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**PALMER**

## Card show brings collectors, families, to community

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PALMER – From rare trading cards to crocheted plushies and custom 3D-printed accessories, the inaugural Western MA Card Show transformed AM-VETS Post 74 into a haven

for collectors and fans this past weekend. Behind the event was Ludlow resident Kody Cairns, the organizer and driving force behind the show, who brought together more than 25 vendors to create a vibrant marketplace celebrating everything from

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Rachel and Kody Cairns and their daughter Kaileena.

**SCHOOLS**

## Pathfinder celebrates the Class of 2025

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PALMER – On a warm Sunday afternoon, June 8, Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School hosted its 50th graduation ceremony under sunny skies on the front lawn of the school. Friends, family members, staff, and other members of the community gathered to honor the 138 graduating seniors of the Class of 2025; each of whom leaves with not just a diploma, but a highly specialized skill set, powerful memories, and deep ties to a community that shaped their formative years.

Principal Ryan Rege, completing his first year in the role, opened his address by celebrating the blend of technical mastery and academic accomplishment the students have achieved.

“Graduates, today we celebrate more than your academic achievements,” Rege said. “We celebrate your hands-on skills, your perseverance, and your readiness to contribute to a world that needs your talents more than ever.”

Superintendent Eric Duda echoed that pride, highlighting the real-world success of the graduates. Nearly 40 percent of students are heading directly into the workforce, filling



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Graduate and Class Treasurer Jacob Stehlin giving academic director Mr. Whalley a fist bump.

vital roles in trades and technical fields. Another 35 percent are pursuing higher education, while 13 students, close to 10 percent of the class, have chosen to serve their country by enlisting in the military.

“This senior class is truly

special,” Duda said. “By blending academics with technical training, you’ve gained a true competitive advantage that sets you apart.”

The superintendent also noted that the Class of 2025 earned over \$5.7 million in scholarships and awards,

a record-breaking sum reflecting the community’s and higher education institutions’ belief in Pathfinder Tech’s graduates. Local businesses and organizations contributed more than

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**HOLLAND**

## Hamilton Friends host pancake fundraiser

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HOLLAND – From pancakes and parades to floating Halloween haunts and foam-filled festivals, the summer months are bustling with events around Hamilton Reservoir and the Holland Community Center; all made possible by passionate volunteers and local organizations working to bring the town together.

At the heart of it all is

the Friends of Hamilton Reservoir, a volunteer-run group committed to both preserving the lake and fostering community through seasonal events. Maryanne Schwartz, who heads up the group’s events committee, said their most important annual fundraiser, the annual pancake breakfast, was held on Saturday, June 8 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the Holland Community Center. The breakfast was a true community effort. Traveler’s Restaurant provided the pancakes and sausage,

Maple Lodge Farms donated the syrup, and Maine Attractions supplied the butter. Local residents and businesses contributed items for raffle baskets, which proved to be one of the morning’s main attractions.

“This is our biggest fundraiser of the year,” Schwartz said. “We have a whole team that helps organize it, and we’re always grateful for the support from residents and businesses.” Proceeds from the breakfast go toward projects that sup-

port the health and accessibility of Hamilton Reservoir. Among the priorities are ongoing invasive weed treatments and a potential initiative to improve boat launch access on the south side of the lake. While the north side features a public boat launch operated by an outside agency, the south side remains privately managed, and lake residents are exploring options for more equitable access.

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**MONSON**

## Local artisans shine at annual craft fair

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MONSON – A festive buzz filled the air on Sunday, June 8, as the Monson Senior Center hosted its annual Craft Fair, drawing crowds from across the region to explore handmade treasures, enjoy local music, and sample savory fare from Sassy’s Catering of Thorndike. Running from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the event showcased the creative talents of local artisans, many of whom are seniors themselves, turning hobbies into sources of joy and supplementary income. Now in its fifth year, the fair has become a beloved community tradition, thanks in large part to the organizing efforts of activity coordinator Kelly Bergeron and longtime volunteer Rose Murphy.

Bergeron, now in her third year helping with the event, credited Murphy as one of the original driving forces behind the fair. It began when Murphy noticed how many seniors at the center were skilled in various crafts and pitched the idea to Senior Center Director Lori Stacey. The center opened its doors for the first fair, and the concept quickly gained momentum. Each year since, the fair has grown in size and scope, attracting both returning favorites and new artisans excited to share their work



Turley Photos by Abigail McCoy  
Donna Prouty and her Jugheads. “Jugheads: give them a name and tell them your problems.”

with the community.

Rose Murphy, who has helped organize the fair since its beginning, is also one of its featured crafters. She’s known for her seasonal crochet work: hats, scarves, mini blankets; this year she also helped sell items made by her daughter, Michelle Phipps, who couldn’t attend. Elizabeth Peck, another vendor, handcrafts seasonal wreaths that she often makes while watching TV, a hobby that’s become a peaceful part of her retirement. She keeps a

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**MONSON**

## Pair of ministers launch weekly gathering

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MONSON – In a spirit of unity, openness, and community connection, two local ministers have launched a new weekly event called Coffee with the Clergy, held Thursdays from 12 to 1 p.m. at the Monson Town Gazebo, directly across from the Better Bean coffee shop. The event debuted Thursday, June 5, and will continue every week through Aug. 28.

