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Holliston "public safety drone" made its debut at the Holliston 300th parade in May.

Holliston Welcomes Public Safety Drone

By Theresa Knapp

The Holliston Police Department recently welcomed a new addition to the department: a "public safety drone."

The drone made its debut at the Holliston 300th parade in May, says Chief of Police Matthew Stone.

"We recently used the drone for the 300th parade, Holliston High School graduation, and a missing persons search in Sherborn," says Stone, adding "drones can be used for a number of other public safety functions including, but not limited to, missing persons, search and

rescue, motor vehicle crashes, large scale events, fire incidents to assist with detection of hotspots, crime scene documentation, disaster response, and hostage situations."

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Training Time

During the regularly scheduled training meeting on Monday, July 15, Ladder personnel practiced rescue over ladder off a roof; Engine 1 personnel reviewed brush operations, and Engine 4 personnel practiced advancing hose lines and flowing water.

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Chief Stone said the department plans to use the drone in conjunction with its social media presence and for aerial photography around town. Currently, the HPD has one FAA certified drone operator (Ryan Parent) and is in the process of getting a second officer certified by the FAA so they can deploy the drone on a more regular basis.

Funding for the drone was approved at the October 2023 Town Meeting. The drone system was funded as a capital request of \$27,500 which covered the system and all necessary equipment to successfully run the program, said Stone. It was ordered over the winter and arrived in town early spring.

To see drone footage of the Holliston 300th parade, visit www.facebook. com/HollistonPolice/videos/297200806815485

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Back to School Palooza & Color Run Aug. 25

Join the celebration from 10am - 2pm as we welcome our students, families, teachers, staff, and administrators back to school!

We've got so much to celebrate, including Holliston's 300th, so come on down for Food Trucks, Live Music featuring Holliston High Schools own - The Detentions, toucha-trucks, games, face painting, and more!

There will be tables from community partners to learn about the resources available to families throughout the year.

All ages are encouraged and welcome! Sponsored in partnership with Holliston PTO and Holliston High School Class of 2025 and Holliston High School Class of 2026.

JUST ADDED: The day will kick off with our COLOR RUN for our incoming PK-Grade 5

students with registration beginning at 9am at the front entrance to Holliston High School.

What is THE COLOR RUN? Well... it's more of a color party! It is a ½ mile path where you "run" or hop, skip, jump, crawl or belly laugh from color station to color station. Just the right size for our littlest runner to complete and our oldest runners to take a few laps. That being said, registered runners can loop as many times as they want and have excess color powder blown off at the end.

Registrants will receive a Kona Ice Icy.

To register for the run: https://runsignup.com/Race/ MA/Holliston/2024Elementar yColorRunHollistonPTO

Questions? Email Stacey Raffi at raffifamily@gmail.com

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Exsultet! has two openings for Soprano 1 and 2 singers for the 2024-2025 season. Auditions will take place on Monday, Aug. 26, at 7 pm at First Congregational Church, 725 Washington St., Holliston.

Exsultet! rehearsals for the 2024-2025 Season will be on Monday nights from 7-9 PM in preparation for our two concert weekends this year. We typically perform our Holiday Concert in early December and our Spring Concert in early May.



and prepare to rehearse and sing it with the group. At the end of rehearsal, you will be asked to sing your part in a trio or quartet. Come prepared to sing, work hard, and have fun!

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Habitat For Humanity Seeks Rehab | Holliston resident takes **Grant For Holliston Homes**

Habitat for Humanity MetroWest/Greater Worcester announces its intent to request funding from the USDA Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant.

Funds awarded will be used in Habitat's ongoing mission to assist very low and low-income homeowners in repairing and rehabilitating their homes in Holliston.

The public is invited to comment by contacting Sara Costello at (508)799-9259 x107 or by mail within 15 days of this announcement.

The statement of activities for this grant is available at Habitat for Humanity MetroWest/Greater Worcester, 640 Lincoln Street, Suite 100, Worcester. MA 01605.

Senior Center Recurring Programs

Billiard Room

The Senior Center has two pool tables open Monday through Friday 9am to 4pm (Some restrictions may apply).

Bingo

No Bingo in June, July and August.

Coffee and Coloring

Monday, 9:30-11:30am Enjoy coloring and conversation. All supplies are provided.

Coffee with Holliston Police

1st Tuesday at 10am

Join Holliston Police in a casual Q&A atmosphere to discuss what's on your mind and the town of Holliston.

