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# GRADUATION 2023

## *Congratulations*



Turley Publications photos by Marcelo Gusmao  
**Domenick Romeo makes a speech as valedictorian of the Class of 2023.**

*Monson High graduation ceremony held at Granite Valley due to weather concerns*

**By Marcelo Gusmao**  
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MONSON – The graduation ceremony for Monson High School’s senior class of 2023 was held in the Granite Valley School auditorium to avoid the rain. The superintendent of Monson schools, Dr. Cheryl Clarke,

led the ceremony. “You began high school in 2019, you were so inflated for what was ahead,” said Clarke. “However, just a few months later, your freshman year was rudely interrupted by a March Madness like no other.” Clarke praised the students’

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**Valedictorian Laura Hastings speaks to the experience of the Class of 2023.**

*Weather cooperates for Pathfinder graduation*

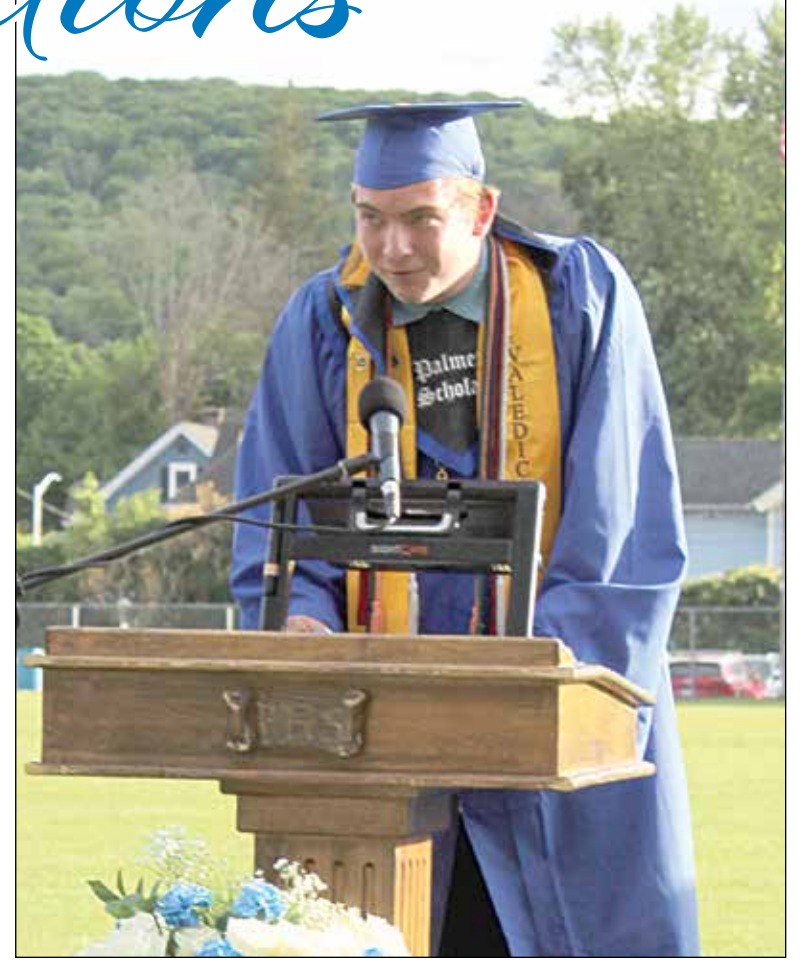
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PALMER – Pathfinder Technical Vocational School’s class of 2023 celebrated their graduation last Saturday, after moving the outdoor ceremony from Friday due to the weather. Superintendent Eric Duda led the ceremony, where the

class was praised for their resilience, having been attending high school at the height of the COVID-19 lockdown and having to adapt to changes in how the school is run, such as remote learning and masking.

“We, as a class and as a community, have struggled,” said Laura Hastings in her Valedictori-

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Turley Publications photos by Marcelo Gusmao  
**Valedictorian Evan Hershowitz thanks the gathered crowd for attending.**

*Palmer High Seniors sing “The Climb” for graduation*

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PALMER – Graduating seniors from Palmer High School were treated to sunny skies and a huge crowd during their graduation ceremony. Principal Susan North led the ceremony, giving each graduat-

ing senior a hug as they received their diploma. Interim Superintendent Colleen Culligan quoted poet Mary Oliver by asking, “What is it you wish to do with your one wild and precious life?”

“There are indeed many things that society promises,” Culligan said, “But I want to tell you

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**COMMUNITY**

## All Wheels Show at Palmer Motorsports Park puts the brakes on hunger

**By Paula Ouimette**  
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PALMER – For the second year, Palmer Motorsports Park hosted its All Wheels Show, featuring an array of cars, trucks and even tractors; all to benefit local food pantries.

Rows of vehicles lined the area around the entrance to the track, offering motor enthusiasts a visual buffet of the hottest rides spanning the decades.

Entry to the All Wheels Show was either a nonperishable food item or \$5 per person; to be split between the Palmer Food Share and the Jubilee Cupboard at Trinity Episcopal Church in Ware. Just like last year, the community came out in full support to help fight food insecurity in the region.

Keeping with tradition, the All Wheels Show featured some rarely



Turley Publications Photos by Paula Ouimette  
**Cynthia and Walter Reynolds of Palmer display the detailed pinstriping on the back of Cynthia’s 1949 Chevrolet Fleetline Deluxe.**

seen vehicles at a car show, including the predecessor to the modern, more compact SUV, the Chevrolet Suburban.

A rugged classic that can tow a boat (and fit the whole family), Chevy has been making the Suburban since the mid-1930s, and con-

tinues to make them to this day. Gene and Jill Sorel of Ware have been rocking the “longroof” for over three decades, entering their 1979 Chevrolet Suburban C10 in the Show.

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**ARTS**

## Keep Homestead kicks off concert season

**By Emily-Rose Pappas**  
 Staff Writer

MONSON – When you go to Sarah the Fiddler’s shows, you can truly see the joy on her face as she plays her fiddle.

This past Sunday, Sarah and her band performed the first concert of the season during the Keep Homestead Museum’s Concert on the Lawn series. The concert was funded by the town’s Regional Economic Development Organization.

Dancing around, smiling, and laughing, Sarah provides a warm and happy atmosphere to each and every one of her shows. Sarah went to each of her guests and welcomed them with a smile, all the while taking song requests.

Marlene, a member of the audience, had seen Sarah’s shows before.

“After a while, you won’t be sitting still. Good music, you’ve got to move with it”, she said with a smile.

Sarah and her group were friend-

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**Sarah the Fiddler performs at the Keep Homestead Museum.**



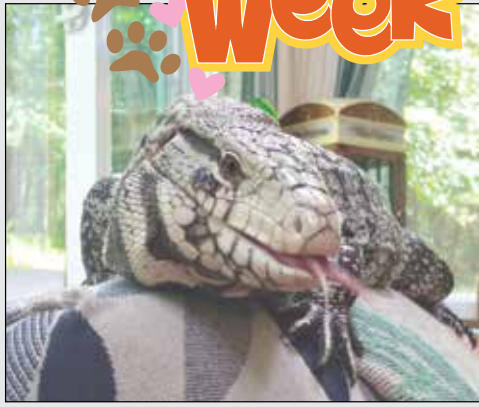
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# Pet of the Week



**ZION**

This is Zion. He's a three-year-old Black and white tegu, who lives in Monson with Nicole Huard. The coolest thing about Zion is he free roams around the Huard home. He acts like a dog, snuggles like a dog, and loves chin scratches. Nicole's family has had Zion since he was a hatchling. He's currently four-and-a-half feet long. His favorite place to hide is on the couch all snuggled up in a blanket, but



his favorite pastime is to find a sunny spot in a window to bask in the sun. Zion also has a partner named Black Mask. She's about five years old. She was the mascot for 401 replies in Rhode Island and loves to play fetch. These guys are absolutely amazing pets. With the right husbandry and lots of love, attention, and knowledge of tegu care, these animals are amazing for all ages. Is your fur friend a dog, cat, chicken, lizard, horse, bird, mouse...you get the point. Is there a pet you're fostering and trying to re-home? All pets are welcome! Email a high-resolution jpg of your pet with a little information to mharrison@turley.com.

## Celebrate Father's Day at the Operation Friendship golf tournament

BELCHERTOWN — Registration is underway for the Palmer chapter of Operation Friendship of America's biggest fundraiser of the year on Saturday, June 17, at Cold Spring Country Club. The day of activities is the perfect Father's Day gift for golfing dads and families. In addition to the annual golf tournament, there will be an afternoon buffet and evening cookout, contests, raffles and prizes. Hole sponsorships are still available. Operation Friendship of America is a youth exchange program that hosts youth from Europe with member families in the U.S. for two-and-a-half weeks in the summer. During that time, the European and American youth develop what can become lifelong friendships and share information on each other's culture, a news release states.

There are activities planned each day that show the European youth key highlights of the American experience in our area. The following summer, the American Youth travel to Europe and have a similar experience there. Fundraisers like the golf tournament pay for the hosting year's and traveling year's costs for the families involved. The registration fee is \$125 per person and includes 18 holes of golf, a golf cart and dinner. The barbecue buffet at Leena's Place can be purchased separately for \$25. Foursome team registration opens at 7 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Register at the Operation Friendship Golf Tournament Facebook page or call 413-668-4879.

## Cultural Center hosts dance and drama programs

Kids and teens ages 7 to 17 are invited to a Summer Drama and Dance Program Tuesdays and Thursdays June 20-Aug. 27 at the Palmer Historical and Cultural Center, 2072 Main Street in Three Rivers. The program instructor is Torie Jock, who started singing and acting at 9 years old. She has been writing her own music since she was old enough to write and has been in many theatrical performances in various starring and supporting roles. Jock has written many plays and film scripts and has been working with youth as a dance assistant/teacher since she was 12. The cost is \$120 for drama only, \$100 for dance only or \$150 for both. Sign up for either drama or dance or both. All students will take part in an end-of-season performance. A registration form is available at [tinyurl.com/mrx2ek57](http://tinyurl.com/mrx2ek57). For more information, email Jock at [trulytorie2000@gmail.com](mailto:trulytorie2000@gmail.com), call or email the PHCC at [palmerhcc@gmail.com](mailto:palmerhcc@gmail.com) or 289-9295 or go to [palmerhcc.org](http://palmerhcc.org).



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Sarah the Fiddler is joined by bandmates Keith DaSilva, Joe Dzik and Will Gorry.



The instruments were ready to make music at this past Sunday's Concert on the Lawn.

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ly and laughed together on stage, having been together as a group for many years. Sarah's husband, Keith DaSilva was on the drums and played the spoons. On the piano was the youngest member of their group, Joe Dzik, who had been with them since he was 16. On the guitar as well as with an astounding voice for the group's cover of "Take it Easy" by The Eagles was Will Gorry.

Sarah described her shows as "fun and lighthearted," and Sunday's performance was just that. She went out of her way to make sure that the requests of those in her audience were played and put her own spin on each song she performed. Sarah played many popular jigs and polkas including "Mockingbird", Irishman's Polka, and from The Last of the Mohicans, "The Gale."

The kept up a respect for our country by beginning with our National Anthem and ended with popular songs like "God Bless the USA" and "This Land is Your Land". Sarah the Fiddler is truly a talented musician, and her partners Keith, Joe, and Will performed with the same amount of joy and excitement. Sarah the Fiddler's show is one everyone should go and see in their lifetime.

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## Palmer Democrats will elect Delegates to the Democratic State Convention

Palmer — On Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at the Palmer Public Library, Democrats will meet to elect delegates to the State Convention.

The convention will be held on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Tsongas Center in Lowell. Any registered or pre-registered Democrat in Palmer (16 years old by May 23, 2023) may apply.

Those interested in getting involved should contact [KathyBurns@comcast.net](mailto:KathyBurns@comcast.net) or call 413-283-6902.

## MDTC 56th Annual Candidates' Night Event

Monson Democratic Town Committee 56th Annual Candidates' Night Event will be held on Saturday, June 10 at the Monson Polish Club.

Come meet Monson residents who are on the ballot for our June 13 town election. Social hour at 5 p.m. and buffet dinner at 6 p.m.

Candidate remarks and silent auction.

All proceeds cover costs and benefit the MDTC Scholarship Fund.

Tickets on sale now \$25 each.

Email ticket requests to Keith Valley at: [rvalley1543@gmail.com](mailto:rvalley1543@gmail.com) and we will make arrangements to deliver them to you.

**CORRECTION**

### Palmer High School Graduates Class of 2023



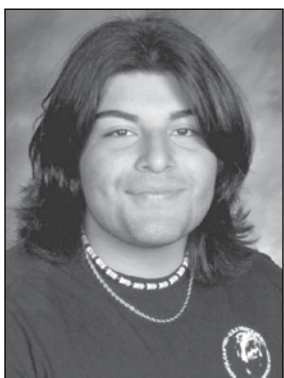
**Johnathon Childs**  
Holyoke Community College



**Nathan Childs**  
Bunker Hill Community College



**Edward Perrin**  
Springfield Technical Community College



**Jonathan Rafael-Urrego**  
Undecided

These four students were incorrectly identified in last weeks graduation edition. We are sorry for the error and any confusion it may have caused. Congratulations to the graduates.

**Corrections**

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## St. Mary's Arm Chair Race



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Members of Saint Mary Club in Bondsville along with members of the women's auxiliary from Am-Vets in Three Rivers put on another amazing Arm Chair Race Benefit on May 6 at St Mary's Club.

The proceeds from this year's

benefit was for the Soldier On organization in Northampton MA. With all the hard work from the members of both clubs along with the generosity from everyone who attended and our many businesses that made raffle donations, the event was a fun

and amazing night.

The event raised \$4500 that will be used to support our local veterans through the Soldier On Project.

## Scout leaders attend annual meeting



ATLANTA — Palmer residents Peter and Cheryl Izyk recently represented the Western Massachusetts Council at the Boy Scouts of America's National Annual Meeting.

The local Scouting leaders attended all of the main

agenda events, including electives of their choice. The Izyks said the highlights were the Duty to God Breakfast, the Silver Antelope Recognition Lunch, the Silver Buffalo Dinner and the Americanism Breakfast.

The theme of the opening event was "Scouting Forward," which discussed where Scouting is now. It touched on some of the changes coming to improve the program, the Izyks said.

Each session had interesting keynote speakers and vendors were on hand representing companies that produce camping gear, Scout patches and more.