Spearheaded by Reverend Dr. Holly Norwick of the First Church of Monson and Reverend Kristin White of the Monson-Glendale United Methodist Church, the series offers a relaxed setting where residents can engage in infor-

mal conversations with clergy from a variety of local Christian denominations. Amanda Roy, owner of Better Bean, is also a partner in the initiative.

“It’s really about building bridges,” said Rev. Norwick. “Our churches may wear different jerseys, but we’re all on the same team.”

Each week will feature a different guest clergy member from Monson and surrounding towns. Attendees can expect a diverse lineup of speakers and faith leaders, each offering a unique perspective on faith, community involvement, and local initiatives. Norwick and White will act as consistent hosts throughout the summer.

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Reverend Kristin White of the Monson-Glendale United Methodist Church and Reverend Dr. Holly Norwick of the First Church of Monson.



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# Underwater archaeology discussed at library

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MONSON – The past isn't just beneath our feet, it's beneath our waters. On Saturday, June 7, visitors packed into the DeSantis Community Room of the Monson Free Library for a program held in honor of World Ocean Day. But the focus wasn't oceans in the abstract; it was on the remarkable, hidden world resting just beneath the rivers, lakes, and coastlines of Massachusetts.

Titled "An Uncommon Wealth: Underwater Archaeology in Massachusetts", the event featured David Robinson, Director and Chief Archaeologist of the Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources (BUAR). With more than three decades of experience in the field and a deep passion for maritime history, Robinson guided attendees through the fascinating and often overlooked world of submerged cultural resources.

"Every day we walk past reminders of Massachusetts' maritime past," he said. "But so much of our heritage is hidden underwater: shipwrecks, Indigenous artifacts, ancient landscapes; things most people will never see unless they know where, and how, to look."

Massachusetts' underwater history is as rich and layered as the state itself. While iconic landmarks like lighthouses and harbor fronts remind us of the maritime economy that built the region, they represent only a fraction of the story.

According to Robinson, over 3,500 shipwrecks have been documented in Massachusetts waters, though the true number may be closer to 7,000. "Those are just the ones we've recorded," he explained. "Many more were lost without fanfare, without paperwork, especially smaller vessels or Indigenous watercraft."

The variety of underwater sites stretches far beyond shipwrecks. Preserved in rivers, lakes, and coastal shallows are Indigenous mishoons (dugout

canoes), submerged forests, centuries-old fish traps, and even World War II-era aircraft used in military training. Each find adds another dimension to our understanding of the past.

One of the most powerful discoveries in recent years was the series of ancient dugout canoes, known in the Nipmuc language as mishoonash or mishoon, found in Lake Wickaboag and Lake Chaubunagungamaug in Central Massachusetts.

The canoes, some dating back 400 years, were discovered in remarkably good condition thanks to the lack of oxygen and the lightless conditions at the lakebed. Collaborative efforts between BUAR, tribal councils, and local divers led to full documentation and preservation of these rare cultural artifacts.

What began as an archaeological project soon transformed into a cultural revival.

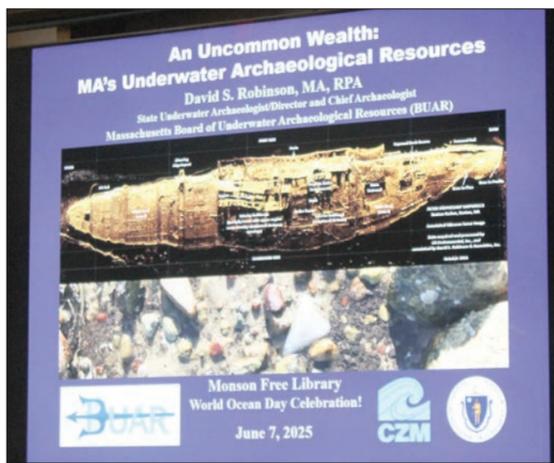
"The tribe built a new mishoon," Robinson said, showing a photograph of the long wooden craft gliding across the lake. "It was the first time in hundreds of years that this had been done on these waters. That's the kind of impact these discoveries can have."

As Cheryl Stedtler, the Project Director of Project Mashoon, put it in her later remarks, "This project and the building of a new mishoon became a powerful cultural outreach event...uniting tribal members and communities across generations and geography."

While many discoveries bring cause for celebration, they are often driven by environmental loss. Erosion, storm surges, and sea level rise are revealing, (and in some cases rapidly destroying), archaeological resources across the state.

One high-profile example is the wreck of the *Ada K. Damon*, a schooner that ran aground on Crane Beach in Ipswich. For decades, the ship's remains lay quietly beneath the sand. But in the fall of 2020, a hurricane and a series of powerful "king tides" ripped the wreck apart in a matter of hours.