Games Day

Monday, 1:30-4:00pm Join us for a fun time playing; cribbage, cards, dominoes and more! Great conversation, too!

Listening Hour

2nd Monday of the Month at 12:30pm Momina Haidri, from Senate President Spilka's Office will be on hand to answer questions and discuss important matters of the state.

Rainbow Coffee Hour

1st Tuesday at 11am

Join us for a monthly Rainbow Coffee hour where members of the LGBTQIA+ community and allies (ages 55+) can gather in person to enjoy coffee, pastries, conversation and community!

Select Chat

1st Friday/mo. at 9:30am, Join Select Board Clerk, Ben Sparrell in a casual Q&A atmo-

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Tune Timers Band

Fridays, 1:00-3:30pm listen to the Tune Timers Band or enjoy dancing, singing and socializing.

Veterans Coffee Hour

3rd Thursday at 10:30am MetroWest Director of Veterans Services, Sarah Bateman is going to be available.

the stage in Weston Drama Workshop's We **Will Rock You**

Weston Drama Workshop, a nonprofit youth theater organization in its 62nd anniversary season, staged six productions this summer at Regis College, featuring participants entering Grade 5 through age 23. Participants have been rehearsing for these productions since early June, and performed at the Regis College Fine Arts Center between July 13 and July 27.

With over 30 performances in the span of a jam-packed three weeks, Weston Drama Workshop continues its longstanding tradition of providing the MetroWest community and beyond with quality youth the-

WDW's younger ensemble—participants in the Morning Program and the Afternoon Program—performed two productions: Alice By Heart, the touching musical based on Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and set in the rubble of the London Blitz of World War II, directed by Aidan O'Hara; and Old Jake's Skirts, a one-act Theater for Young Audiences play about a lonely pumpkin farmer who finds an old trunk of calico skirts, directed by Callie Llewellyn.

The program's older ensemble, ages 14-23, performed three main stage musicals and one black box play. Audiences will explore the lives of Henry VIII's six wives in Six: Teen Edition, directed by Julia Deter; experience Andrew Lloyd Webber's enthralling score in The Phantom of the Opera, directed by Chris Brindley; follow two revolutionaries as they try to save rock 'n' roll against the backdrop of music by Queen in We Will Rock You, directed by Skylar Grossman; and witness Sarah Ruhl's reimagining of the Orpheus myth in Eurydice, directed by Tristan Burke. Among the performers starring in these four productions is Holliston resident Caroline Monteith, who appears as a Yuppie in We Will Rock You.

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Fall Town Meeting set for Oct. 21, expected to be a "two-nighter"

Warrant opens Aug. 5, closes Sept. 16

By Theresa Knapp

Holliston's Fall Town Meeting will take place on Oct. 21. The warrant will open on Aug. 5 and close on Sept. 16.

As of press time, the warrant had not been posted but is expected to include MBTA zoning; other zoning bylaw changes; road acceptances; reserve funds; capital requests/free cash demands; dams; and more

At a meeting of the Select Board on July 1, Town Manager Travis Ahern said the discussion regarding MBTA zoning alone is expected to be "a minimum of an hour discussion" and added, "Really, when we look at the rest of this list of items for Town Meeting, we have to probably assume we're going to have a two-nighter in October."

The warrant could also include Community Preservation Committee requests related to affordable housing and/or funding for Parks & Recreation projects, though these items could be pushed to May 2025.

The warrant will be posted at www.townofholliston.us.

Flat Roofs

Senior center Good As New Garage Sale is Coming

Saturday, Sept. 7; 9am – 3pm; Rain or Shine at the Holliston Senior Center and its Garage The guiding principle of this year's fall fundraiser, as the name suggests, are items that are as good as new and are limited in size to fit inside the building and /or garage.

Garage Sale donation drop off dates for good as new items: August 20, 22, 27, 29 from 10am to 1pm Volunteers are needed to make this sale a success. Email Sheila to volunteer: sheiladjoslin@gmail.com Help is needed on donation days, Friday, Sept 6 and Saturday, Sept 7 for set up, staff the sales areas, and food preparation and service.

Food will be available to purchase throughout the day.

All items must be in good condition to be accepted!

Historian Presentation August 20 at 1:30pm The Artifactual Scholar, G. A. Di Gregorio's bringing the past to you.