### DEADLINE

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## CAMPUS NOTES

### Bridgewater State University

The following Massachusetts residents were named to the dean's list for the spring 2023 semester at Bridgewater State University:  
**Spike Austin** and **Giana Uwazany** of Brimfield; **Kelsey Duggan** of Monson,

### Holyoke Community College

Holyoke Community College celebrated the graduation of 52 students from its Associate in Science in Nursing degree program on Thursday, May 25. Among them were **Megan Williams** of Thordike.

The students were recognized during a pinning ceremony at HCC's Campus Center, during which they were formally inducted into the healthcare field as soon-to-be registered nursing professionals. During a traditional pinning ceremony, new nursing graduates light candles, receive their nursing pin from a registered nurse, and recite the Nightingale Pledge. The graduates, many of whom are already working, will sit for their exams before becoming licensed as registered nurses.

### Springfield College

Springfield College recognizes the following local students for being named to the Dean's List for academic excellence for the 2023 spring semester:

**Caiden Bodak** of Monson, who has a primary major of Finance.

**Rylee Bonneau** of Monson, who has a primary major of Health Sci / Pre-PT.

**Mackenzie Boucher** of Palmer, who has a primary major of Health Science.

**Aiden Casinhino** of Brimfield, who has a primary major of Applied Exercise Science.

**Logan Fontaine** of Palmer, who has a primary major of Sport Management.

**Hayden France** of Brimfield, who has a primary major of Criminal Justice.

**Mia Krupczak** of Monson, who has a primary major of Marketing.

**Connor McCarthy** of Monson, who has a primary major of Health Science.

**Caitlyn Mills** of Monson, who has a primary major of Health Sci / Pre-PT.

**Zoe Przybycien** of Three Rivers, who has a primary major of Health Science.

**Kayla Yesu** of Monson, who has a primary major of Psychology.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded coursework for the term, exclusive of "P" grades. The student must not have any incompletes or missing grades in the designated term. The student must have a minimum semester grade average of 3.500 for the term.

### American International College

The following local students were named to the Dean's List for the 2023 spring semester.

**Frances Hayden** of Monson, **Eve McCray** of Monson, **Megan Mitchell** of Monson, **Ryan Nodell** of Monson, **Byron Peabody** of Bondsville, **Jessica Shiers** of Wales, **Alivia Skowrya** of Monson, **Mariah Thomas** of Palmer and **Gabriel Zippin** of Monson.

Dean's List students attend full-time and have achieved a 3.3 to 4.0 GPA.

### Clark University

**Bobby F. Moseley** of Brimfield received a degree from Clark University during the University's 119th Commencement exercises on Sunday, May 21. Moseley graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in History.

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## Comments on CONGRESS

By Lee Hamilton

## Do we really need to go through this?

There was finally some movement in Washington on raising the debt ceiling and a bill was passed by both chambers of Congress just days from a U.S. default – it would have been the first in the country's history.

If you're like me, you can't help but view this brinkmanship – with U.S. financial credibility and the economy on the line – with a mix of impatience and resignation.

Why impatience? Because its members seemed happy to waste valuable time they could be devoting to more productive work. In essence, this is a political game that's become a gridlock-inducing diversion.

And resignation? Because in the heated partisan atmosphere that's permeated Washington for the last few decades, a fight over raising the debt ceiling seems to have become part and parcel of the Congressional calendar. Waste of time that it is, you can pretty much set your clock by it.

And while the bill that cleared Congress last week means the debt ceiling won't be an issue again until early 2025, this drama could resume and an unprecedented default is still possible that year.

Let's take a step back for a moment and consider what's at stake if the U.S. has no choice but to start defaulting on some of its bills. It might, for instance, keep paying interest on debts, keeping the markets calmer, if not exactly tranquil. But that would probably mean not paying federal workers and contractors, Social Security recipients or veterans' health care benefits, which would be politically wrenching.

On the other hand, if the government misses even a single debt payment, it would ruin global confidence in U.S. debt, with consequences for our economy that would last for years.

You might ask how any of this could even be possible. There's a lot of misperception about why the debt needs to keep being raised, but it's pretty simple: Most years, we spend more than we take in. This has been a truly bipartisan endeavor. Of the presidencies over the last five decades, the debt grew most in percentage terms under Ronald Reagan, George W. Bush, and Barack Obama – though in dollar terms, it grew almost as much during Donald Trump's single term as it did during Obama's two terms.

There's no question that some of those increases came because of spending – most recently on the pandemic and keeping the economy afloat because of it. But it's worth noting that the primary reason Reagan, Bush and Trump figure as major debt contributors is because they pushed through huge tax cuts during their time in office.

Though the Reagan cuts were partially reversed under Bill Clinton, producing actual budget surpluses, the Bush and Trump cuts have made it virtually impossible for revenues to keep up with spending.

So in upcoming weeks, as Republicans and Democrats in Congress, along with the Biden White House, issue talking points aimed at making the other side look bad, remember that taking steps to avoid building up the U.S. debt requires looking at the full picture: tax and fiscal policy as well as spending. And as the rhetoric grows more heated, remember this, too: This doesn't have to happen.

Congress could just decide to get rid of a ceiling on the debt and choose instead to spend its time addressing the actual challenges the country faces, including budget deficits, rather than engaging in debt theater. There are too many players who relish wielding the debt-ceiling cudgel for such a move to be likely.

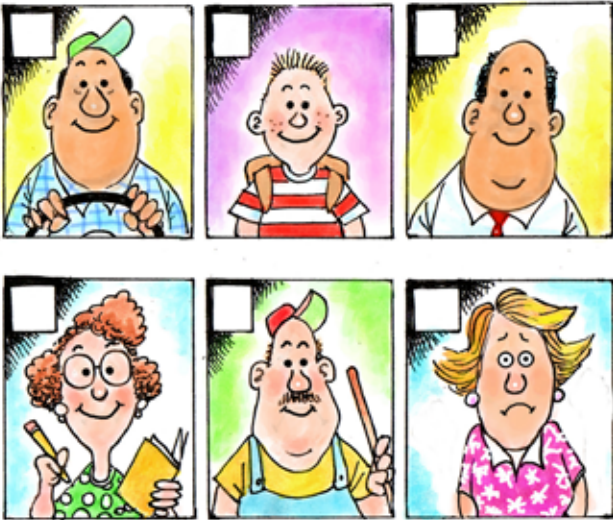
But it would be good for the country if it happened.

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c. Janitor  
d. Student  
e. Mom  
f. Bus driver



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## A dogwood worthy of admiration

The Chinese dogwood in my backyard is in bloom and boy, is it pretty!

Although the holly is trying to take over height-wise, the dogwood is holding its own and beckoning for all to admire. Creamy white bracts (mistakenly called flowers) seem to hover over its glossy green leaves in a way few other trees are capable.

It is as if the branches unfold before you, saying "here, look at me!"

Unlike other favorites in the landscape, the Chinese dogwood doesn't fade into the background once it has finished flowering; this plant has something to offer in every season.

Cornus kousa blooms just about a month later than our native flowering dogwood, Cornus florida. Unlike C. florida, Chinese dogwood sets its bracts after it has fully leafed out, and at a time when there is a bit of a lull in the flowering tree and shrub department.

Bracts can vary in size from one to three inches long depending on cultivar, and can be narrow or quite broad. Some can be more of a pure white than a creamy white- these can tend to turn pink with age.

The plants true flowers are barely noticeable, only about a half-inch wide, set in the center of the four bracts. Flowers last for several weeks, much longer than those of the flowering dogwood.

As the flowers fade into the background, the fruit set provides another season of interest. It is faceted, much like a raspberry, and can be red, orange-red or even pink toned.

About an inch in diameter and hanging from two-inch stems, it is quite showy in its own right when plentiful. Fruit can last up to two months.

Foliage, as mentioned, is glossy green during the growing season. Some pink-bracted cultivars have red veins or petioles, adding to the overall interest of the plant.

Fall foliage color is sketchy, sometimes it can be radiant, offering up shades of red, orange and purple; other times it is dull. Brilliance or blarney all depend on the cultivar chosen and the weather.

Inquire at purchase about the particular attributes of the cultivar you've lugged to the check-out: Is it known for its fall color, long bloom-time, vase-shape, etc.? Or better yet, do a quick search on your phone before the work out, just to be sure you get what will do your landscape the most justice!

Once leaves have fallen, the bark of the Chinese dogwood becomes quite interesting when viewed close-up, especially on older trees. Where the bark has begun to exfoliate, gray, copper and sometimes olive tones appear on the trunk and older branches.

I must pay closer attention to this during the off season.

Plant Cornus kousa in moist, acidic, well-drained soil with lots of organic matter. With that said, the plant can adapt to most soils providing they are not overly waterlogged or droughty.

Plants grown in full sun usually flower the heaviest, but part shade, like the conditions in my yard, puts on fine growth as well.

If the Chinese dogwood appeals to you and you'd also like to learn more about other members of the genus Cornus, consult "Dogwoods" by Paul Cappiello and Don Shadow (Timber Press \$39.95). This book is a great reference, especially informative regarding the numerous cultivars in the nursery trade today.

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.

## GUEST COLUMN

## Talk to your teens about dating this summer

Summer can be a great time to talk to your teen about dating.

Although it may not feel like it, nearly 4 in 10 teens say they wish their parents or guardians would talk to them more about topics like relationships. With this in mind, we have some suggestions.

## Starting the conversation

Everyday situations can offer a natural way to ease into a conversation.

Maybe it's a scene from a movie or a news story. A good way to start is simply to ask, "What do you think about that?"

If your teen answers, "I don't know" you can say, "Can I share with you what I think?" Don't lecture.

Just use it as a jumping-off point to talk about your views. You might ask "Do you know anyone in a relationship like that?"

Try to listen more than you talk and respect your teen's opinions.

## Talking about consent

Talk to your teen about how they would ask for consent and how to make sure a yes is really a yes. For example, if someone says "Okay, I guess" your teen will want to ask more questions, get a clear answer, and make sure their partner knows it is okay to say no.

Also, talk about how to say no and set boundaries when your teen doesn't want to do something. Practice phrases like "I'd rather not" or "I don't want to do this."

Let them know that they can take back their consent at any time. "I changed my mind." And remember, if one person in a relationship has more power than the other it can be difficult or even dangerous to say no.

If you sense this is the case, shift the conversation to what makes a relationship healthy or abusive and make sure your teen knows you are there to support them.

## Talking about what makes a relationship healthy

A healthy relationship has basic elements: respect, communication, trust, boundaries, honesty, shared decision making, and equality.

A good partner always treats you with respect and understands you need to have your own friendships and interests. Sometimes you will disagree and that's okay as long as you feel you can have an open, honest discussion.

You should feel free to express yourself, share your opinions, and make decisions that are best for you. Both partners should feel they are equal.

The website www.lovesrespect.org has several online quizzes that can help teens assess their relationship privately.

## Talking about red flags

A partner who tries to control you (what you wear, who you see, where you go, who you text) isn't respecting you.

Sometimes a teen may ask their partner to quit things they love, like basketball or a club. Ask your teen what they think about that.

A dating partner should be supportive of their interests. Extreme jealousy and possessive ("Why were you talking to them?") or "What did they say?"), blaming or manipulative behavior ("I wouldn't have yelled if . . ." or "I can't do this without you. . ."), and isolation ("I don't want you hanging out with them. . ." or "We always fight after you spend time with

## CANDIDATES STATEMENT

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## Resident announces candidacy for Board of Assessors

I am running as a candidate for the Monson Board of Assessors in Town Elections on Tuesday, June 13.

Having worked in Monson for the last 36 years as your Town Collector, my background, experience, knowledge and understanding of the internal operations of this board makes me uniquely qualified for this position. I have worked side by side with the Board of Assessors in coordinating, processing and completing data for the billing of Real Estate, Personal Property, Motor Vehicle, Supplemental, Roll-Back and other miscellaneous tax collections.

With numerous Board of Assessors over the years, I have great admiration and respect for the requirements of the position, its members, staff and the responsibilities that are outlined by Massachusetts General Laws on Taxation.

I am very proud to be a graduate of Monson High School and American International College. Born and brought up in Monson, with ancestors coming to Monson to work in the local granite quarry at the turn of the century, I have a strong vested interest in my hometown. Serving as a member of the Monson Bi-Law Committee, the Tax Assistance Committee, Council on Aging, a Corporator for the Monson Home for the Aged and an original member of the Monson Tourism Committee.

For over 25 years I was a member of the Monson Rotary Club and served as Past President. At American Legion Post 241 I have been a member of the Women's Auxiliary. I am also a member of the newly formed Patriotic Celebration Committee honoring Veterans and active military for their dedication to our Country. I serve on the Finance Council for St. Patrick's Church. A founding member of the Monson Food Truck & Music Festival Committee, with all proceeds from this event going to Dana Farber Research and other local charitable organizations in town.

I ask for your vote of confidence in electing me to the Monson Board of Assessors. I certainly would appreciate the opportunity to serve you in this position.

Dorothy Jenkins  
Monson

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## Candidate for Monson Select Board Anthony Allard

MONSON – Lifelong resident and dedicated community advocate, Anthony Allard, has officially announced his candidacy for Town Select Board.

As a local landscaper with a strong commitment to public service, Allard aims to promote growth, development, and an improved quality of life for all Monson residents.

Allard's background in landscaping and construction has given him firsthand experience in understanding the unique needs and challenges facing Monson's working families. His campaign focuses on key issues such as upgrading infrastructure, supporting local businesses, enhancing public services, and ensuring responsible allocation of town resources.

Allard's vision for Monson includes fostering greater collaboration between town departments, com-

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## Resident promoted at Monson Savings Bank

MONSON – Local resident Catherine E. Rioux was recently promoted to Commercial Loan Officer at Monson Savings Bank, the institution announced recently.

She will continue to be based out of the Monson Savings Bank Loan & Operations Center, located at 75 Post Office Park in Wilbraham, a news release states.

“We are all very grateful to have Catherine on our team here at Monson Savings Bank,” said Dan Moriarty, Monson Savings Bank president and CEO.

“During her time at the Bank, Catherine has demonstrated a true commitment in every role she has held. She has helped our customers and fellow employees achieve success. She has assisted many business owners with achieving their financial goals and I know she will continue to do this in her new position. We are all looking forward to seeing Catherine’s future successes.”

Rioux is a resident of Monson and enjoys being involved in the local communities. She is a member of the Monson High School Scholarship Committee. She supports local organizations, serving as a Board Member for I Found Light Against All Odds and volunteering for St. Patrick’s Church.