"What had been a well-preserved wreck became



Opening slide of Robinson's presentation on what an Underwater Archaeologist does.

splinters scattered across the beach," Robinson recalled. "It was heartbreaking. But it also gave us access to parts of the ship that had never been seen before...carved construction marks, hand-hewn beams, technological details that were undocumented until that moment."

This incident, and others like it, have prompted BUAR to act. In 2023, the board launched the first-ever statewide vulnerability assessment of Massachusetts' submerged cultural resources. The effort, funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), combines coastal erosion data with archaeological site records to identify at-risk areas.

The results are sobering: 23 coastal communities have sites categorized as "high vulnerability," with six marked as priority zones for immediate monitoring and potential intervention.

One of the most striking types of site Robinson discussed isn't a shipwreck or a canoe, it's a submerged forest. "During the last Ice Age, sea levels were nearly 400 feet lower," he explained. "What's now ocean floor was once dry land, and people lived there."

In areas like Martha Vineyard's Sound and off the coast of Black Island, researchers have found stumps, roots, and even intact tree trunks embedded in marine sediment. Some are 12,000 years old. In one particularly vivid photo, a

diver hovers above an ancient tree still in its original growth position.

"It's like time travel," Robinson said. "You're looking at a landscape your ancestors might have walked on."

In other areas, ancient wooden fish traps, some of which dating back 500 years, have been found eroding out of marshes and riverbanks. One trap, discovered on Castle Neck, was preserved in wet sand until a recent storm destroyed the landform that had protected it for centuries.

Despite BUAR's wide mandate, the overseeing all submerged archaeological resources across the entire state, the agency has no operating budget and only one full-time staff member: Robinson himself.

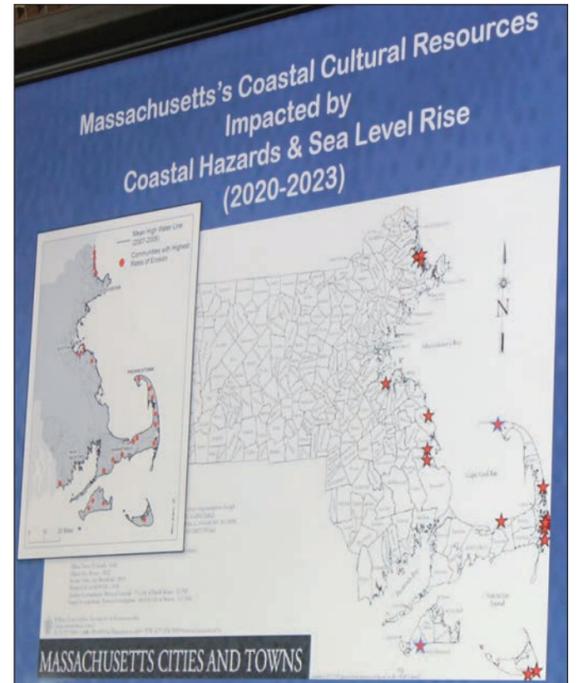
"I work for you," he told the audience. "This is your heritage, and I take that role seriously. But I can't do it alone."

BUAR has developed tools to engage the public in stewardship efforts. A simple one-page site report form is available on their website. Additionally, the agency is launching a Shipwreck Tagging and Monitoring Program (STAMP), an initiative first thought up in Florida, that will allow beachgoers to use QR codes to help monitor and document the movement of wrecks and debris.

In one documented case, a piece of shipwreck wood moved over a quarter mile in



David Robinson proclaims it is the best job in the world because he gets to do what he loves and share it with everyone.



A slide in Robinson's presentation showing the towns along the Massachusetts coast that are at the most risk of erosion and coastal damage.

a single season.

"Underwater cultural resources are dynamic," Robinson emphasized. "They're not frozen in time. They move, shift, and decay. The only way we can understand and protect them is by getting more eyes on the water."

The presentation closed with a message of hope and responsibility.

From stone age tools to wooden schooners, Massachusetts' submerged heritage is a living record of human resilience and adaptation. But

like all records, it's fragile.

"These aren't just artifacts. They're connections to real people, real stories," Robinson said. "And every year, we're at risk of losing more of them...not because we don't care, but because we don't know they're there. Yet."

For those interested in learning more, reporting a find, or getting involved in underwater archaeology, visit the Massachusetts BUAR website at [mass.gov/orgs/board-of-underwater-archaeological-resources](http://mass.gov/orgs/board-of-underwater-archaeological-resources).

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# Wine Festival features vendors, lots of spirits

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BRIMFIELD – The 6th Annual Pioneer Valley Wine Festival took place last weekend at Brimfield Auction Acres, featuring more than 60 vendors specializing in wine, beer, cider, spirits, mead, local food, art, and cannabis products. Despite cool temperatures and steady rain, the event drew a consistent turnout over the weekend.

The festival, held at 35 Main Street in Brimfield, included beverage samples from more than a dozen Massachusetts-based wineries, breweries, and distilleries, along with representatives from the cannabis and alternative wellness industries. A variety of food trucks, artisan vendors, and live art and music rounded out the offerings.

