN – **FRIDAY AT NOON**
HILLTOWNS – **MONDAY AT NOON**

CATEGORY:			
1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28
29	30	31	32
33	34	35	36
37	38	39	40

Quabbin Village Hills
Circulation: 50,500

Hilltowns
Circulation: 9,800

Suburban Residential
Circulation: 59,000

Buy the Quabbin Village Hills or the Suburban Residential ZONE for \$26.00 for 20 words plus 50¢ for each additional word. Add \$10 for a second Zone or add \$15 to run in ALL THREE ZONES.

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____
 Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Number of Weeks: _____ X per week rate = \$ _____
 Credit Card: MasterCard VISA Discover Cash Check# _____
 Card #: _____ Exp. Date _____ CVV _____
 Amount of charge: _____ Date: _____

First ZONE base price _____ Includes additional words
 Add a second ZONE **\$10.00**
 Add a third ZONE **\$5.00**
 Subtotal _____
 x Number of Weeks _____
 TOTAL Enclosed _____

Run my ad in the following ZONE(s):
 Quabbin
 Suburban
 Hilltowns

OUR CLASSIFIEDS REACH 50 COMMUNITIES EVERY WEEK!

HILLTOWN HIKING ADVENTURES



Some Western Massachusetts Hilltown hikers talk with Elizabeth Massa, who dressed as Mrs. Homer Smith, the train conductor's wife at the recent Hobo Harvest at the Chester Railway Station.



These volunteers collect ticket money for the dinner served at the Chester Railway Station. The event the Hobo Harvest was a fundraiser for the non-profit Chester Foundation.



This group of "train hobos, their dog and the train conductor's wife entertained attendees of this event. Submitted photos

Hilltown Hikers attend Hobo Harvest

CHESTER – Hilltown Hikers Directors Karen, Russ and Liz attended in the afternoon the Hobo Harvest Saturday, Oct. 14 afternoon hosted by the Chester Foundation at the Chester Railway Station. This is a community fundraising event

with a train theme. Attendees get served dinner in the rail station of beef stew and are entertained by "train hobos" dressed in character. Liz Massa played Mrs. Homer Smith, train conductors wife. As a Trustee, Massa invites everyone to take part as they

do this every year. It's fun and the homemade food is incredible. Karen McTaggart and Massa had the pleasure of speaking to so many including Leonard Alexander, call boy and the last to replace the teeth on the granite

saw at the nearby site of a sawmill. They also chatted with Bruce Cooper, who witnessed the last fire at the saw mill on his bike then going to tell his dad the mill was on fire. A big thank you to all the Trustees for their hard work.



CALL TODAY TO LEARN HOW WE HONOR OUR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN AND SURVIVING SPOUSES WITH A MONTHLY RENT REDUCTION!

You Served Us. NOW LET US SERVE YOU.

The Arbors at Chicopee

929 Memorial Drive • Chicopee, MA 01020 • Phone (413) 206-9763

The Arbors at Westfield

40 Court Street • Westfield, MA 01085 • Phone (413) 206-2914

For more information, visit arborsassistedliving.com

This Veteran discount program is effective March 1, 2020, may not be used in conjunction with any other programs offered by The Arbors Assisted Living Communities ("The Arbors") or The Ivy Assisted Living Communities ("The Ivy"), and supersedes all prior programs and offers. Participation in this Veteran discount program is limited to Veterans who are new residents of The Arbors and The Ivy communities and does not apply: to respite or short-stays; or to resident transfers within an Arbors or Ivy community (except for a transfer from a respite apartment to another apartment); or to surviving spouses of veterans; or to any former or current Arbors or Ivy residents. Offer is valid only when a Veteran presents their Military Discharge/DD214 form. The Veteran must meet current eligibility criteria for residency. The discount will only be given on a per apartment (not per person occupying the apartment) basis. The Arbors or The Ivy reserves the right to terminate, suspend or modify this Veteran discount program at any time without notice. This offer is valid for market-rate apartments only.