Catherine E. Rioux

Rioux is a graduate of Western New England University where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. Additionally, she is a graduate of the New England School of Financial Studies and the Springfield Regional Chamber Leadership Institute.

In 2006, Rioux started her career in banking with Monson Savings Bank as a high school intern in the Human Resources Department.

As a Commercial Loan Officer, Rioux will be working to help borrowers secure financing for their business. She will be assisting throughout the entire lending process, from origination, to closing and beyond.

“I am thankful for all the career opportunities that I have had throughout my time with Monson Savings Bank,” Rioux said.

“In my new position, I am very much looking forward to developing and enhancing relationships with individuals and businesses in the local communities that we serve. I am excited to continue to grow with Monson Savings.”

To contact Catherine E. Rioux for commercial lending needs, she can be reached at 413-267-1225 or crioux@monsonsavings.com.



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Country Bank’s marketing team is (from left): Audrey Moulton, digital marketing specialist; Mike Dias, product and data marketing manager; Travis Pacheco, intern; Jodie Gerulaitis, VP, community relations; Shelley Regin, SV, marketing & PR; Devon Wonderlie, marketing specialist; and Justin Roberts, VP, marketing.

## Country Bank receives regional marketing awards

Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving Central and Western Massachusetts, is recently announced that it has received two marketing awards from the New England Financial Marketing Association for its 2022 campaigns.

According to a news release, Country Bank achieved first place with a gold award for its “Made to Make a Difference” rebrand. In May 2022, Country Bank introduced the rebrand in partnership with the bank’s advertising agency, Financial Marketing Solutions. The new tagline was created from focus groups that consisted of Country Bank team members, board members, consumer and business customers, non-customers, and community non-profits throughout its marketplace.

The release explains that, since 1850, Country Bank has been a part of the fabric of the communities it serves; so, it was essential to include the community in the process. As a result, the tagline was created with meaningful insights and feedback.

The common theme of how the bank “made a difference” became a clear indicator of how its stakeholders received the brand in the market.

“The introduction of the tagline ‘Made to Make a Difference’ has accomplished outstanding results in the past year,” said Shelley Regin, senior vice president of Marketing and Public Relations at Country Bank.

“Our team, communities, and customers have embraced the new tagline wholeheartedly. Team members are essential to any brand’s success, and ours has undoubtedly made a difference through the rebrand. Our team truly believes that we are here to make a difference for our customers, communities, and one another. With the team embracing the new tagline, we saw our social media engagement increase by 60%, followers by 40%, and volunteerism by 124% in seven months. The brand has been positively impacted in many ways, and it is exciting to witness the team’s engagement and the brand’s growth.”

In addition, the bank received

a silver award for its Police vs. Fire Baseball Game in association with the WooSox Foundation. This game was a century-old tradition brought back to life on Sept. 26, 2022. Part of the game is giving back to the community, something the WooSox Foundation and Country Bank are passionate about. The teams chose the Manny 267 Foundation, which received a \$15,000 donation.

“As a founding partner of the Worcester Red Sox, we are honored to bring back this tradition and support the police and fire departments in Worcester,” Regin said.

“It was a tremendous effort of the WooSox Foundation, the police and fire departments, and the Country Bank marketing team to make this happen. We look forward to the re-match this August, where the teams will again battle for the trophy and bragging rights. The game will also donate to a deserving local non-profit.”

## MassDOT launches interactive trails network map

‘Shared-use paths’ part of transportation plans

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Trails Team recently announced the release of a new interactive Priority Trails Network vision map for current and future shared-use path projects throughout the Commonwealth.

According to a news release from MassDOT, the map “provides a centralized inventory of key rail trail projects that will help support an envisioned comprehensive statewide transportation trail network.” It specifically identifies approximately 320 miles of trails that have been constructed and are in use, 24 trails currently under construction and another 60 miles of proposed paths that have been funded but not yet constructed.

“The map lists priority shared-use path project locations that either have been proposed for consideration or will be pursued for funding and development to help address key gaps in the network,” the release states.

“MassDOT is pleased to make available this new interactive priority map to highlight shared-use

paths that are open to the public, currently under construction, or are newly identified areas for consideration in communities throughout the Commonwealth,” said Transportation Secretary and CEO Gina Fiandaca.

“These paths are an important part of the travel network in the state and provide residents with safe, accessible and convenient routes whether people are traveling for fun or for work.”

According to Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Rebecca Tepper, “Our network of trails offers an important way for our residents to get around, cut down on car use, and enjoy our beautiful outdoors. The Priority Trails Map enables the Healey-Driscoll Administration to identify ways to grow our trails system and, ultimately, reduce transportation emissions.”

Officials also said it will help MassDOT fill gaps in the network.

“This Priority Trails Network puts forth identified locations which the MassTrails Team seeks to partner with stakeholders for in order to enhance and

create an extended network,” said Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver.

“The map gives a good visual idea of where gaps exist and where many trails already lead to key destinations.”

The interactive map can be found at [tinyurl.com/8yeyxdym](https://tinyurl.com/8yeyxdym), and allows users to click on any segment to view trail name, municipality and MassDOT Project Information page, if applicable. The map includes paved, ADA-accessible shared-use paths, most of which are off-road rail trails or greenways.

Where off-road facilities do not exist, high-comfort on-road infrastructure is proposed such as separated bike lanes with sidewalks or side paths. Since 2019, numerous MassTrails grants have focused on extending and connecting existing trails to one another, with the ultimate goal of having all trails statewide connect to this envisioned network, according to the news release.

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munity groups, and residents to create a more vibrant, inclusive, and prosperous town.

“Monson is a wonderful place to live or work with immense greater potential,” said Allard. “By working together, we can build a brighter future for our families, our neighbors, and future generations.”

Throughout his campaign, Allard has hosted various community events and town hall meetings, providing residents with the opportunity to voice their concerns and share their ideas. He encouraged all Monson residents to engage in these events and make their voices heard.

To learn more about Allard and his campaign for Select Board, please visit his website at [www.anthonnyallardforselectboard.com](http://www.anthonnyallardforselectboard.com) and follow him on social media at [Facebook.com/AnthonyAllardforSelectboard](https://www.facebook.com/AnthonyAllardforSelectboard).

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### What should you expect from your investments?

To help achieve your financial goals, you may need to invest in the financial markets throughout your life. However, at times your investment expectations may differ from actual returns, triggering a variety of emotions. So, what are reasonable expectations to have about your investments?

Ideally, you hope that your investment portfolio will eventually help you meet your goals, both your short-term ones, such as a cross-country vacation, and the long-term ones, such as a comfortable retirement. But your expectations may be affected by several factors, including the following:

- **Misunderstanding** – Various factors in the economy and the financial markets trigger different reactions in different types of investments — so you should expect different results. When you own stocks, you can generally expect greater price volatility in the short term. Over time, though, the “up” and “down” years tend to average out. When you own bonds, you can expect less volatility than individual stocks, but that’s not to say that bond prices never change. Generally, when interest rates rise, you can anticipate that the value of your existing, lower-paying bonds may decrease, and when rates fall, the value of your bonds may increase.

- **Recency bias** – Investors exhibit “recency bias” when they place too much emphasis on recent events in the financial markets, expecting that those same events will happen again. But these expectations can lead to negative behavior. For example, in 2018, the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell almost 6% — so investors subject to recency bias might have concluded it was best to stay out of the markets for a while. But the Dow jumped more than 22% the very next year. Of course, the reverse can also be true: In 2021, the Dow rose almost 19%, so investors who might have been susceptible to recency bias may have thought they were in for more big gains right away — but in 2022, the Dow fell almost 9%. Here’s the bottom line: Recency bias may cloud your expectations about your investments’ performance — and it’s essentially impossible to predict accurately what will happen to the financial markets in any given year.

- **Anchoring** – Another type of investment behavior is known as “anchoring” — an excessive reliance on your original conviction in an investment. So, for instance, if you bought stock in a company you thought had great prospects, you might want to keep your shares year after year, even after evidence emerges that the company has real risks — for example, poor management, or its products could become outdated, or it could be part of an industry that’s in decline. But if you stick with your initial belief that the company will inevitably do well, and you’re not open to new sources of information about this investment, your expectations may never be met.

In many areas of life, reality may differ from our expectations — and that can certainly be true for our investments. Being familiar with the factors that can shape your expectations can help you maintain a realistic outlook about your investments.

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# Quabbin Visitor Center dedicated to the Campbells



**Gene Theroux, president of the Friends of Quabbin, Inc. (right) prepares to cut the ribbon with the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Regional Director of the Quabbin/Ware Region, Dan Clark.**



**David Campbell holds a photo of his father, Les, standing in the spillway channel in 1945.**



**Friends of Quabbin, Inc. treasurer Paul Godfrey opens the dedication ceremony.**

By Paula Ouimette  
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BELCHERTOWN – As a family of Canada geese made their way across a meadow near the shores of the Quabbin Reservoir, a gathering of people sat down to reflect on the lives of Les and Terry Campbell.

This past Sunday, two years of work to rename the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Quabbin Visitor Center the Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center was celebrated, with featured speakers, a tour of the Center, and a ribbon cutting at the new sign in front of the building.

A nature photographer who focused his lens on birds primarily, Les spent decades capturing the changing landscape of the Quabbin Reservoir and its surrounding watershed.

Terry, his wife, was his constant support and the heart and soul of the Quabbin Visitor Center which she kept active and staffed after its creation, connecting the community to the Reservoir and its history.

Longtime friend of the Campbells and Treasurer of the Friends of Quabbin, Inc. (an organization the Campbells founded), Paul Godfrey, welcomed those in attendance and said the decision to rename the Visitor Center in their honor was a "no-brainer."

"Shortly after Les died on Sept. 24, 2020, I was working on an article, a final tribute, that appeared in the [Friends of Quabbin, Inc.] newsletter," Godfrey said. "When I finished, I got an email from Anne Ely."

In her email, Ely told Godfrey that the various photography clubs that Les was involved with wanted to create a memorial to him, but they couldn't decide what would be best.

They considered a plaque on a tree, or a memorial bench, but none of these options seemed fitting for the couple that became known by many as "Mr. and Mrs. Quabbin."

When Godfrey suggested renaming the Visitor Center in both Les and Terry's honor, Ely quickly agreed.

"It's like the first part of the name was in invisible ink," Godfrey said of the Visitor Center.

Annie Tiberio was also key in having the Visitor Center renamed, Godfrey said.

"I felt it was my duty to memorialize him," Tiberio said of Les, whom she first met when she had finished her orientation working at Mass Audubon's Laughing Brook Wildlife Sanctuary in Hampden.

The person training her during orientation told her it would all be "completely incomplete," without meeting Les.

"He served as a role model to me," she said.

Tiberio said that Terry was always right beside Les and it "quickly became obvious," that her name needed to be included with her husband's.

"Without Les and Terry, the Visitor Center would not have been born," she said.

Godfrey said it took quite a few tries and support from the legislature to make the Visitor Center reality 39 years ago.

"Quabbin is different from almost all of the others," Godfrey said of the Reservoir, which contains 412 billion gallons of water over 39 square miles, with 181 miles of shoreline. "It has some of the best drinking water in the country; maybe the world."

After the Visitor Center was completed, Les, Terry, and numerous volunteers kept it staffed in order to preserve and share the history of the Reservoir, and the four towns disincorporated for its creation.

Terry eventually was hired by DCR to run the Visitor Center, which she did until her retirement.

She created a tradition that still continues today, the Tuesday Tea's with former residents of the Lost Towns. These weekly meetings allowed the residents to band together and share their memories.

The group continues to meet, just not as frequently as the number of former residents has dwindled, Godfrey said.

"Thirty-nine years later what they created is still in existence," he said.

State Sen. Anne Gobi spoke in her last appearance in that role before stepping in as the new Director of Rural Affairs in the Executive Office of Economic Development on June 5.

Gobi said she was hoping this dedication would take place while she was still in office, and it did.

Joining her were state representatives Susannah Whipps, Todd Smola and Aaron Saunders.

Whipps shared that when she was a restaurant owner, the only art that hung on the walls was from Les.

"These photographs are historic documents of the flora and fauna of the area," she said.

Retired state senators Stephen Brewer and Stanley



**Annie Tiberio spoke about the process to rename the Quabbin Visitor Center in memory of Les and Terry Campbell.**

Rosenberg each shared their memories of the Campbells.

Brewer said he has five of Les' photographs displayed in his "man cave," and he stressed the importance of leaving a legacy just as the Campbells have.

"We know that time marches on. Those that follow need to carry this on," he said.

Rosenberg said he first met the Campbells back in the 1970s and that "it was an honor and privilege" to know them.

"Les and Terry spend their whole lives seeing things that needed to be done, and organized people to get it done," he said.

Peg Louraine of the Select Board talked about how the walls at the former Hawley's Family Restaurant were covered with Les' photos.

She spoke about his generosity and how he supported so many things around town, including the theater and music programs.

"He loved Belchertown," she said.

Les' son, David Campbell, was the last to speak prior to the ribbon cutting for the sign outside of the Visitor Center.

Campbell said his father was a tremendous speaker, and how he could mesmerize an auditorium full of people with his words, but that he didn't share his father's love of public speaking.

"I knew I couldn't give a great speech, so I slid into his shoes," Campbell said, pointing to his father's shoes on his feet. Campbell also wore his father's trusty Timex watch.



**State Sen. Anne Gobi and state Rep. Susannah Whipps prepare to present a citation to be displayed in the Visitor Center.**



**Retired state Sen. Stephen Brewer spoke about the importance of leaving a lasting legacy.**



**Retired state Sen. Stanley Rosenberg shared memories of the Campbells.**



**Belchertown Select Board member Peg Louraine talked about the Campbells involvement in the community.**

He shared a photo of his father at 19-years-old, standing in the spillway wearing a tie, which he was known to wear on almost all occasions.