Vendors from across Massachusetts and neighboring states offered tastings and retail products. Hardwick Winery was among the featured wineries, with owner and winemaker John Samek attending alongside staff member Tina Young. Other wine producers included Brimfield Winery, Whippletree Winery, Mineral Hills Winery, and Home Fruit Wine. Lori Perkins of Home Fruit Wine presented several fruit-based wines, including her personal favorite, Sonny's Blueberry Sunrise.

Baystate Brewing Co. participated with a selection of beers, while Stafford Cidery, which produces under the name Crazy Cock Cider, offered a range of craft ciders. Owners Dan Tomlin and Jodi Harmon, based in Stafford, Connecticut, have operated the cidery for over eight years.

Deep Roots Distillery of Sturbridge, Massachusetts, also participated, with two of its three co-owners, Tom Cane and Errica DeVarenne, present. Their distillery has been operating for approximately two and a half years. Spicy Water Distillery and Blisspoint Meadery were also among the regional spirit and mead vendors.

Crème de Liqueur, a dessert brand co-founded by Nisreen Galloway, presented liquor-infused frozen custards. The custards contain approximately 2% ABV and are manufactured in both Wisconsin and Massachusetts. The company focuses on combining regional liquors with traditional custard recipes.

1634 Meadery, based in Ipswich, Massachusetts, participated with a selection of honey wines. Co-owner Deb Clapp and her brother, Dave Pulikowski, were present to provide samples and answer questions. The meadery emphasizes small-batch, gluten-free offerings that incorporate fruits and spices.

Several cannabis and



Katelyn Nulph, owner of Hillside Laser, showing off her favorite cutting board they offer.



Andrea Bradshaw and Bree Pomeranz of Apple Guy Flowers and the Faire Family Farm.



Ava and Leah of Monson's Westview Creamery.

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Dan Tomlin and Jodi Harmon, co-owners of the Stafford Cidery.



Farmer Jonathan from Wild Calluna Homestead showing off the variety of microgreens he sells.



Co-Owner Nisreen Galloway of Creme De Liqueur, ice cream custard infused with alcohol based out of Rockland, MA.



Emmy Love from Luna Soul Sound Healing performing a Sound Bath Healing session.



Co-Owner Lori Perkins of Home Fruit Wine holding up her favorite wine they offer, "Sonny's Blueberry Sunrise."



Co-Owner Deb Clapp and her brother, Dave Pulikowski, of 1634 Meadery.

hemp vendors were present, including 617 THC, Apple Guy Flowers, and Krystal Garden. Krystal Garden, established in 2014 as a grower and creative event collective, focuses on curating immersive experiences that include infused dinners, paint nights, and resin art workshops. Co-founder James Macglashling represented the company.

MassCann, the Massachusetts Cannabis Reform Coalition, staffed a booth to educate the public about cannabis legalization, usage, and policy reform. The organization, founded in 1989, is known for hosting the annual Boston Freedom Rally.

Apple Guy Flowers is affiliated with Faire Family Farms, which also had a presence at the event with a produce stand. The business offers farm-fresh cannabis products alongside traditional fruits and vegetables.

Local farms and food delivery services were also represented. Petrie Family Farm and Farmer at the Door,

both based in Brimfield, operated a shared booth. Jessica Petrie-Cummings and Brian Cummings oversee both operations. Petrie Family Farm grows specialty produce such as microgreens, edible flowers, and heirloom vegetables. Farmer at the Door, which they acquired in 2021, is a regional delivery service that sources from over 30 area farms, offering items such as local meats, seafood, produce, and pantry goods.

Wild Calluna Homestead, operated by a deaf farmer named Jonathan, showcased microgreens and natural products. The business is rooted in principles of natural living and sustainable growing.

Mini Mania Farm provided a petting zoo with goats, bunnies, a pony and a mini donkey. The farm specializes in educational and recreational animal programming and is based in Brimfield.

Art and performance programming included a paint-and-sip session led by

Gabriela Moreno, a recent Massachusetts College of Art and Design graduate. Moreno guided participants in creating still life paintings of wine bottles and grapes. Her artwork focuses on her Salvadore-American identity and the empowerment such an identity can bring.

Sound healer Emmy Love of Luna Soul Sound Healing offered sound bath sessions using gongs and crystal singing bowls. Local artists Piya Samant and Tess Barbatto conducted live painting demonstrations. Samant worked on a still life wine-themed painting, while Barbatto focused on nature-inspired imagery.

Live music was featured both days. Saturday included two DJ sets and a performance by Bake Joynton & Friends, a local band. Sunday music was provided by DJ and singer Larry Simonetti.

Food vendors included Flippin the Bird BBQ,

Fired Up Artisan Pizzas, Thai Place, and Citrus & Soiree, offering a mix of savory dishes. Dessert vendors included Cookies by Ray, Westview Creamery, and Edible Artisan Treats. Edible Artisan Treats, owned by Heather Hood, sells handmade candy and confections.