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Teaching Kids Financial Responsibility: Summer Jobs and Roth IRAs

Have a teenager working this summer?

Did they earn money babysitting or mowing lawns?

How about a W-2 from selling ice cream or as a camp counselor?

You can open a Roth IRA for your child to evolve their financial knowledge while helping invest for retirement, a first house and/or qualified educational expenses.

Kids establishing Roth IRAs. There is no age minimum, as long as they earn income. It's up to the parent to document to IRS that their kids had income earned from work, either W-2 or

self-employment taxable wages.

If under 18, an adult opens and maintains control of a Custodial Roth IRA with the child as beneficiary. Once an adult, usually 18 in most states, the account is transferred to a Roth IRA in their ownership.

After a Custodial Roth IRA is opened for 5 years, the advan-



Glenn Brown, CFP

tages of tax-free earnings and withdrawals are same as Roth IRA. Recall a Roth IRA's tax treatment is most valuable when time horizons are long and current tax rates are low, both true for kids.

What if your teen spent all their earnings? After a talk about budgeting (i.e. 3 Jars - Spend, Save, Gift), a parent or grandparent could fund a Roth IRA up to the

amount of the child's reported earned income on tax returns.

Some parents will make 'match' contributions based on money earned in a summer job. If a teen earned \$3,800 for 2024, a parent will fund \$3,800.

Remember, these contributions count against the \$18,000 tax-free gifts per individual for 2024. So, if you've funded \$18,000 for child's 529 Plan, find another individual (i.e. spouse, relative) who can make the Roth IRA contribution.

Introduction to personal investing. Have fun by letting your teen research an ETF or company to invest in, have them explain reasoning behind their choice and teach how they can follow. The next year, have them choose a different investment with the new contribution. Over time, they have a mix of investments, outcomes and lessons learned. This hands-on experience lays a foundation for making informed financial decisions of greater

magnitude later in life.

Taxation of withdrawals before age 59 ½. A Roth IRA allows for 100% of contributions to be taken out for any reason, with no taxes or penalties. Furthermore, if a Roth IRA withdrawal is for qualified education expenses, you avoid the 10% penalty on earnings but still pay income tax on the earnings at the kid's tax rate. Thus, Roth IRA could supplement educational savings. Later, they could also withdraw up to a \$10,000 to pay for a first-time home purchase.

Impact to financial aid? Yes, in a good way. The "expected family contribution" or "EFC" formula has student owned assets assessed at 20% with two notable exceptions. First is 529's owned by parent's is 5.6% and retirement accounts owned by parent or child counts as 0%. However, if a child takes money from a Roth IRA, even to pay for college, up to 50% of the withdrawal may be assessed.

In conclusion, opening a Roth IRA for kids is a proactive way for parents to teach financial responsibility and secure their children's financial future. It's not just

about saving money; it's about cultivating a mindset of financial discipline and planning that will benefit them throughout their lives. By harnessing the power of investing, compounding and leveraging tax advantages, parents can give their children a head start towards financial independence and security.

Not all institutions offer Custodial Roth IRAs, but many do with no minimums and low fees. Consult your Certified Financial Planner to learn more.

The opinions voiced in this material are for general information only and are not intended to provide specific advice or recommendations for any individual.

Glenn Brown is a Holliston resident and owner of PlanDynamic, LLC, www.PlanDynamic. com. Glenn is a fee-only Certified Financial PlannerTM helping motivated people take control of their planning and investing, so they can balance kids, aging parents and financial independence.

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Town accepts grants for senior center, Upper Charles Trail

At its meeting on July 1, the Holliston Select Board accepted two grants on behalf of the town.

Senior center grant

The first was a senior center grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs in the amount of \$15,620 for FY25. Select Board Chair Tina Hein said, "The Council on Aging applied for this in order to expand support of the social day program."

MassTrails grant

The board also accepted a MassTrails grant from the Department of Conservation & Recreation in the amount of \$53,520.78 for "Upper Charles Trail - Drainage Phase 2."

The grants were accepted unanimously.

Save the Date for a Day at the Lake -Saturday, August 10th

Holliston Newcomers & Neighbors is excited to host an awesome DAY AT THE LAKE in honor of Holliston's 300th Anniversary on Saturday, August 10th from 10am - 2pm at Stoddard Park, 880 Stoddard Park Road, Holliston. Nothing says summer like a day at Lake Winthrop. A day to enjoy the natural beauty of the lake with our friends and neighbors.