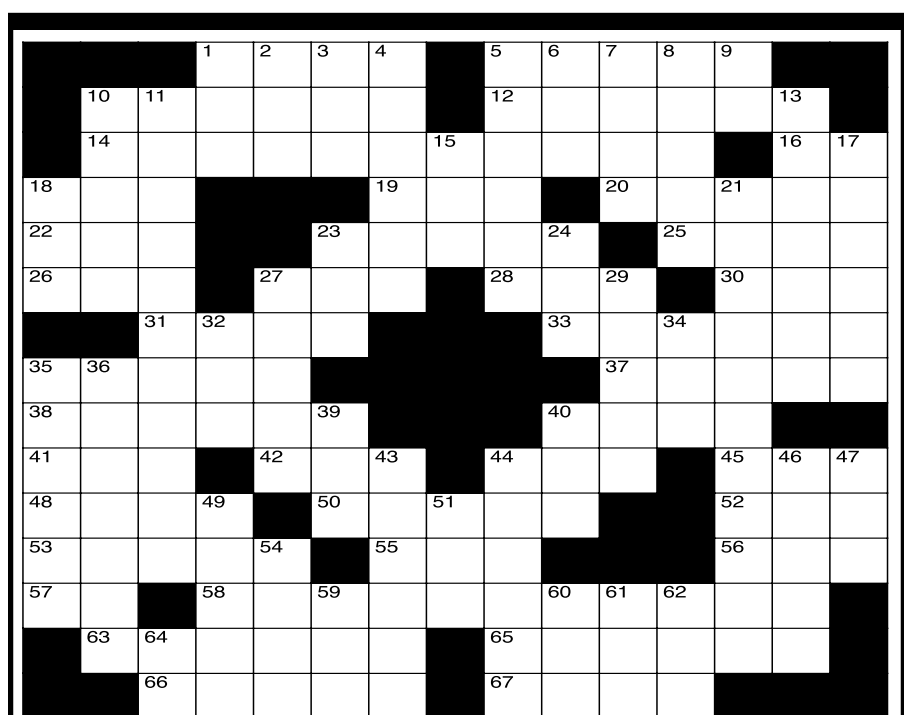
Campbell said his father had a lot of pipedreams, and he was sure that there were many people who believed the Visitor Center was one of them.

Campbell said he was happy that Terry was included in the renaming of the Visitor Center. "I don't think he could have pulled this off without her," he said.

**About the Quabbin Visitor Center**

The Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center, 485 Ware Road, Belchertown, is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. It is open year-round and features exhibits, brochures, books and videos about Quabbin management and history.

For more information, call 413-323-7221 or email QuabbinVisitor.Center@mass.gov.



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Flat tableland with steep edges
- 5. Where there's \_\_\_\_, there's fire
- 10. Talked incessantly
- 12. Skill
- 14. Without shame
- 16. Where teens spend their days (abbr.)
- 18. Boxing's GOAT
- 19. Used to anoint
- 20. Cluster cups
- 22. Footballer Newton
- 23. They make up a forest
- 25. Split pulses
- 26. Self
- 27. Post-office box
- 28. Test for high schoolers
- 30. Large, flightless bird
- 31. Expectorated
- 33. Falsehood
- 35. Prickly, scrambling shrub
- 37. French river

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Licensed for Wall Street
- 38. Told on
- 40. Hillside
- 41. Peyton's little brother
- 42. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 44. Cathedral city in Cambridgeshire
- 45. Witness
- 48. Brews
- 50. Yellowish-brown
- 52. Arctic explorers, abbr.
- 53. Mexican agave
- 55. A type of "cast"
- 56. Encourage
- 57. Atomic #52
- 58. Relating to position north of south of equator
- 63. Gadget whose name you forget
- 65. Another recording
- 66. Small blisters
- 67. Dark brown or black

- 2. "\_\_\_ and flow"
- 3. A very large body of water
- 4. Accumulate on the surface of
- 5. Central cores of the stem
- 6. Angry
- 7. Ceramic jar
- 8. Scraped a car
- 9. \_\_\_ route
- 10. Soviet labor camp system
- 11. Strong hostilities
- 13. Vitamin of the B complex
- 15. Go quickly
- 17. Toast
- 18. A team's best pitcher
- 21. A Philly culinary specialty
- 23. Small child
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- 19. Used to anoint
- 20. Cluster cups
- 22. Footballer Newton
- 23. They make up a forest
- 25. Split pulses
- 26. Self
- 27. Post-office box
- 28. Test for high schoolers
- 30. Large, flightless bird
- 31. Expectorated
- 33. Falsehood
- 35. Prickly, scrambling shrub
- 37. French river

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Licensed for Wall Street
- 38. Told on
- 40. Hillside
- 41. Peyton's little brother
- 42. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 44. Cathedral city in Cambridgeshire
- 45. Witness
- 48. Brews
- 50. Yellowish-brown
- 52. Arctic explorers, abbr.
- 53. Mexican agave
- 55. A type of "cast"
- 56. Encourage
- 57. Atomic #52
- 58. Relating to position north of south of equator
- 63. Gadget whose name you forget
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# PALMER HIGH SCHOOL



Salutatorian Gwendolyn Duggan quotes 2002's Spider-Man, "You are who you choose to be."



Ethan Beauchemin thanks the parents and guardians of Palmer High graduates.



Bonny Rathbone (left) leans toward valedictorian Evan Hershowitz.



Sue North greets Bayla Arroyo as she receives her diploma.



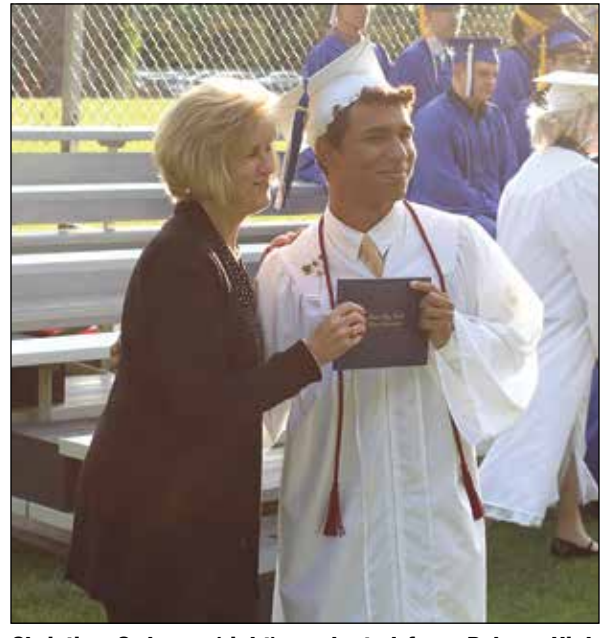
Gjamory'a McTier (right) receives her diploma from Bonny Rathbone.



Damian Torres (right) pictured with Bonny Rathbone as he receives his diploma.



Abigayle Soule (right) poses with her diploma and the Chair of the School Committee.



Christian Ordonez (right) graduated from Palmer High this weekend.



Streamers, confetti, and graduation caps are thrown into the air as the Palmer High graduation closes.



Class of 2023 member Ethan Beauchemin celebrates as the confetti falls at the conclusion of commencement for Palmer High School graduates and their families as the 2022-'23 school year drew to a close on June 4.



Colleen Culligan shakes hands with graduating senior Lauren Vail.



Laquay Lundy strides past her classmates on her way to collect her diploma.

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today, on this very special occasion, that what you are looking for is already inside of you."

"If you plant seeds and do something good, you will see the fruits of that further on," Culligan said.

Gwen Duggan, in her speech as Salutatorian, said, "If there's one story or book you have to write, it's yours. You are the author of your own story."

Duggan's speech quoted the Scorpions, saying, "If you know

where you come from, you know where you're going. Just because you're a child of your time, you back down for no one. Just be true to yourself, it's your life."

Evan Hershowitz, in his Valedictorian speech, told of how he was crowned the Meatloaf King during a trip to Iceland, relating his perseverance to eat ten slices of lamb to facing challenges to meet one's goals.

"We all have challenges that face us on a daily basis," Hershowitz said, "Whether it be something small, or even something like eating a frankly unholly

amount of meat loaf in one sitting." "We may not want to, or feel strong enough, to pick up that fork and eat that last piece of (metaphorical) butter-soaked meat loaf, but I promise you, after you overcome whatever it may be, you will feel that much better," Hershowitz said.

Chris Beaudry conducted the school band in what is expected to be his final graduation ceremony, as he is retiring this year. Along with the school song and the national anthem, the band played "The Climb" by Miley Cyrus, with the senior class of 2023 coming together to provide the vocals.



Palmer High seniors wait patiently during the commencement speeches.



Palmer High seniors stand to sing "The Climb" by Miley Cyrus, their class song.

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# MONSON HIGH SCHOOL



Monson High seniors seated on the stage at the Granite Valley School auditorium.



Superintendent Cheryl Clarke led Friday's graduation ceremony.



Maddie Milne reflects on what she will miss about attending Monson High.



Maddie Milne approaches the podium to make her speech.



Graduating seniors (from left) Emily Nadeau, Tia Morris, Logan Mitchell, and Alexander Lagacy.



Pictured outside the auditorium (from left) John Bedinotti, Diana Gagne, and Marshall Cummings.



A proud family attends the graduation, (from left) Rob, Bianca, Gabrielle, and Rebecca Roncarati.



Logan Mitchell (center) pictured with his proud parents, Sean and Jessica.



Cheryl Clarke smiles broadly while conducting the ceremony.



The Monson High band plays the seniors in as they enter the auditorium.

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resilience and ability to adapt to the changing situations of the last few years.

Domenick Romeo, in his speech as valedictorian, spoke of the ways that his classmates' flaws made each of them unique, and encouraged the class of 2023's futures.

"There's a chance most of us will never see each other again. For some, that's horrible news; for some, great news," said Romeo, to laughs from the audience.

Maddie Milne, in her speech to the Class of 2023, talked about the importance of change.

"When I was a freshman, change scared me to death," Milne said. "I felt that everything had to stay the same, and all would be good. That my 10-people friend group would last until the end of high school, that I would never receive a bad grade in my life, and I would simply never change, and that's how I wanted it to be."

"But these last few years of high school, I've learned that change makes the world a better place," Milne said.



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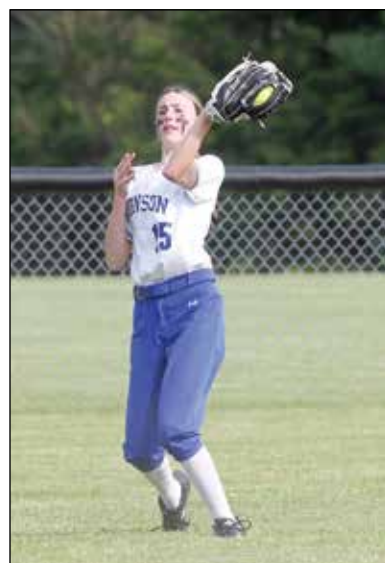


Natalie Hull fields a grounder.

## Mustangs fall in first round



Carlee Meacham gets her glove down to cleanly field the ball.



Emma Bannon makes a catcher in left.

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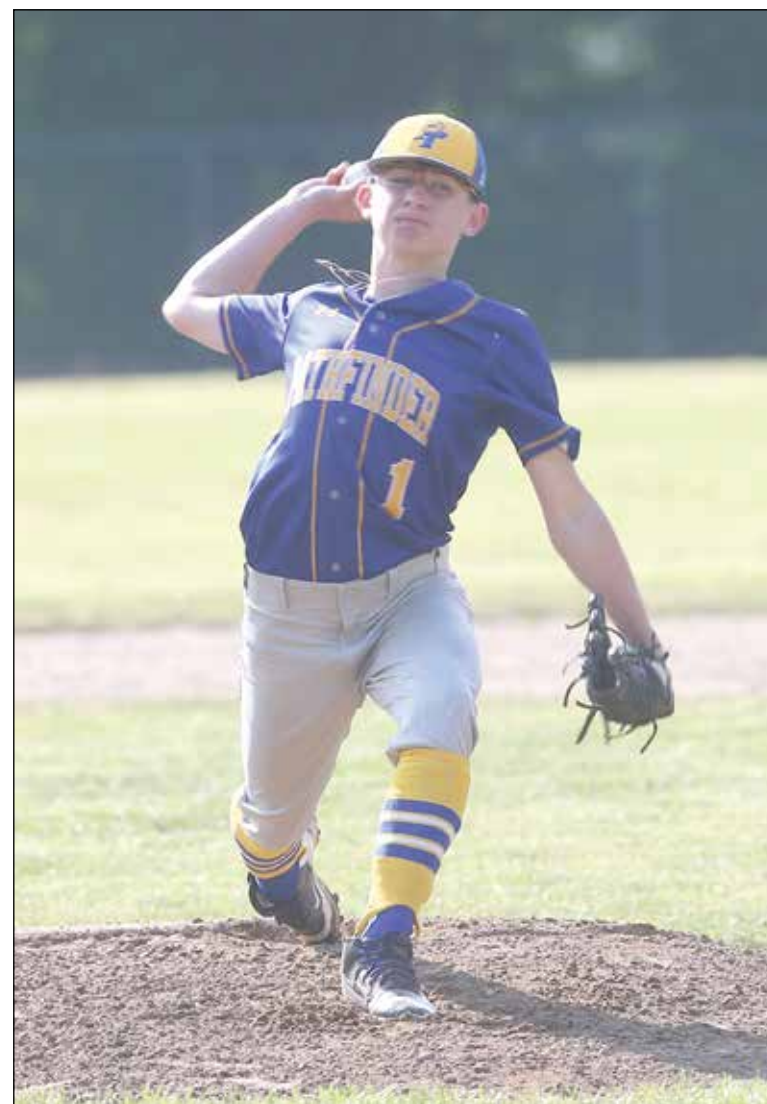
Maya Summers swings and connects for the Mustangs.



Molly Szado prepares to fire to the plate.

MONSON – The Monson High School softball team had an outstanding regular season, but the playoffs were not as kind. In the Western Mass. tournament, Monson was upset in the quarterfinals. While the Mustangs did win a preliminary round game in the Division 5 state tournament, they were ultimately defeated in the first round last week, falling to Frontier Regional High School 15-7. The Mustangs finish with an overall record of 15-5.

**BASEBALL**



Brayden Mega slings a pitch to the plate for the Pioneers.

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## Pioneers fall in opening round

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—Whether it was on the gridiron, the hardwood, or the baseball diamond, Andrew Roman always competed very hard every time that he put on a Pathfinder uniform.

On June 1, 2017, Roman tossed a two-hitter leading the Pioneers baseball team to a 1-0 win at Turners Falls in a Western Mass. Division 4 first round game. It wound up being the final victory of Roman's brilliant high school baseball career.

On the same date six years later, the 32<sup>nd</sup>-seeded Pioneers lost to 33<sup>rd</sup>-seeded South Shore Voc-Tech, 18-0 in a Division 5 state tournament preliminary round game on a hot afternoon at St. Joe's Park.

"We just didn't compete in today's game," said Pathfinder head coach Paul Bouthiller. "We beat Drury (2-1) on the road in the Western Mass. Class C tournament. Then we lost to Frontier (6-1) in the semifinals. We competed in those two games. It's no fun for anyone when we don't compete."