A range of handcrafted goods were available from participating artisans. Kristen Kras of Glass Petal Gifts sold miniature glass sculptures, including her best-selling mini glass hearts. Hillside Laser's Katelyn Nulph offered engraved cutting boards and decorative wooden items. Annalynn Jewelry and Bailey's Boutique provided handcrafted accessories.

The event took place during unseasonably cool and rainy weather, which affected the overall turnout but did not significantly reduce the duration of visitor stays or engagement with vendors. Many vendors reported



Richard Kaish showing off his handmade bronze metal jewelry.

steady interest throughout the weekend.

The Pioneer Valley Wine Festival was founded to highlight local beverage producers and artisan businesses across Massachusetts. It has grown in recent years to include a wider array of farm, art, and cannabis-related participants.

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## SOCIAL SECURITY

## Matters

By Russell Gloor

## Social Security questions asked over coffee

Dear Rusty:

My coffee conversations among a group of friends have resulted in several questions about Social Security.

1. What happens to the Social Security account of someone who dies before retirement age. What happens to that money and where does it end up?

2. How does the decreased birth rate of the USA affect future Social Security benefits?

3. Is a person, who has never contributed to the Social Security System entitled to any benefits from the Social Security Administration?

4. Is there a central location online that a person can access that explains the history and current status of the Social Security System, that explains all of it in simple terms. I would like to be able to give this location to people I talk with about Social Security.

Most of the articles we read are like slogging through mud. I enjoy AMAC articles and am college educated, but the average reading level in the U.S. is less than sixth grade. Thank you for considering these questions.

Signed: Curious Reader

Dear Curious:

Thank you for your readership and I'll be happy to tackle your "over coffee" questions about Social Security.

1. Social Security is a "pay as you go" program, where all money collected from workers is used to pay benefits for all those, who are currently receiving Social Security. In other words, all money contributed is used to pay benefits to others already receiving benefits. It is not put into a separate account for each person and that is a good thing. Most people get more from Social Security than they ever contributed, but benefits are paid for life, regardless of how long one lives. The specific answer to your question is that if someone dies before retirement age, the money contributed has already been used to pay benefits to others. Keep in mind though, that a surviving spouse or minor or disabled adult child may also collect benefits on a deceased person's Social Security record.

2. The decreasing birth rate in the U.S. hurts Social Security. That's because fewer babies mean fewer future workers contributing to the Social Security program. FYI, in 1950 there were about 15 workers contributing to SS for every one person collecting benefits, but today there are less

than three workers for each SS beneficiary. That problem is exacerbated by the steadily increasing U.S. life expectancy. Beneficiaries are now often collecting SS benefits for decades from a program designed to pay benefits for only a few years.

3. Only those who have worked and contributed to Social Security through payroll taxes for about 10 years (40 quarters of SS credit) are eligible to collect SS Retirement benefits. However, some dependent spouses and/or dependent minor or dependent disabled children who have never worked might also be eligible for benefits from the worker's Social Security record. Along with each U.S. state, the SSA also administers another program, known as Supplemental Security Income, on behalf of the federal government. However, federal "SSI" benefits are not paid with Social Security funds. "SSI" is a separate government benefit program, with federal benefits paid from the general U.S. Treasury.

4. There are lots of places to get information about Social Security, but I suggest you start at our AMAC Foundation Social Security information website, which can be found at [www.socialsecurityreport.org](http://www.socialsecurityreport.org). Here you will find numerous articles about Social Security, retirement, Medicare, etc., as well as all the Ask Rusty articles I have published weekly over the last 8 years. You can also find excellent Social Security information on our AMAC Foundation main website, [www.amacfoundation.org](http://www.amacfoundation.org). And, of course, you can always ask any questions you have via email to [ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org](mailto:ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org). Or, if you prefer, you can just call us on 1-888-750-2622 if you have questions about Social Security or about Medicare enrollment.

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## Bush beans are a great succession crop

I was "late" planting my bush beans this year, at least according to the calendar. But with the garden being under water for awhile and then mucky for days on end, this past week was the first time conditions were favorable.

We want to grow a lot of beans this year. The kids like them steamed, then stir-fried with garlic. My hope is to have lots of them to freeze, and to do that it will require multiple plantings.

Bush beans are a good example of a vegetable that works well as a succession crop. What that means is that they can be sown multiple times throughout the summer.

Why? Because unlike most other vegetables, beans produce less than 8 weeks from sowing, are not finicky about heat, and as long as you have full sun and average garden soil they can be grown with relative ease.

Consider making additional sowings of this versatile vegetable now before you get busy with the harvest. That way you can enjoy a continuous supply all summer long.

You might still refer to snap or bush beans as "string beans" even though the tough strings that connected the two halves of the pod were bred out of the snap bean beginning in 1884 with Calvin N. Keeney's introduction of the Stringless Refugee Wax Bean.

Today's modern stringless beans are a result of those early breeding efforts.

All types of beans require warm soil in which to germinate; 60 degrees at least. White seeded varieties are especially picky about soil temperatures.