This is a FREE event with live music, food trucks, raffles, children's activities & more. Parking will be available at both Stoddard and Patoma Parks. Mark your calendars so you don't miss this great celebration. We hope to see you there!

Holliston Newcomers and Neighbors is a not-for-profit organization that coordinates charitable, civic and recreational events and activities. For more information about HNN, visit our website at www.hollistonnewcomers.org.

Motor Vehicle Crash, Fatality

On Sunday, July 21, at approximately 7:48pm, the Holliston Police department evening shift responded to the intersection of Prentice and Mill Streets for a motor vehicle crash involving serious injuries.

The crash involved a motor vehicle versus a motorcycle. The first officers on scene attended to the 62-year-old motorcycle operator in the roadway with multiple injuries. The operator of the motorcycle was identified as Andrew Palumbo of Ashland. He was transported by medical helicopter to UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester.

Palumbo succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased.

The driver of the involved motor vehicle was a 72-year-old male from Holliston, and was uninjured. He has been fully cooperative with our agency as the investigation continues.

Troopers assigned to the Massachusetts State Police Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Section and Crime Scene Services were requested, responded, and are assisting our agency with the crash investigation.

The Middlesex District Attorney's Office has been contacted and an Assistant District Attorney has been assigned to this incident.

This case remains under active investigation and no additional information is available at this time.

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Wednesday, August 14: SPIN-ACH AND STRAWBERRY SALAD, Balsamic Vinaigrette, Toasted Pecans, Feta Cheese, Red Onion, Beef Barley Soup and Sorbet.

Monday, August 19: BAKED COD, Brown Rice, Steamed Fresh Seasonal Vegetables, and Blueberry Pie.

Wednesday, August 21: CHICKEN CUTLET SAND-WICH with Swiss, Avocado, Tomato and Lettuce on a Whole Grain Roll, Fresh Potato Salad and Brownies.

Monday, August 26: SPA-GHETTI AND MEATBALLS, Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread and Watermelon

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retirement fear, according to a study by Cerulli Associates, a financial services research organization.

This type of fear can certainly affect your quality of life when you retire. Still, there's no need to panic – because you can take steps to help prevent the running-out-of-money scenario.

Here are a few to consider:

- Know how much you'll need during retirement. You need to get a clear picture, or at least as good an estimate as possible, of how much money you'll need to support your retirement lifestyle. Once you do retire, some costs, such as transportation or other work-related expenses, might go down, while others - medical expenses, in particular – will likely go up. The fear of running out of money, like many fears, is caused largely by what you don't know, so having a good sense of how much you'll need in retirement can help reduce your anxieties.
- Build financial resources before retirement. You're probably at your peak earning capacity in the years close to your retirement, so consider contributing as much as you can afford to your IRA and 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.
- Maximize your Social Security payments. You can start collecting Social Security as early as 62, but your monthly benefits will be larger if you can afford to wait until your full retirement age, between 66 and 67. (Payments will "max out" at age 70.)
- Re-enter the workforce. Going back to work in some capacity is one way to possibly help build retirement resources and delay taking Social Security. If you have a particular area of expertise, and you enjoyed the work you did, you might be able to go back to it on a part-time basis or do some consulting. You could boost your cash flow, and poten-

- tially extend your contributions to an IRA and to an employer's retirement plan.
- Cut costs during retirement. Possibly the biggest cost-cutting measure is downsizing - are you willing and able to move to a less expensive area or scale down your current living space? Of course, this is an emotional decision, as well as a financial one, and downsizing isn't for everyone, but it might be something to at least consider. As for the lesser ways of reducing expenses, take advantage of senior discounts, which are offered in many areas, including entertainment, public transportation, restaurants and retail establishments. And look for other opportunities, such as cutting out streaming services you don't use.
- Look for more income from your investments. As you get closer to retirement, and even when you do retire, you might want to adjust your

investment portfolio to provide you with more incomeproducing opportunities. However, even as a retiree, you'll want some growth potential in your investments to help keep you ahead of inflation.

Ultimately, the more you can bolster your financial security before and during retirement, the less fear you may have of outliving your money.

Contact Mark for assistance with your personal finances.