Prior to this season, the Pioneers (13-7) hadn't qualified for the postseason tournament since Roman was a member of the baseball team. After playing four seasons at Salve Regina University, Roman was the closer on the Boston College baseball team this spring. The Eagles played in the NCAA Division 1 Regionals at Alabama, last weekend.

The only two seniors listed on this year's Pathfinder varsity baseball roster are Jesse Cygan, who hasn't played in a game since the middle of the regular season, and Austin Lagimoniere, who started in centerfield against South Shore.

The Vikings (15-6) had a 3-0 lead before the Pioneers batted for the first time in the bottom of the first inning. Their first run came home on a bunt hit by senior first baseman Jake McAleer. Then Pathfinder sophomore righthander Brayden Mega gave up a two-run single to junior leftfielder Riley Siereveld.

Mega, who gave up another run with two outs in the third, managed to keep his team within

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**SOFTBALL**

## Pathfinder makes state tourney



Lianna Carriquillo slings a throw to second.



Olivia Ward corral a catch in left.



Megan Bly looks to squeeze an out at first.



Brianna Beynor fields a grounder.

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PALMER – With an even record, Pathfinder softball managed to get into the state tournament and faced off against Minuteman High School in the preliminary round on June 1. The Pioneers had a tough draw, and fell 14-1 to end their season with an overall record of 10-7.

## Western Mass. battles to draw

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Joao Bernardo has been the public address announcer at historic Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow for many years.

While Bernardo announced his normal messages to the crowd during last Saturday night's USL League Two match-up between the Black Rock FC and the Western Mass. Pioneers, he didn't make his famous goal call. The contest, which was played on a fall like evening, ended in a scoreless draw.

"We had 22 shots on goal in tonight's match, but we couldn't put any of them into the net," said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. "We always want to win every game that we play, especially at home."

It has been more than seven years since the Pioneers (3-0-2) played a

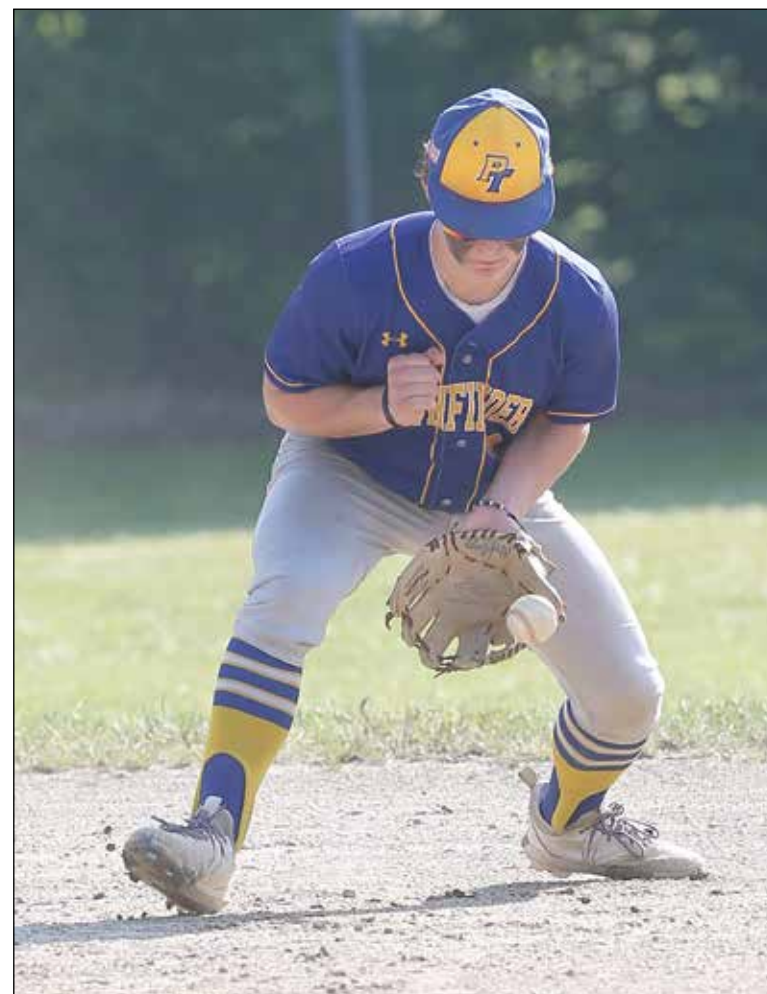
0-0 match at Lusitano Stadium. They have played three scoreless road draws since 2018. The last one was two years ago against Black Rock FC, who currently play their home matches at Colby-Sawyer College in New London, New Hampshire.

During the past several years, Black Rock has played home matches at MCLA in North Adams and at Applejack Stadium in Manchester Center, Vermont.

The Pioneers outscored their first four opponents, 17-2. They scored ten of those goals in a 10-1 road victory against Boston City FC on May 30.

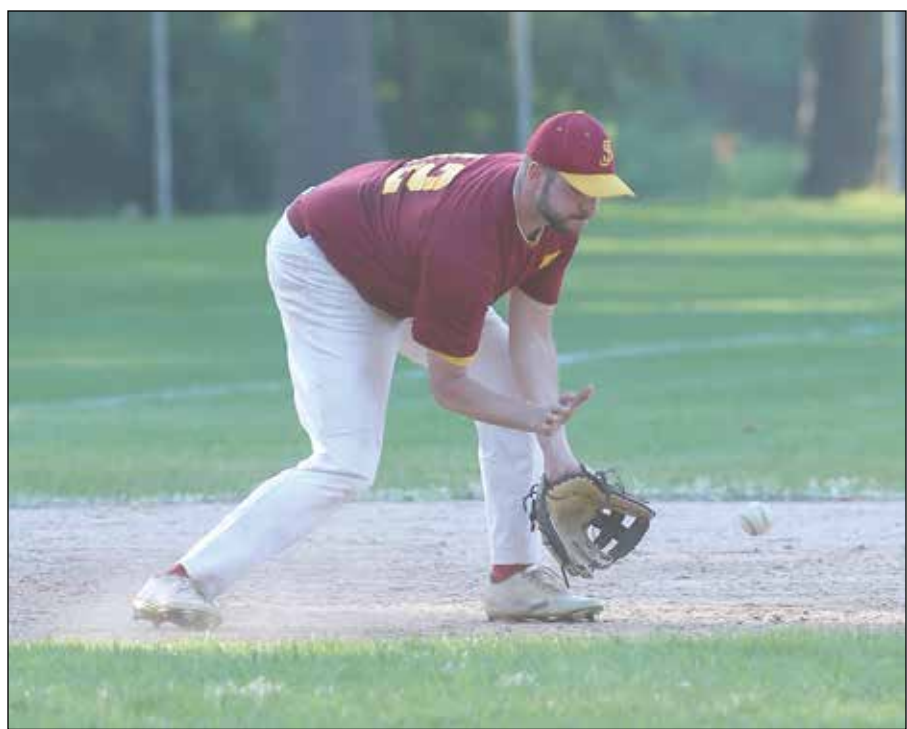
"We weren't really tested in our last game," said Pioneers starting defender Conor Hicks, who's from Monson. "We hit the post or crossbar at least four or five times in tonight's game. The ball just didn't bounce our way and it's a very tough result. We

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Hunter Griswold tries to field the in-between hop.

# Tri-County Baseball back in action



St. Joe's Brandon Magni fields a grounder.

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Brandon Clark makes the out at first.

CHICOPEE – Last week, Tri-County Baseball was back in action with a number of games on the slate, though only four actually played due to rain-outs. The Tri-County has gone through some turnover and some teams not making their way back to the league in recent years. This year, there are only six teams in the league, with Easthampton Savings

Bank, a prominent member of the league for many years, not on the schedule this year. Regulars featuring players from all over the region including PeoplesBank, the Chicopee Falls Tigers, St. Joseph's, and DiFranco Realty are back this year. The Tri-County League, which features adult baseball, runs through the end of July.



Luis DeJesus slings a throw to first.



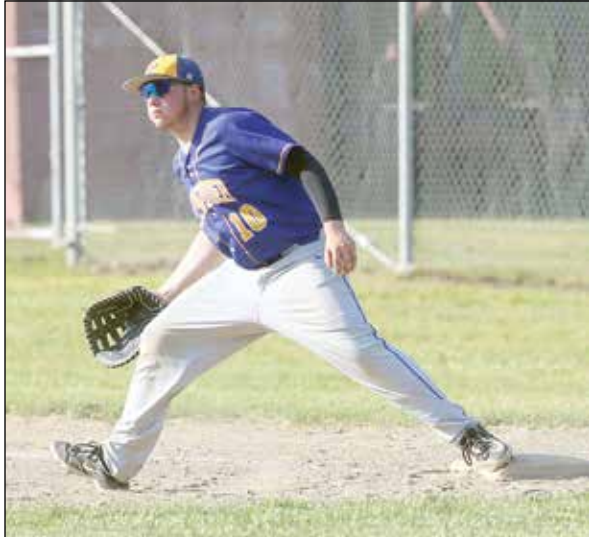
Shane Denault makes a long throw.



Jason Byers pitches for the Tigers.



Miguel Velasquez slides back to first.



Tim Russell looks to scoop up an out.

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striking distance during the first five innings.

The Pathfinder offense wasted a scoring chance in bottom of the second inning.

Junior second baseman Miguel Velasquez began the Pioneers rally with a lead-off single down the leftfield line. Then Lagimoniere drew a walk on a 3-and-2 pitch thrown by Vikings sophomore righty Jake Starbird.

Both runners moved into scoring position following a sacrifice bunt by junior leftfielder Than Nompleggi.

The Pioneers rally ended very quickly, as Starbird struck out the next two batters. Starbird finished his outstanding performance on the mound with a total



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Jarrett Skowrya goes for the tag.

of 14 K's in 6 1/3 innings.

With two-outs in the fourth, Lagimoniere walked for the second time. He advanced to second base on a throwing error before stealing third. He was stranded there as Starbird recorded his eighth strike-out of the game.

"We just kept looking for the perfect pitch," Bouthiller said. "Their starter is very good against us, but he wasn't the best we've faced this season."

The Vikings put the game out of reach after scoring 11 runs against a couple of relief pitchers in the sixth inning. That inning lasted 30 minutes longer due to a sun delay.

The visitors from Haver scored two more



Trevor Millet makes the throw from third.

runs in the seventh inning.

"It's a very disappointing loss," Bouthiller said. "I don't think they're that much better than us. I hope our next game is important to everyone."

The Pioneers (13-7) season isn't over yet. They were scheduled to face Smith Vocational in the small school's vocational semifinal game on a day to be determined. The winner of that contest will face Old Colony Regional Vocational High School in the championship game.

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## Athlete of the Week

### Jesse Cygan

Pathfinder

Cygan pitched the Pioneers past Drury in the quarterfinals of the Western Mass. tournament two weeks ago.

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Rodrigo Saraiva de Castro socks the ball away.



Augustine Boadi tries to balance the ball.



Alec Hughes dribbles up the field.



Connor Hicks, of Monson, looks to pass.

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still haven't lost a match yet so far this season.

Hicks, who's one of the Pioneers veteran players, missed the season opening road match against the Boston Bolts, which was a 3-0 win, with an injury. He played the final 45 minutes in the home opener versus Pathfinder FC, which was also a 3-0 victory, before starting the past three matches.

Western Mass. first-year goalie Gianluca Cersosimo only had to make two saves against Black Rock to record his third shutout of the season.

The last time that Black Rock (1-1-2) celebrated a victory at Lusitano Stadium was during the 2018 regular season.

"We just wanted to contain their high power offense in tonight's match," said Black Rock head coach Jon Moodie. "They have the top goal scorer in the league, and we were looking to keep the game close. We did have a couple of scoring chances late in the second half. We do have a lot of respect for them."

Alec Hughes, who's a member of the UMass men's soccer team, leads the Pioneers with seven goals.

Hughes had four shots on goal during the first 45 minutes against Black Rock.

During the 24th minute, Hughes, who's a first year Western Mass. player,

blasted a shot that was saved by Black Rock goalie Pablo Costa (22 saves), who's from Brazil.

"Their goalie played fantastic," Molinari said. "He kept his team in the game."

About five minutes later, Pioneers captain Nicholas Oberrauch, who celebrated his 24th birthday on Monday, fired a laser shot, which Costa deflected over the endline resulting in a corner kick.

With a little more than ten minutes remaining in the opening half, Black Rock's Jaland Laramond had a wide open shot attempt, but the ball was cleared away by Connor Bagdon before crossing the line.

The trio of Khalid Rose, Laurie Goddard, and Augustine Boadi had shots on goals for the Pioneers in the first half. During a ceremony held at halftime, the Lusitano Alumni and Fans (LAF) committee presented scholarships to Cassie Pendleton, who graduated from Ware High School, and Kyle Girouard, who graduated from Chicopee Comp.

The Pioneers had several more scoring opportunities during the second half, but they couldn't put the ball into the net past Costa.

There was seven minutes of stoppage time, but the contest was still scoreless when referee Fabio Cardoso blew his whistle for the final time.

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# Kimball wins inaugural Winchester Open 100

WINCHESTER, N.H. — Saturday night's inaugural Winchester Open 100 might have been a new experience for fans and racers alike, but it ended with a familiar face in victory lane.

Monadnock Speedway graduate Matthew Kimball put his home-track expertise to work, besting a 24-car field to win the first-ever JDV Open Modified feature at the Winchester, N.H. bullring.

Kimball held off Carl Medeiros Jr. and Ryan Doucette to score one of the biggest wins of his Modified career thus far.

Inclement weather delayed the start of Saturday's main event, but did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of Kimball, who raced Mini Stocks at "Mad Dog" before making a career shift to Tour-type Modifieds. The Bennington, N.H. racer started from the pole, yielding to Monadnock veteran Todd Patnode on lap eight of the 100-circuit feature. Chris Pasteryak settled into third with Kirk Alexander fourth when a turn-three spin brought out the night's first caution.

Patnode immediately ducked down pit road, handing the lead back to Kimball. Alexander and Sam Rameau charged into third on the restart, while Pasteryak's hopes for a solid finish turned bleak when contact left the Connecticut racer sideways in turn two with 60 laps to go.

Rameau, who started 22nd, pounced on Kimball two restarts later to take the lead. Rameau set a fast pace, but Kimball was able to keep up, turning up the heat as slower traffic came into play. Early contender Alexander went for a backstretch spin with 17 laps left, though, eliminating the lapped-traffic wildcard and pitting Rameau against Kimball for the restart.