Black and tan seeds regulate moisture intake more effectively, and therefore are less likely to rot in cool, wet soils. If you want to gamble with an early sowing, sow these instead.

Many seed companies even tell you the seed color in a description. Usually by May 20 the ground is warm enough to sow all types of beans.

Succession plantings can be made every 10 days through July 30. After that it is unlikely that plants will produce a viable crop before frost hits.

Rather than sowing bean seeds in rows, I make good use of garden space by planting them in a four-foot wide block. Anything wider than four feet would make it difficult to reach in among the plants to harvest.

If soil has been turned over or rototilled first it is easy to simply place the bean seeds on top of the soil four inches apart and push them into the ground with your index finger, up to the first

# In the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid



Harvest beans when they are still relatively thin. Depending on the variety, pods can average five to seven inches long at maturity. When inner seeds start to swell and fatten up the bean they aren't nearly as tasty.

As mentioned, bumper crops are possible, and sometimes it may be difficult to keep up with the harvest. One variety known especially for its holding power is Jade. Beans from this variety retain a deep green color and sport thin pods.

I have also enjoyed growing French beans "Haricot Verts" because they are very long and thin, never tough.

Fresh beans are easy to freeze. Blanch in boiling water for three minutes then plunge into ice water until cooled. Air-dry thoroughly, pack in plastic bags, and place in the freezer. Easy breezy.

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

knuckle. Pat the surface of the soil with your palm to firm, and water well. Germination will take place in a week to 10 days.

It is good practice not to work among the plants after a rainstorm or in the early morning when dew is present. Touching wet foliage can encourage diseases and spread them from plant to plant.

When the foliage is dry you will want to be on the look out for the Mexican Bean Beetle. A bit larger than ladybugs, and all brown, these pests and their fuzzy yellow larvae can decimate a stand of bean plants. Vigilance is the key.

If squashing bugs isn't for you, dropping them into soapy water will also do them in. Try planting marigolds nearby to deter them.

I have also found through experience that subsequent sowings are best sited away from one another. It will take the beetles a longer time to find the new plants than if they are planted side by side.

A mother had opened the door to life...  
It's this way, the father said then;  
And many glad steps to the world we'll take -  
Before much higher gets the sun.  
And at the fork ahead, you may see it now -  
The half-green road where you're on your own.

## Father's Day

Just when figuring I was a young man free -  
It all came about in family ...  
And when raised they were a few feet up,  
Something else had come about.  
Like somehow belonging to a broader country,  
Found within already the family?  
Tho' more and more are several parts known,  
All are drawn from the original form.

When has it not been a father?  
Except when distracted a care-free hour?  
That seemed to stop the tenor of my ways. -  
O for a life of sensations, than sacrifice -  
Who ever said I needed a wife?!

Yet, what to those for whom generations end?  
And not pass along the song to them ...  
But in the heart of things, never stopping -  
Tho' deep in the ground, onward going;  
Coming from what others had given?  
Pulling further than I'd ever been -  
The future somehow, as it all would be;  
The return of a free man young.

Charles Barnes

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JUNE VENDOR SALES  
June 17 Wicked Good Treats  
June 18 Hobbit Hollow Herbs  
June 26 Thera Feet  
June 30 Generations of Cookies

JULY VENDOR SALES  
July 8 K and H Jewelry  
July 14 Generations of Cookies  
July 15 Wicked Good Treats  
July 16 How Charming

AUGUST VENDOR SALES  
August 5 K and H Jewelry  
August 7 Sweets and Treats  
August 12 Wicked Good Treats  
August 18 Generations of Cookies  
August 19 Hobbit Hollow Herbs  
August 20 How Charming

**June 12**

JEEP SHOW to benefit Autism in my Pocket- Brimfield Winery, 35 Main St., Brimfield. Free to the public. Jeep entries please email Robin at [autisminmypocket@charter.net](mailto:autisminmypocket@charter.net).

**June 14**

Bottle and Can Drive will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on June 14 at Hryniewicz Park. Sponsored by the Three Rivers Firefighters - Ladies Auxiliary

**June 21**

Concert Butcher & The Summer of Love at Brimfield Winery 35 Main St., Brimfield. Tickets available at [Brimfieldwinery.com](http://Brimfieldwinery.com).

**ONGOING**

CRAFTERNOONS: Drop in 2-4 p.m. daily at the Holland Public Library, 23 Sturbridge Road to learn or practice different crafts. There are 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 (hand-

outs in box on one of the signposts). 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.

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

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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: Qi Gong at Monson Free Library with Randy Emerson. Every Tuesday from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.

**UPCOMING**

WALES CHURCH FARMER'S MARKET - Located in the church pavilion across from the post office on the corner of Route 19 and Monson Road. Every Saturday morning from 9 a.m. - noon. It will begin on Memorial Day weekend and run throughout the summer until Labor Day. We offer homemade baked goods, local honey, crafts, flea market items, antiques, and fruits and vegetables when in season. Vendors welcome and there is no charge to set up a table.