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By GINA WOELFEL

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b.LUXE Hair and Makeup takes pride in being Massachusetts's highest-rated salon on Google. Our team works together to take care of our clients and support the training and development of our staff. With over 750 reviews showcasing our commitment to high-quality service, we have established a luxurious beauty experience in a collaborative environment. Our goal is to empower our team members, foster self-confidence, enable career growth, and provide sustainable incomes

"I love working at b.LUXE! Not only do I get to work with my twin sister, Nicole, but the rest of the girls feel like family, too!' - Sarah O'Connell, Senior Stylist

Our senior staff enthusiastically share their experience and knowledge, providing unhindered access to their skills. We encourage the growth of our fellow artists and actively seek opportunities to help our coworkers grow and achieve great things.

"I love the city-loft feel of the salon! The culture at b.LUXE is a teamwork environment, with continuing education, great leadership, and complimentary 'LUXE for everyone' services like the keratin glove and BE-FORE Oil treatments that the clients love!" - Sandra Wilkey, Senior Stylist

One of the biggest motivators for joining our team is the exceptional educational opportunities we offer. Whether embarking on your cosmetology journey or looking to advance your skills, our education program is at the pinnacle of what the industry offers. "The energetic, positive, and supportive vibe from this amazing group of women is how we're able to share our passion for hair with our guests. This is why I love being a part of this team!"-Heidi McDade, Senior Stylist

Our cutting, coloring, and event styling specialists hold Monday education sessions, allowing our junior stylists and assistants to learn techniques in a warm and supportive environment with the people they work with daily. In addition to our inhouse education, b.LUXE regularly hosts Goldwell sponsored events with well-known educators like Jacob Kahn, Johnny Kelly, and Kylie Bussing. Our aesthetics team attends seminars and collaborates with guest educators from our skincare line, G.M. Collin, an undisputed leader in dermo-corrective skincare solutions.

"The educational opportunities with G.M. Collin provide me with in-depth product knowledge that allows me to offer the best solutions for every skin concern. Whatever your goals are here, you will always have someone in your corner to support you and cheer you on."

- Corinn Bradford, Esthetician

Are you an established artist looking to expand your clientele or a recent graduate from cosmetology school seeking help building your client base? Look no further! Our in-house marketing department is here to support you with social media tutorials, collaborations, promotions, and direct engagement with our followers to bring new clients to your chairs. b.LUXE

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Holliston Junior Police Academy graduates 'Radar Rookies'

By Theresa Knapp

In July, the Holliston Police Department held the first of two Junior Police Academies it will offer this summer.

The five-day program for kids entering grades 6, 7 and 8 - the July class named themselves the "Radar Rookies" - included demonstrations (drones, hand-cuffs, self-defense); guest speakers (Massachusetts State Police air wing and several area K9 units); games and team building exercises (relay races and a ropes course); and much more.

Plus popsicles, lots and lots of popsicles, on very hot days.

The class also visited Holliston Youth and Family Services where they talked about peer pressure and coping strategies; and took a tour of the police station and police cruisers.

The week concluded with a pizza party and a graduation ceremony in front of the police station.

A second Junior Police Academy will take place in August.

SOURCE: FACEBOOK @ HOLLISTONPOLICE









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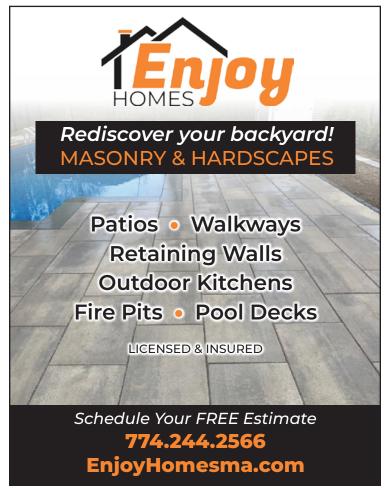
Holliston residents can drop off household hazardous waste on Sat., Aug. 3, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Robert Adams Middle School 323 Woodland Street.

For more information, including a list of materials that can be collected, visit bit.ly/HollistonHaz-WasteDay. Note, Holliston is part of a consortium

and residents are eligible to attend other events listed below. If you would like to go to another town, please go to the Select Board's office to get a voucher to attend.

Source: www.townofholliston.us





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Sports

Confidence the Key To Success

By Christopher Tremblay, Staff Sports Writer

Much like many a young kids, Holliston's Kaylee MacDonald started her softball career in the town program playing tee-ball alongside many of her friends.

In addition to softball, the Holliston native also competed on the soccer field as well as the basketball court. But it wasn't until her freshman year in high school that she realized that softball had a special meaning in her life.