On the green flag, Rameau cleared Kimball for the lead, but Kimball loomed large in his mirror, tracing the curbs and keeping Rameau from building an advantage. With 11 laps left, Kimball dove inside on the backstretch, getting alongside Rameau in the turns and taking the lead back. Ryan Doucette threw his car to Rameau's inside to



Submitted photo  
Matthew Kimball took the win last Saturday at Monadnock Speedway

steal second, upsetting Rameau and letting Kimball escape. Another bobble from Rameau slowed the field, with Medeiros charging from the high line to take second as the top five shuffled.

Kimball was hardly home free, as another spin with six laps left forced a late-race restart. But the youngster got the jump on Medeiros coming to the green, and as Doucette made a bid for second, Kimball was able to get away once again, coasting home to one of his biggest Modified wins yet and pocketing \$5,000 for the evening.

Medeiros held on for a strong second-place finish, with Doucette third at the line. Richard Savary drove back from a late pit stop to finish fourth, while Pasteryak salvaged a fifth-place finish.

Leading into the Winchester Open 100, Tom Harwood won his second straight New England Dwarf Car Series feature only a week after capturing the checkers at Lee USA Speedway. Adrian Smith won the Young Guns feature, while Robert Hagar topped the NHSTRA Late Models feature and Chris Davis came away with a win in the Pure Stocks main event.

JDV Productions' next scheduled event is the second annual Clash at Claremont on Saturday, July 29, featuring the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour in their fourth-ever appearance at Claremont Motorsports Park in New

Hampshire's Upper Valley. Further information on this special event will be released in the coming weeks.

For more information on JDV Productions, visit JDVProductions.com and follow on social media for the latest updates throughout the season, including updates from the track on race day with feature winner posts.

Results: Winchester Open Modified 100; Monadnock Speedway; June 3

1. (43) Matthew Kimball
2. (50) Carl Medeiros, Jr.
3. (55) Ryan Doucette
4. (99) Richard Savary
5. (5CT) Chris Pasteryak
6. (02) Geoff Rollins
7. (1) Nathan Wenzel
8. (76) Kirk Alexander
9. (11X) Tyler Leary
10. (24) Todd Patnode
11. (04) Joey Jarvis
12. (17) Donnie Lashua
13. (95) Cory Plummer
14. (23) Bradley Zahensky
15. (13) Cameron Sontag
16. (06) Sam Rameau
17. (27) Derek Robbie
18. (02MA) Paul LaPlante
19. (99X) Kimberly Rivet
20. (7) Kurt Vigeant
21. (47) Jacob Perry
22. (51) Adam LaPoint
23. (24X) Cornelius Flynn
24. (30CT) Gary Byington

# Clapp hosts film discussion, artist reception

BELCHERTOWN — The Clapp Memorial Library invites all film buffs for "Out of the Shadows: Hollywood's History with the LGBTQ+ Community" by film historian Frank Mandosa at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 14.

Mandosa will take a look at LGBTQ+ representation in mainstream film, both onscreen and off. Over the past century, a news release states, "Hollywood has had a troubled history with both on screen depictions of the LGBTQ+ community and their real-life interactions. This program explores not only the ongoing evolution of this dynamic before, during, and after the cameras roll, but also the portrayals of the LGBTQ+ community in films of all genres, both past and present."

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# Registration open for Bay State Games

WOBURN — Registration for the 41st annual Bay State Summer Games is now open. The 2023 Summer Games will include thirty sports with competitions from June 3 to July 29 at venues throughout eastern and central Massachusetts including Game On in Fitchburg, Boston Sports Institute in Wellesley, Union Point Sports Complex in Weymouth, and New England Sports Center in Marlborough. Bay State Games participants range in age from 5 to over age 75 and represent more than 300 Massachusetts communities as well as surrounding New England States in some sports. From grassroots participants to accomplished amateur athletes, the Bay State Games provide opportunities for the athlete in all of us.

Eight high school showcase sports will take place for a variety of sports, including baseball, basketball, field hockey, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, and volleyball. Athletes currently in grade 8-11 who live or go to school in Massachusetts are eligible to attend regional tryouts during the month of June. These tryouts will determine teams representing the various regions of the Commonwealth that will compete against each other in July. Check each sport page for specific eligibility requirements.

The Summer Games include a wide variety of individual sports including swimming, track & field, figure skating, pickleball, wrestling, weightlifting, archery, judo, badminton, and more. These sports are open to a wide range of ages and skill levels from youth participants to masters-aged athletes. Adaptive sport divisions in archery, swimming, and track & field are offered, as well. Bay State Games also organizes tournaments for pre-existing teams in girls lacrosse, rugby, and 6v6 field hockey.

The 2023 Summer Games will feature Game On in Fitchburg as the host venue for 8 sports. Bay State Games expects 1,500 athletes and their families to attend competitions at Game On during the second week of July. "We are excited to expand the roster of sports being held at Game On this year," said Kevin Cummings, Executive Director of the Bay State Games. "This state-of-the-art facility allows us to enhance the athlete and

spectator experience and provide a true Olympic-style multi-sport atmosphere for our participants."

An additional feature in 2023 is that in over a dozen sports, athletes who win a gold, silver, or bronze medal at the 2023 Bay State Games will qualify to participate in the 2024 State Games of America in San Diego, California. The State Games of America feature more than 8,000 athletes from over 30 different state games programs nationwide. To see the list of qualifying sports, please visit www.stategamesofamerica.com.

In addition to sports programming, Bay State Games offer college scholarships, a sportsmanship initiative, college internship opportunities, and a High School Ambassador program.

For more information on all sports in the 2023 Summer Games, links to online registration, and information on other programs, go to www.baystategames.org.

For questions, email info@baystategames.org or call 781-932-6555.

# Opening weekend for Blue Sox

HOLYOKE — The Valley Blue Sox return to MacKenzie Stadium next week, with their first home game on Thursday, June 8 at 6:35 p.m. The team will then have three more home games June 9, 10, and 11. There will be a special promotion for all fans who attend all 4 home games this coming weekend.

The team announced that any fans who attend all four games June 8-11 will receive their choice of either four flex tickets to any of the remaining home games this season, or early access to a new Blue Sox T-shirt before they go on sale. Fans will receive

a punch card on Opening Night that will be filled in with different colored stickers at each game until all four are collected after the weekend.

On Opening Night the team will be facing the Bristol Blues and giving away magnet schedules. The following night, Friday June 9 at 6:35 p.m. vs. the Ocean State Wolves, the team will be hosting Isenberg Night, and giving away T-shirts sponsored by Isenberg School of Management. The first 100 UMass students to show their UCard upon entry will receive a voucher for one free meal and drink. Saturday June 10 at 6:35 p.m. vs.

the North Shore Navigators, Boston Beer Co. will be sponsoring a Dogfish Tasting night, and fans will be able to enter a Red Sox/Sam Adams bench raffle. Finally on Sunday June 11 at 3 p.m. vs. the Martha's Vineyard Sharks, the City of Holyoke will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary with the team.

Fans are encouraged to come show their support for the start of the new season, and the Blue Sox look forward to seeing fans back at MacKenzie Stadium next Thursday.

# Blue Sox in need of host families

HOLYOKE — The Valley Blue Sox is still searching for a few host families for the 2023 season.

To be a host family, all you need is a private room for the player to stay in, food options, and access to a kitchen.

In return, 2023 volunteer host families will receive:

- Free general admission to all Valley Blue Sox home and away games
- Food vouchers for every home game
- Transportation and ticket free to the Boston Red Sox

game on June 12

- Free clinics for any household member ages 6-13
- Special Host Family recognition event
- 40% discount on all merchandise
- Season-long access to our live-game radio
- Access to our fan bus to an away game to be determined

If you are interested in being a host family, please contact mattd@valleybluesox.com for more information.

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**DEATH NOTICES**

**Ayers, Stephen J.**  
Died May 31, 2023

**Baer, Richard**  
Died June 5, 2023  
Services June 30, 2023

**Greany, William W.**  
Died June 1, 2023  
Services are private

**Bacon, Charlotte M.**  
Died May 26, 2023  
Services June 8, 2023

**Fleck (Baxter), Louise C.**  
Died May 20, 2023  
Services June 19, 2023

**Quaglino, Eugene Joseph**  
Died May 22, 2023  
Services July 15, 2023

**O B I T U A R I E S**

**Stephen J. Ayers, 87**

THREE RIVERS — Stephen J. Ayers, 87, passed away May 31, 2023, at Cedarbrook Assisted Living in Ware, MA. He was born on March 15, 1936, in Massena, NY to Herbert and Esther (Rowley) Ayers. Stephen was raised in Massena, NY, and after high school he graduated from Clarkson University with a degree in engineering. Stephen's engineering path began under the Army Corps of Engineers while at Clarkson where he was involved in the construction of the Eisenhower Lock, as part of the St. Lawrence Seaway. Stephen always told the story that when President Eisenhower pressed the "Ceremonial plunger", Steve was the one who flipped the "real" switch. His engineering career with General Electric brought him from Burlington, Vermont to Daytona Beach, Florida where he worked in the space program. From Florida he and his family traveled to

Marathon, NY where first Kodak Corp. and then Raymond Forklift Trucks was his career. In 1977, he began a career in engineering and quality control at Smith & Wesson in Springfield and retired in 1996. In 1985 he married Nancy and moved to Three Rivers where he has lived ever since. Stephen was a master shooter, he participated in many area shooting ranges for paper target shooting. He was a member of the Springfield Revolver Club and was a member of the Smith and Wesson Pistol Team. He also enjoyed spending time outdoors, especially taking walks with his dog Kodi. Stephen greatly enjoyed canoeing and was pleased to get Nancy in the "boat". He enjoyed card games with family and friends and swimming in his pool. He will be deeply missed



by his wife, Nancy M. (Smith) Ayers and five children, Dovima Ayers, Sean Ayers, Leigh Ayers, Celeste O'Brien and Noel Ayers. He also leaves three stepdaughters, Debra Borecki, Donna Corbin and Lisa LaBonte and sisters,

Phyllis and Milli and 5 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild and 5 step grandchildren and 6 step great grandchildren. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his older brothers Bill, Bob and Carl Ayers. Calling hours will be held on Monday, June 12th from 9:00 am-10:30 am followed by a service at 10:30am in the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Dakin Humane Society in Springfield.

**Charlotte M. Bacon, 80**

PALMER — Charlotte M. Bacon, 80, passed away May 26, 2023, at Overlook Masonic Home in Charlton, MA. She was born on November 19, 1942, in Palmer, MA to Leroy and Gertrude (Thompson) Bacon. Charlotte was raised in West Brimfield, after which she moved to Palmer, living there for 60 years. She retired from Sanderson McLeod in Palmer after 48 years of service. Charlotte was a member of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah). She loved listening to country music, line dancing, trips to Cape Cod,

and traveling with her friends. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by 8 siblings, Caroline Siok, Gertrude Nulph, Elizabeth Smith, Myrtle Bacon, Roy Bacon, Harold Bacon, Pearl Peck, and Charles Bacon. She was also predeceased by a nephew, Steven Bacon, who she helped raise. She is survived by her sister, Rose Cadieux of Brimfield, and several nieces and nephews. Calling hours will be held at the Beers & Story Palm-



er Funeral Home on Thurs, June 8th from 10:00-11:30 am. A graveside service will follow at 12:00 pm at Brimfield Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Charlotte's memory to the Aquinnah Cultural Center, 10 Black Brook Road, Aquinnah, MA 02535. For more information visit [www.beersandstory.com](http://www.beersandstory.com)

**Richard "Butch" Baer. 1927-2023**

MONSON — Richard "Butch" Baer, 96, passed away Monday, June 5, 2023 surrounded by love of family. Butch was born in Worcester, March 17, 1927 to the late Frank P. and Louise M. (Wredberg) Baer. Butch grew up in Springfield and raised his family in Monson. He was honorably discharged from the US Army in the year of 1946. In his younger years, Butch spent many hours at the Indian Motorcycle plant learning how to assemble motorcycles. He was a tool maker by trade and developed many tools including the Safe-T-Cut knife. He was the owner of Baer Cycle Sales in Springfield for over 20 years. Butch was a life long motorcycle enthusiast and in his retirement years he enjoyed vintage racing. He became a National Champion of Vintage racing and is also in the Springfield Indian Motorcycle Museum Hall of Fame.

He enjoyed traveling, golfing and restoring Indian motorcycles with his grandson Michael. He also published several books, was in a motorcycle documentary and held a tool patent. Most of all he loved his morning crossword puzzles with his partner, Mary. Butch leaves the love of his life and partner of 34 years Mary Webster of Monson; children, Chris Clark and her partner Bob Marouski of Laconia, NH, Tim Baer and his wife Nancy of Wales, MA, Rick Baer and his wife Debbie of Monson, Ginger Beaulieu of Monson, Lori Baer and her partner Tom Parker of Monson, Barbara Nooney and her husband Mark of Satellite Beach, FL, ten grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren; a sister, Ruth Arnold and broth-



er, James Baer both of Concord, NH. Butch was predeceased by his wife D. Priscilla (McMahon) Baer in 1965; son in-law, Michael Beaulieu; brothers, Tom and Bobby Baer. Services will be held Friday, June 30th at Lombard Funeral Home from 9:30-10:30am and then proceed to Bethany Cemetery on Bethany Road in Monson for an 11am graveside service. Friends are asked to gather at the cemetery for the service. In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial contribution in Butch's name to the Shriners Hospital for Children 516 Carew Street Springfield, MA 01104. For online condolences please visit [www.lombardfuneralhome.com](http://www.lombardfuneralhome.com)

**O B I T U A R I E S**

**Louise C. (Baxter) Fleck**

MONSON—Loris, SC-Louise C (Baxter) Fleck, 62, passed away in her home Saturday May 20, 2023. Louise was born in Grays Essex, England November 2, 1960 to the late Frederick J. and Margaret J. ( Partridge) Baxter. She was a graduate of E. Longmeadow High School and lived in Monson where she raised her family. Louise worked for the Monson Public School district as a bus driver, a special education assistant and then for many years she worked in the central business office. She retired as an administrative assistant from the Teamsters Local 404. During the Summer and Fall Louise was often working at Baxter's Echo Hill Orchards while her parents

owned the orchard. Louise was always reading a good book and enjoyed tending her gardens. Her quick wit and sense of humor always had you on your toes. She enjoyed a quick 9 holes of golf and traveling with family and friends, often to beach destinations. Louise leaves her husband, Michael S. Fleck of Loris, SC; her son Mark Michael and his wife Victoria of CA; a daughter, Margaret Michael of E. Longmeadow; granddaughters, Amelia and Olivia; sister, Sarah Baxter and her husband Barry Bedward of Monson; broth-



er, Nicholas Baxter and his wife Toni of Conway, SC; niece, Amanda Watson and nephews Nick Baxter and Eric Baxter. Louise was predeceased by her first husband Mark S. Michael and her parents, Frederick and Margaret Baxter.