## Summer Sizzler features horseshoes and cornhole

By Ryan Drago  
Staff Writer  
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THREE RIVERS – AMVETS Post 74 in Three Rivers welcomed members of the Ware Business and Civic Association and beyond for its Summer Sizzler event.

With the warm weather settling in this year's Summer Sizzler had a great turnout as the event featured some great food and some fun games. WBCA & Beyond President Dan Flynn welcomed all the guests and thanked all who attended as this event would help the organization end the year with a sizzler.

"End the year with a bang, or a sizzler," Flynn said.

This was the 2nd Summer Sizzler the organization has held, and this year's Sizzler was sponsored by J. Stolar Insurance Agency. Christopher Stolar, Vice President of J. Stolar Insurance Agen-

cy, dropped by at the event and dropped off some delicious watermelon.

The Summer Sizzler also featured delicious refreshments including hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, cold drinks, and cookies. For a special presentation, Stolar presented a \$100 check to George Robichaud, the First Commander of the Sons of AMVETS Post 74. Robichaud thanked Stolar for the check as guests began to eat and enjoy the Summer Sizzler.

The grill was on for hamburgers and hot dogs. Operating the grill were members of Pennington Painting, Inc. and the food came out delicious. There was plenty of bacon cooked and ready for the hamburgers as well. Soon all guests at the Sizzler would participate in the Golden Toss challenge. All participants got to participate by tossing one cornhole bag and whoever gets the



The WBCA & Beyond Summer Sizzler took place outside of the AMVETS Post 74 in Three Rivers.

Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

best result, wins a prize.

All the participants got to practice before the challenge, including Ware Town Manager Stuart Beckley and Palmer Town Manager Brad Brothers.

In addition to cornhole, guests also got to enjoy throwing horseshoes. There was horseshoe pits set up right outside, behind the post.

Flynn thanked everyone who could attend and said the Summer Sizzler is an event that is "well valued."

The WBCA & Beyond has been providing these activities for three years now and continues to maintain a vibrant and productive economic atmosphere that strengthens the community and surrounding communities.



Christopher Stolar, right, presented a check to George Robichaud, the First Commander of Sons of AMVETS Post 74.



## Palmer Senior Center

### Senior Center announces June activities

PALMER – Starting Monday, June 9 through June 25 all programs, breakfast, lunch and rides will be held at the Second Congregational Church on Pleasant St. in Palmer, while we have our back ramp replaced. The center will still be open for questions, rides, and Outreach. For questions please call 413-275-6588.

**June 17 & 18**  
Fire Safety Presentation - Laurie will be here for breakfast and lunch to do a

fire safety program.

**June 19**  
Closed - Juneteenth

**June 26**  
Sarah the Fiddler - Sarah takes her audience on a musical journey from old-time sing-along to lively polkas and rousing reels.

**June 27**  
Movie - "The Unloved" – a powerful and personal look at the strength and resilience of youth. Morton tells the sto-

ry of 11-year-old Lucy seeing refuge as a ward of the state from her abusive father.

**June 30**  
Marathon Bingo: \$ 10.00 for four cards, Breakfast & Lunch provided.

**UPCOMING**  
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\$28,000 in scholarships alone.

As a patriotic symbol of support, a massive American flag hung overhead, hung by the Belchertown Fire Department's ladder truck, framing the day with both honor and pride.

Valedictorian Evelyn Shilosky delivered a heartfelt and personal address that traced her journey from a performing arts school to the Programming and Web technical program at Pathfinder. Though she transferred in as a sophomore and initially struggled to find her place, she found her footing, and her calling.

"I was able to spend six hours a day, five days a week, every other week, honing my skills and working on my dream project; a semi-historically accurate medieval survival game," said Shilosky, who will attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in the fall.

Her speech emphasized the value of risk-taking and community support. She recounted how she nearly deleted the application email for the TWIST Program, a prestigious co-op experience, but ultimately pursued it with encouragement from her teachers. The decision opened doors she never imagined.

"We rise by lifting others," she told her classmates, urging them to ask for help when needed and to offer it when they can.

Class President Harmonie Garcia focused on the transformation students underwent during their time at Pathfinder. She reflected on how many entered the school with uncertainty, but are leaving equipped to shape the future.

"We didn't just learn how to work in a trade or master a craft," Garcia said. "We learned how to think critically... and how to collaborate with others to achieve a common goal."

She praised the teachers and families for their unwavering support and encouraged classmates to meet

the future with curiosity and courage. "The scary news is: you're on your own now. The cool news is: you're on your own now."

School Committee Chair Julie Quink took the podium to celebrate not just the class, but the institution's golden anniversary; marking 50 Pathfinder Tech graduations.

"To our graduates, you made it," she said. "Not only through exams and essays, but through years filled with growth, learning, laughter, and some truly unexpected challenges."

Quink emphasized the importance of community, reminding students that even the most celebrated achievements are supported by networks of mentors, teachers, family, and friends.

"Behind every success story is a network of support," she said. "Community matters."