With the Panthers putting together a successful season, winning the Tri-Valley League and for the first time in 15 years defeating Hopkinton, MacDonald realized that although she still loved the other sports, softball was now number one.

"My confidence really grew that year," she said. "I was always the kid in the back, scared to talk because of what others may think of me, but (former Panther head coach) Quindley told me that I had a lot of potential and could be a great player. It didn't hurt that I hit my first homerun that year too."

The then-freshman had one of her best seasons at the plate in a long time and she found that she was starting to get some big (extra base) hits instead of just her normal singles. Her confidence grew. Although she was hitting the ball much better, she also realized that she was not even close to her potential.

Following her freshman campaign she began to utilize her club teams, the Frozen Ropes out of Natick, practices to improve upon her game. Enjoying the game immensely, she stayed later each practice to improve and get better. When she returned to the Panthers the following season, not only was she the starting catcher she also led the league in steals and once again had the highest on base slugging percentage (OPS) on the Holliston team.

According to Quindley, Mac-Donald was a very talented individual and could play just about anywhere on the field; was one of the team's best hitters if not the best and possessed a rare combination of power and speed at the plate.



As a freshman and halfway through her sophomore season, MacDonald found herself behind the plate for the Panthers, but was moved to shortstop, a position she normally plays for the Frozen Ropes. It was here that she started to develop into a solid defensive player, despite not really enjoying the position.

"I'll play it (shortstop), but I really don't like it as much as some of the other positions," MacDonald said. "I've been playing the outfield on occasion for my club team and I really enjoy the position as it has given me even more confidence in my game as I can use my speed to my advantage."

During the first few years on the varsity program MacDonald found that she struggled playing the shortstop position as it got into her head. When she was slated to play the position, she let it bother her at first, but as soon as the game started, adrenaline took over and there was no effect.

This past season, as a junior, the Holliston team had a down season. Having lost Coach Quindley and a team that was very young the Panthers were only able to win a handful of games. Despite the team not being very successful, MacDonald continued to improve. Not only was she the team's MVP, but she was also named to the TVL All-Star team for the first time in her career.

"Earning TVL honors was an amazing moment and showed that all my hard work paid off," she said. "But I can not accept this honor as my own, as it has



a lot to do with my teammates."

While this past season is now in the books, MacDonald is looking forward to her senior season, where she will be one of the captains. Not only does she want to get the Panther softball team back on the right track improving on their wins, but she also wants to share her knowledge with the younger players to help them improve their game.

"We definitely want to improve upon last years win to lose ratio," MacDonald said. "But I also wasn't to concentrate on helping the younger girls get stronger and more confident. I slowly learned that more confidence leads to a better you and how you play the game."



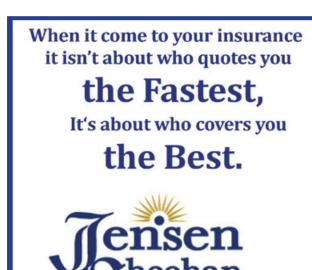
While MacDonald is hoping to help the team improve their confidence, she will be doing so by leading by example. During the high school off-season, she will continue to work hard with her club team this summer to improve her confidence to the next level. In doing so she hopes that she can commit to play softball on the collegiate level somewhere in the future.

"I am still very iffy on the process as I don't like talking, but I am going to go out and start reaching out to coaches," she said. "I want to continue to play softball after high school and hopefully I'll get that chance at s school close to home."

In college MacDonald is hoping to play more in the outfield, but as she has in the past she will play anywhere that she is needed



to help out the team. With college in the near future, Mac-Donald will put that on the back burner for now as she focuses on her club team and her senior season with Holliston.





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07/16/2024	29 Fairlane Way	\$685,000
07/16/2024	5 Regency Dr.	\$305,000
07/15/2024	45 Temi Road	\$627,500
07/10/2024	908 Washington St.	\$750,000
07/09/2024	31 Jarr Brook Road	\$540,000
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07/03/2024	169 Concord St.	\$520,000
06/27/2024	49 Marked Tree Road	\$655,000
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06/26/2024	11 Sweet Grass Lane	\$775,000
06/26/2024	39 Ruth Ellen Road	\$760,000
06/25/2024	43 Brooksmont Drive	\$767,000
06/21/2024	21 Temi Road	\$700,000
06/21/2024	10 Anna Place	\$1.17 mil
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