Visiting hours will be held Monday, June 19 from 5-7pm in Lombard Funeral Home 3 Bridge St. Monson. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to TJ O Foundation for Animals 66 Industry Ave, Suite 3 Springfield, MA 01104. For online condolences please visit [www.lombardfuneralhome.com](http://www.lombardfuneralhome.com)

**William "Mickey" W. Greany**

THREE RIVERS -William "Mickey" W. Greany, 75, passed away suddenly at home on June 1, 2023. Born July 20, 1947, in Springfield, MA son of the late William and Harriett (Hale) Greany. He proudly served his country in the US Army Reserves from 1966-1970. After serving in the Army, he worked for Utility Manufacturing Company in Wilbraham for over 40 years, retiring in 2009. He enjoyed trips to Las Vegas, NASCAR racing, golfing, playing pool and driving his 1998 corvette. Mickey enjoyed all sports on TV and the computer as well

as going out for breakfast and going out once a month for supper. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Joanne F. (Jacobs) Greany of Three Rivers and two daughters, Laurie Fernandes of Palmer and Lynn Greany of Three Rivers. He also leaves 2 grandchildren, Mark Fernandes of Belchertown and Amber Cote and husband Tom of New Hampshire, as well as a sister, Kathy Freunschdt and husband Bob of Chittenango, NY, a brother, Marty Greany and



wife Barb of Palmer, and his new dog Sassy. He will also be missed by his brother-in-law Richie Clark of Thorndike and sister-in-law Sandy Bedard of Bondsville, extended family members and friends. Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home was entrusted with the arrangements and services are private. To sign an online guest register visit [www.beersandstory.com](http://www.beersandstory.com)

**Eugene "Joseph" Quaglino, 80**

MONSON — Eugene "Joseph" Quaglino, 80, passed away Monday, May 22, 2023 surrounded by love of family at home. Joe was born in Richmond, Virginia to the late Pearl W. (Walz) Gauthier. He was a graduate of Monson High School Class of 1961. Joe was a machinist by trade and worked at F&D Tool in Three Rivers, Crane Company in Indian Orchard and retired from Jarvis in Palmer. He attended Faith Baptist Church in Palmer. Joe could fix just about anything. If a tool needed to be made to fix something, he could do that too. He enjoyed carpentry, restoring cars, cement work and remodeling his beloved home. When he wasn't working on fixing something, he enjoyed

watching Western and War movies. Joe leaves his wife of over 60 years, Nancy J. (Taylor) Quaglino and their daughters, Lisa Lupien and her husband Don who lived with him and helped take care of him and Tammy Cole of Ware; four grandchildren, Tanya Alicea (Joel), Amanda Brooke (Foster), Thomas Cole and Michael Cole; nine great grandchildren; close family friends, Bernice Burgess Begley and Melissa Burke and his beloved dog, Yogi. Joe was predeceased by his brother Leo Melton and sisters, Lou Taylor, Marian Van Der Snick and Mary



Ellen Bosch. The family would like to extend their sincere appreciation to Tanya Alicea for her help over the years and to Overlook Hospice and the entire care team for the care and compassion they showed to Joe and the family. Services will be held July 15, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at Faith Baptist Church, Palmer. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Faith Baptist Church 251 Shearer St, Palmer MA 01069. For online condolences please visit [www.lombardfuneralhome.com](http://www.lombardfuneralhome.com)

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

## THIS WEEK

**GARDEN TIPS:** Ware Grange's next gardening workshop of the year, "Herbal Tidbits: An Introduction to Growing our Favorite Useful Plants," will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 9, in Grange Hall at 297 Belcher-town Road in Ware. The presenter will be Roberta McQuaid, author of the weekly "In the Garden" column for Turley Publications. Come learn tips for growing a wide variety of vegetables. A door prize drawing will be held. Visit the group on Facebook or at [waregrange.org](http://waregrange.org) for more information.

**SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER:** The Monson Democratic Town Committee invites the public to its 56th annual meet the candidates night 5-8 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at the Monson Polish Club at 7 Bliss Street. Residents running in the June 13 election will deliver remarks and be available to talk. Admission is \$25 and includes a social hour, buffet and silent auction. Proceeds benefit the MDTC Scholarship Fund. To reserve tickets,

email Keith Valley at [rvalley1543@gmail.com](mailto:rvalley1543@gmail.com).

**PRIDE MONTH EVENT:** First Congregational Church of Monson at 5 High Street will celebrate becoming "an official Open and Affirming Church, one that affirms the full inclusion of LGBTQ+ persons in the church's life and ministry" AT 10 a.m. on June 11. The service will end with hanging a Pride flag outside. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome.

**SPRING INTO ADVENTURE:** A family travel fair by the non-profit organization Travelnitch to help families discover the wonder and value of backyard travel 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, June 10, at Silver Bell Farm, 305 Silver Street in Monson. Free. For more information, visit [spring.travelnitch.org](http://spring.travelnitch.org). To browse the Travelnitch virtual raffle table, go to [virtual-affle.travelnitch.org](http://virtual-affle.travelnitch.org).

## NEXT WEEK:

**CELEBRATE RIVERS MONTH:** Join the Chicopee Rivers Watershed Council for a paddle from the upper Chicopee at 9 a.m. on June 17. Watch for eagles and explore islands and scenery along the river for the 7-miles, two-and-a-half hour outing. RSVP at [chicopeewatershed@gmail.com](mailto:chicopeewatershed@gmail.com). Interested in the haiku and picture contest? Find details at [tinyurl.com/ujwh6fb9](http://tinyurl.com/ujwh6fb9).

## UPCOMING

**SUMMER DANCE PROGRAM:** Kids and teens age 7 to 17 are invited to a Summer Drama and Dance Program Tuesdays and Thursdays June 20-Aug. 27 at the Palmer Historical and Cultural Center, 2072 Main Street in Three Rivers. Sign up for either drama or dance or both. All students will take part in an end-of-season performance. For more information, go to [palmerhcc.org](http://palmerhcc.org).

**GOLF TOURNEY FOR PETS:** Second Chance Animal Services' 11th annual Charity Golf Tournament will be held at Cold Spring Country Club on Monday, July 24. The event offers golfers a great golf outing on a world-class course and will benefit programs assisting the underserved at Second Chance Community Veterinary Hospitals in the region. Individuals and foursomes are welcome. Second Chance encourages golfers to purchase tickets early. Check in will be 9 a.m. and the tournament will commence with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Registration and information on sponsorships and item donations can be found at [secondchanceanimals.org/events/golf/](http://secondchanceanimals.org/events/golf/).

## INTERESTS

**CRAFTERNOONS:** Drop in 2-4 p.m. daily at the Holland Public Library, 23 Sturbridge Rd. to learn or practice different crafts.

New crafts every Wednesday. For more information, call 413-245-3607.

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

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

## ONGOING

**LINE DANCING CLASS:** 3-5 p.m. and/or 6:30-8:30 p.m., every Thursday at the Monson Polish Club, 7 Bliss St, Monson. Rose's line dancing classes include absolute beginners and beginners, and participants get

to dance to all types of music. \$10 per class. Please wear comfortable footwear, no sandals.

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

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

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

## Public Notices

### Town of Monson Zoning Board of Appeals LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40A § 11 the Monson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing **Thursday, June 22, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.**, at the Monson Town Hall 110 Main St. Monson, Ma 01057, on the application of Ronald Griswold Jr. for a variance from the requirements of §3.2, Table 2, Dimensional & Density Regulations, of the Monson Zoning Bylaws. The applicant seeks to install a 24ft. x 25ft. garage style metal building for storage that will violate the required setbacks. The property is located at 106 Fenton Road, Map 146 and Parcel 007, zoned Rural Residential. A copy of the application is available for review with the Monson Zoning Board of Appeals.

David Beaudoin, Chairman  
06/08, 06/15/2023

### LEGAL NOTICE MONSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Under the requirements of M.G.L. Chapter 131, §.40, the Monson Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 7:30 PM** in the Public Meeting Room, Town Office Building, 110 Main Street Monson, MA. Under consideration is a **Request for Determination of Applicability** to determine if the work associated with the repair of stone pillars within the existing Right of Way for the property identified as Assessors Map 113 Parcel 029 Bethany Rd Monson, MA, is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act. The applicant is the Monson Highway Department.

Submitted by:  
Monson Conservation Commission  
Glenn Colburn, Chairman  
06/08/2023

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Ann Blackburn to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Accredited Home Lenders, Inc., dated July 10, 2006 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 16040, Page 201, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated November 13, 2017, and recorded with said Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 21993, Page 19, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems,

Inc. to US Bank National Association, as Trustee for CSFB Heat 2006-7, recorded on March 12, 2010, in Book No. 18214, at Page 540 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Accredited Home Lenders, Incorporated to US Bank National Association, as Trustee for Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage Securities Corp., Home Equity Asset Trust 2006-7, Home Equity Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-7, recorded on March 20, 2012, in Book No. 19170, at Page 405 US Bank National Association, as Trustee for Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage Securities Corp., Home Equity Asset Trust 2006-7, recorded on August 24, 2016, in Book No. 21325, at Page 244 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosure, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **11:00 AM on July 5, 2023**, on the mortgaged premises located at 218 Cedar Swamp Road, Monson, Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

**TO WIT:** All that certain piece or parcel of land, located in the Town of Monson, Hampden County, Massachusetts, situated on the easterly side of Cedar Swamp Road shown as Lot 2 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Monson, MA surveyed for Donald J. Cirroir and Daniel E. Hunt, Scale 1" = 100", June 8, 1994, Sherman and Woods Land Surveying & Engineering, 118 Park Street, Palmer, Mass." said plan recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 290 Page 18, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Northwesterly: by the easterly side of Cedar Swamp Road, a total distance of Two Hundred and 50/100 (200.50) feet as shown on said plan;

Northeasterly: by Lot 1, a distance of Eight Hundred Six and 90/100 (806.90) feet as shown on said plan;

Southeasterly: by land now or formerly of Phoebe E. Dugay, a distance of Two Hundred Fifty-Two and no /100 (252.00) feet;

and Southwesterly: by other land now or formerly of Donald J. Cirroir and Daniel E. Hunt, a distance of Seven Hundred Fifty-Seven and 11/100 (757.11) feet.

This lot contains 175,742 square feet or 4.034 acres. For mortgagor's(s)' title see deed recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 16040, Page 199.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all

rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

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

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CREDIT SUISSE FIRST BOSTON MORTGAGE SECURITIES CORP., HOME EQUITY ASSET TRUST 2006-7, HOME EQUITY PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-7 Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,  
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.  
150 California St.  
Newton, MA 02458  
(617)558-0500  
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06/01, 06/08, 06/15/2023

### Town of Monson Planning Board LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 40A, M.G.L. s11, the Monson Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing **Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.** in the Public Meeting room, Town Office Building, 110 Main Street, on the application of Give the Site Plan Approval as provided by §7.4 of the Monson Zoning Bylaws. The Applicant is seeking modification of a previously approved plan. The proposed modification is to eliminate the entire 2nd floor residential area said property is zoned General Commercial District and is located on Boston Road West, identified on Assessors Map 1, Parcels

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on 5/24/2023

Attest:  
Deborah J. Patterson  
Recorder  
06/08/2023

1 & 2B. A copy of the application is on file with the Planning Board and available for viewing during regular office hours.

Craig Sweitzer, Chairman  
06/01, 06/08/2023

### (SEAL) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket Number: 23 SM 002176 ORDER OF NOTICE TO:

**Heirs, Devisees or Legal Representative of the Estate of James W. Brandt, James A. Brandt, Jon Brandt, Jr., Jennifer Lopez, Julie A. Serrano, Joanna L. Whittingham,**

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

**Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust** claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Monson, numbered **90 Wales Road**, given by James W Brandt to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a subsidiary of Indymac Bank, F.S.B., dated July 25, 2007, and recorded or filed in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 16841, Page 279, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has/ have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **07/10/23** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on 5/24/2023

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### SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION CARE AND PROTECTION TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS' DOCKET NUMBER 22CP01475P Trial Court of Massachusetts Juvenile Court Department

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS Hampden County Juvenile Court 80 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 413-748-7714**

**TO: Ryan Fortier or the father of Riley Mae Demetrius born on July 8, 2022 in Springfield, MA to Samantha Joan Demetrius:**

A petition has been presented to this court by DCF South Central, seeking as to the following child:

**Riley Mae Demetrius** that said child be found in need of care and protection and committed to the Department of Children and Families. The court may dispense the rights of the person(s) named herein to receive notice of or to consent to any legal proceeding affecting the adoption, custody, or guardianship or any other disposition of the child named herein, if it finds that the child is in need of care and protection and that the best interests of the child would be served by said disposition.

You are hereby ORDERED to appear in this court, at the court address set forth above, on the following date and time: **07/31/2023 at 9:00 AM Other Hearing**

You may bring an attorney with you. If you have a right to an attorney and if the court determines that you are indigent, the court will appoint an attorney to represent you.

**If you fail to appear, the court may proceed on that date and any date thereafter to a trial on the merits and adjudication of this matter.**

For further information call the Office of the Clerk-Magistrate at (413) 748-7714.

WITNESS: Hon. David B. Paradis, FIRST JUSTICE,

DATE ISSUED: 06/01/2023

Paul R Viets, Clerk-Magistrate  
06/08, 06/15, 06/22/2023

### Town of Monson Planning Board PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 5, the Monson Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 7:20 P.M.** in the Select Board Meeting Room, Town Administration Building 110 Main Street. It is proposed to Amend the Monson Zoning Bylaws by re-codifying § 1.7 Definitions – Cannabis to §1.8 Definitions – Cannabis and to add a new section, § 1.9 Definitions – Flood Plain. A copy of the complete text of the proposed bylaw is on file with the Monson Town Clerk, the Planning Board Office and is available on the

Town website.  
Craig Sweitzer, Chairman  
06/01, 06/08/2023

### Wales Conservation Commission Public Hearing

In accordance with the Wetland Protection Act, Chapter 131, Section 40, a Public Hearing will be held by the Wales Conservation Commission on **June 15, 2023**, at the Wales Senior Center (Old Stafford Rd. Wales, MA) at **6:00 PM**, for a Request for Determination of filed by Derrick Talbot – Norcross Wildlife Foundation, with a project location of 30 Peck Rd. Wales, MA 01081. Please go to [www.townofwales.net](http://www.townofwales.net), under Conservation Commission for all information regarding this hearing or email [conservation@townofwales.net](mailto:conservation@townofwales.net)  
06/08/2023

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division

Docket No. HD03P184506CV1 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S ACCOUNT To all persons interested in the estate of JOYCE PAULUS of Palmer, Hampden County, MA, a protected person.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the Thirty-Fifth to Thirty-Ninth and Final Account(s) inclusive of Bank of America, N.A. and Ronald R. Paulus, Trustees under a written instrument for the benefit of said JOYCE PAULUS have been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s) you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court in Springfield on or before the **16th day of June, 2023**, the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without a cost a copy of said accounts. If you desire to object to any item of said accounts, you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

Witness, Hon. Barbara M. Hyland, First Justice of said Court at Springfield this 19th day of May, 2023.

Rosemary A. Saccomani Register of Probate  
06/08/2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758**

Docket No. HD15P1086EA Estate of: Jacqueline B Pyzik Date of Death: 03/22/2015 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for S/A - Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Rebecca Gibbons of West Springfield, 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: **Rebecca Gibbons of West Springfield, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve 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 06/29/2023.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M. Hyland, First Justice of this Court. Date: June 01, 2023 Rosemary A. Saccomani Register of Probate 06/08/2023

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758

Docket No. HD23P1082EA Estate of: Gail Frances Vigna Also known as: Gail Vigna, Gail B Vigna, Gail F Vigna, Gail Bergenback Vigna Date of Death: 01/03/2023 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Michele C Urban of Edgefield SC requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Michele C Urban of Edgefield SC** 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 06/26/2023.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M. Hyland, First Justice of this Court. Date: May 26, 2023 Rosemary A. Saccomani Register of Probate 06/08/2023

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# Police/Fire

## Police Logs

### Palmer Police Dept.

The Palmer Police Department reported 1,109 incidents on its logs for May 23-June 6 including:

#### May 23

Benjamin Moran, 36, of 279 Granby Rd. in Belchertown, was arrested on a warrant at Baystate Wing Hospital. Also that day, Keshawn L. Moss, 27, of 1417 Park Street, apt. 1 in Palmer, was arrested following a disturbance complaint. No other details were provided.

#### May 24

Vincio Sales-Mendez, 32, of 2 Iris Court apt. 4E in Acton, was arrested following a traffic stop in the vicinity of Oak Knoll on Thorndike Street and charged with operating an uninsured motor vehicle without a license and a suspended or revoked registration and failing to provide police with a name and address.

#### May 26

Police investigated a motor vehicle theft complaint on Wilbraham Street.

#### May 27

Alesando Santiago, 48, of 1030 Park Street in Palmer, was arrested in the vicinity of Luke's Beer and Wine on North Main Street and charged with leaving the scene of an accident with property damage, negligent operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, possession of cocaine and failure to yield at an intersection.

#### May 28

Police responded to a complaint of an intoxicated/incapacitated person at Brusco's Discount Liquor on Park Street. Michael Curtis Champagne, 30, of 39 Converse Street in Palmer, was arrested on a probation warrant.

#### May 31

Rachel C. Worth, 47, of 1021 Church Street in Palmer, received a summons for malicious destruction of a motor vehicle after police responded to a vandalism complaint on Walnut Street.

#### June 4

Arielle Lynn Morton, 23, of 241 Alden Street in Ludlow, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor and negligent operation of a motor vehicle near the intersection of Sykes and Bourne streets.

#### June 5

Police arrested a person on charges of assault and battery at Burleigh Park. No other details were provided.

### Monson Police Dept.

The Monson Police Department's log for May 28-June 6 included the following incidents:

#### June 3

Officers responded to an abduction complaint. No other details were provided.

Also that day, officers responded to four domestic disturbance complaints and a call about a breaking and entering with burglary in progress.

## Fire Logs

### BONDSDVILLE

The Bondsville Fire Department responded to two calls from May 30-June 5.

May 31 at 3:41 p.m. Responded with mutual aid to Overlook Drive in Three Rivers for a camper on fire. Returned to service at 4:14 p.m.

June 1 at 11:57 a.m. Responded with mutual aid to Palmer High School on Main Street in Thorndike for an alarm activation. Returned to service at 12:37 p.m.

### MONSON

The Monson Fire Department responded to six fire calls and 19 emergency medical service calls from May 29-June 4.

May 30 at 4:30 p.m. Responded to Washington Street for a fire alarm sounding. Returned to service at 4:47 p.m.

May 31 at 4:01 p.m. Responded with mutual aid to Walnut Street in Palmer for station coverage. Returned to service at 5:11 p.m.

June 2 at 5:12 p.m. Responded to Main Street for the fire alarm sounding. Returned to service at 5:36 p.m.

June 2 at 7:51 p.m. Responded to Wilbraham Road and Cote Road for a motor vehicle accident. Returned to service at 9:35 p.m.

June 3 at 10:09 a.m. Responded to Betty Jean Drive for a fire alarm sounding. Returned to service at 10:28 a.m.

June 3 at 2:09 p.m. Responded to Stafford Road for a public assist. Returned to service at 2:29 p.m.

### PALMER

The Palmer Fire Department responded to five fire calls and eight medical assist calls from May 31-June 6:

May 31 at 12:35 p.m. Responded to Breckenridge Street for a motor vehicle accident with no injury. Returned to service at 12:55 p.m.

May 31 at 2:06 p.m. Responded to Mount Dumplin Street for a brush fire. Returned to service at 2:18 p.m.

May 31 at 3:40 p.m. Responded with mutual aid to Overlook Drive in Three Rivers for a camper on fire. Returned to service at 6:00 p.m.

June 1 at 11:56 a.m. Responded to Main Street in Thorndike for a detector activation. Returned to service at 12:40 p.m.

June 3 at 12:08 p.m. Responded to Mass Pike for a motor vehicle accident with no injury. Returned to service at 12:40 p.m.

### THREE RIVERS

The Three Rivers Fire Department responded to six calls from May 30-June 5.

May 31 at 6:56 a.m. Responded to Main Street for a fluid spill. Returned to service at 7:20 a.m.

May 31 at 3:40 p.m. Responded to Overlook Drive for a camper on fire. Returned to service at 4:10 p.m.

June 1 at 9:48 a.m. Responded to Sibley Street for an EMS incident. Returned to service at 9:56 a.m.

June 1 at 11:07 a.m. Responded to Palmer Road for a smoke investigation. Returned to service at 11:25 a.m.

June 1 at 11:56 a.m. Responded to Main Street for an alarm activation. Returned to service at 12:30 p.m.

June 1 at 1:30 a.m. Responded to Springfield Street for an EMS incident. Returned to service at 2:16 p.m.

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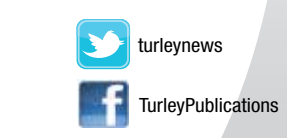
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Dan Belanger of Palmer entered his 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle in Palmer Motorsports Park's All Wheels Show last Wednesday.



A young car enthusiast takes a turn behind the wheel of a car entered by Two Flakes Racing.



Glenn Putek of Monson stands with his 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air.



A feathered fedora sits in the back of Cynthia Reynold's car.



Gene and Jill Sorel of Ware represented the "longroofs" with their 1979 Chevrolet Suburban C10.



A modified throttle comes with instructions to "hold on tight" in Joe and Devon Barrows' truck.



Hoods were up to display engines.

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Joe Barrows of the Barrows Family Pulling Team - Pulling for a Cause, stands with a 2000 Chevrolet S10 his son Devon drives in two-wheel drive truck pulling competitions.

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"We've had this style of vehicle since we met in the 90s," Jill said.

"I've been fixing them since before it was cool," Gene said with a laugh.

Gene has been restoring vehicles professionally, but admits he'd rather be driving them than fixing them.

Also from Ware was Joe Barrows of the Barrows Family Pulling Team - Pulling for a Cause, who was there with his 2000 Chevrolet S10, which competes in the minitruck pulling class.

Barrows said his 18-year-old son Devon usually drives the truck, but he was attending his prom the night of the Show. Devon has modified the truck, including changing the throttle to a hand lever in the center of the truck.

Marked with "slow," "fast" and "faster," the hand throttle cautions passengers to "hold on tight" as it nears "faster."

Barrows and his family do eight pulls a year, and about 25 shows; all to bring awareness to depression and suicide.

"Our biggest purpose is to make people aware," Barrows said, who has struggled with depression himself.

Photos of two young women sat on the hood of the truck, both who lost their lives to suicide. Barrows has been working with the families of these women to advocate for awareness and offer support.

Evie Douglas was 21 years old when she died by suicide. She excelled at sports and had a passions for dance and helping others, creating the Facebook page, "Depression Doesn't Define Me."

Evie's mother had reached out to Barrows to help continue her message following her death.

The other was his friend's stepdaughter, 19-year-old Kristen Crowell of Springfield.

"You don't know what they're going through," Barrows said.

Barrows said he's hoping to bring his truck and join suicide survivors at school assemblies, to let students know they're not alone in facing mental illness.

Barrows credited James Guzman of Garage Mayhem in Granby for putting the truck's chassis together.

Two Flakes Racing, based in West Warren, brought a pink and silver vintage modified 1936 Chevy Coupe racecar, The Outlaw, giving spectators a chance to sit behind the steering wheel.

Members of the F-Troop parked next to each other, displaying their various Chevy vehicles.

Focused on friends, fun and food, the F-Troop celebrated Memorial Day with a 12-car meet.

Glenn Putek of Monson, one of the

F-Troop members, brought his 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air to the All Wheels Show, which he bought in 1994 in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

The body of the car is a raspberry mother of pearl, and the top is painted Cadillac lilac pearl.

Putek said his brother built the engine, while he did the rest of the restoration.

"It was a labor of love, for sure," Putek said.

Putek said he's the 11th owner of the car, which was born in and stayed in North Carolina up until he bought it.

Joining Putek was Dan Belanger of Palmer and his 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle.

Belanger said that his sister's name is Chevelle, and he bought the car about six years ago so she could drive it.

"Her kids love it," he said.

Belanger said the car's been restored back to its former glory with the help of Putek.

Collecting cars is a passion of Belanger's, and he also owns a 1967 Ford Fairlane, a 1967 Plymouth Barracuda and a 1984 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, to name a few.

The Barracuda is his favorite, he said, because he did the most work on it with the help of his friends.

"It was a bonding experience with buddies," Belanger said.

Rounding out the F-Troop's All Wheels Show entries was Cynthia Reynolds' 1949 Chevrolet Fleetline Deluxe.

Purchased from an 80-year-old man in Connecticut, Reynolds has had the car for over a year.

Detailed with intricate pinstriping and sporting the front grill of a 1956 Chevrolet Corvette, the Fleetline also has Cadillac taillights.

"It's something different...out of the ordinary," she said.



Even tractors were featured at the All Wheels Show.

Sitting in the rear windshield of the car is a feathered fedora that Reynolds found at the Brimfield Flea Market; just like the one her grandfather used to wear.

Supporters of the All Wheels Show include Classic Hits 97.7, Dunkin' of Western MA, Sarat Ford and Lizak Bus Service.

The next public event at Palmer Motorsports Park, 58 West Ware Road, will be Military Appreciation Day with Race Cars for a Cause on Saturday, June 17 starting at 8 a.m.



Palmer Motorsports Park member Pablo Sanchez entered his 2018 AMG GT Anniversary Edition. Only 250 of these cars were made in the world.



Roger Rodriguez returned for his second year at the All Wheels Show, with his 1985 Chevrolet Citation.

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# PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL



Pathfinder seniors march to the stage set up in front of the school.



The graduates proceed to their seats for the graduation ceremony.



Morgan Austin, who majored in Health Assisting, graduated last Saturday.



Samuel Endeles, pictured between Duda and Quink, after receiving his diploma.



Class President Stephanie Kozlik talks about the treasured memories she and her classmates made at Pathfinder.



Salutatorian Emily Gosselin talked about the class's future, and the decisions ahead of them.



Salutatorian Emily Gosselin receives her diploma.



Taryn DeJoinville (center) was among the seniors graduating from Pathfinder this weekend.



Amelia Brodeur (center) stands proudly with Eric Duda and Julia Quink.



Graduating senior Brandon Raiche stands tall between Duda and Quink.



Roman Barrace flashes a smile for the camera while receiving his diploma.



Daniel Fennyery graduated from the Plumbing department.



Jacquelyn Aldrich (center) receives a diploma recognizing her work in HVAC.

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an speech, "Especially these last few years, with almost every other moment in some way shaking our society."

Hastings pointed out that this is the last class to have attended Pathfinder prior to the pandemic, "But we the Class of 2023 made it here, standing before you all, stronger and wiser, some wounded, but not broken," Hastings said.

Salutatorian Emily Gosselin talked about the anxieties surrounding choosing a path after high school in her speech. "I find one fact very important; you don't have to commit to your choice. You may pick a path to pursue, and realize years down the line that you don't enjoy it, or prefer another path."

Class President Stephanie Kozlik asked her classmates for their favorite memories from their time at Pathfinder.

"The most popular one was 'meeting my second family in my shop,'" said Kozlik, "and with that I hope all of you continue to keep these memories and friendships for life no matter where it takes you."

Julie Quink, the Committee Chairperson, representing the town of Hardwick, opened her speech by saying, "I think the weather challenges that we have all likely been following closely in anticipation of today's ceremony has perhaps been the cap on a very challenging four years in your academic and personal lives."

"No meaningful journey is easy," Quink continued, "You've existed in a world of uncertainty over the last few years, and an uneasy world filled with happiness and sadness, great triumphs, and successes, and heartbreaks - and here you all are, stronger, more resilient, and prepared to continue your journey onto the next step."

"The past four years have been quite the ride, to say the least, from a seemingly normal freshman year to the COVID disruption in the middle," said Duda. "It has been quite the adventure for each of you."

"Over the past four years, you have each decided, when faced with challenges and unknowns, to persevere, rise above, and to do what was needed to adapt," Duda said.

As the students received their diplomas, academic director Daniel Whalley announced scholarships and the opportunities, ranging from college, to careers in trade to military enlistment, that had been awarded to the students.

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Tyshawn Aponte (center) majored in horticulture at Pathfinder Tech.