She also challenged graduates to embrace the uncertain paths ahead and not to fear failure, calling it "not the opposite of success, but a part of it."

As the ceremony drew to a close, the crowd was treated to a special performance of "The Water Is Wide" by seniors Nevaeh Abraham, Cooper Ferguson, and Evelyn Shilosky, under the direction of music teacher Dan Friedman.

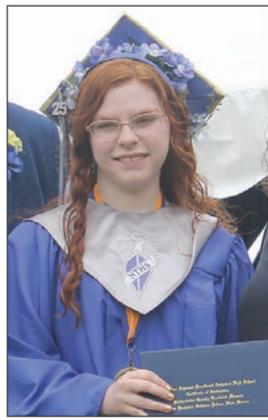
Finally, Superintendent Duda returned to officially confer diplomas, asking the graduates to move their tassels from right to left, marking their transition into the next chapter of life.

"You may have the chance one day to give back," Duda said in his closing remarks. "I hope you consider paying it forward... and maybe coming back to Pathfinder Tech."

The celebration concluded with beach balls bouncing, joyful cheers, and the class song playing as graduates embraced family and posed for photos. For the Class of 2025, the moment was not just an ending, but a launching point.

As Rege reminded them, "Never stop building, learning, and dreaming."

# Congratulations Class of 2025



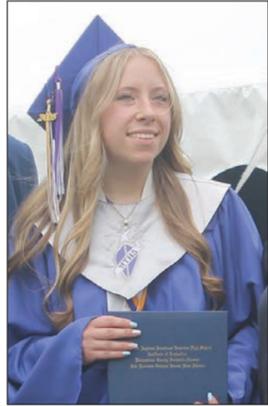
**Graduate and Valedictorian Evelyn Shilosky smiles after receiving her diploma.**



**Graduate and Class Secretary Isabella Staiti posing with her diploma.**



**Graduate Abigail Mudgett posing with Superintendent Eric Duda and Chairperson Julie Quink.**



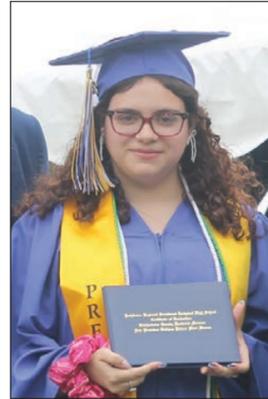
**Graduate and Salutatorian Samantha Lowe poses with her diploma.**



**The Class of 2025 moving their tassels from right to left to signify the completion of their education.**



**The New Pathfinder Graduates running towards their families to celebrate their graduation.**



**Graduate and Class President Harmonie Garcia smiles after receiving her diploma.**



**Graduate Ryleigh LaRocque poses with her diploma.**

## DAZED CANNABIS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Dazed Cannabis is a local dispensary that is offering a mentorship program to a select number of residents from Monson, MA and surrounding areas. Applicants must be at least 21 years old. Preferred applicants either reside in the Town of Monson, or have a past drug conviction, but all applications are accepted.

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Dazed will assess the area/skill-set that would best assist each candidate. The program will last 90 days, and would require the candidate to meet with their mentor at least twice per month.

Qualified candidates who complete the mentoring program have the ability to apply for available job positions at either the Monson or Holyoke dispensaries.

Candidate slots are limited, so please inquire quickly by contacting: [greg@dazed.fun](mailto:greg@dazed.fun)



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Superintendent Eric Duda and Chairperson Julie Quink leading the Class of 2025 out of the school and onto the front lawn where the ceremony took place.



Graduates heading down the center aisle of the crowd, waving hi to loved ones.



Superintendent Eric Duda giving the opening remarks for the ceremony.



Graduates Nevaeh Apraham, Cooper Ferguson, and Evelyn Shilosky perform "The Water is Wide".



The Graduates standing at attention waiting for the ceremony to start.



Graduate and Class Historian Jordan Weatherell smiles after receiving her diploma.



Principal Ryan Rege giving his speech on the demographics of how this class is turning out.



Graduate and Class Vice President Mylee Croak posing with her diploma.



The crowd on hand to celebrate the graduates



Valedictorian Evelyn Shilosky giving her speech on how Pathfinder Tech has made her inot who she is today.



Graduates are coming up by row to receive their diplomas.



The Pathfinder Tech Comfort Pup, Scout, was in attendance to support the graduates.



Class President Harmonie Garcia giving her speech to her classmates and the audience.

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A wide shot of all the people who showed up to the Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser



The wide variety of Raffle prizes local businesses and citizens donated.



The decals and price list for the variety of Friends of the Hamilton Reservoir merch that is used for fundraising.

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In addition to fundraising efforts, the FHRA group organizes a full slate of seasonal activities designed to bring lake residents together. Summer events include a Fourth of July boat parade, where festively decorated boats cruise along the shoreline, as well as Christmas in

July and lakeside cornhole tournaments. In September, the group hosts Dock-or-Treat, a Halloween-themed event where children dress in costume and collect candy by boat, visiting docks adorned with lights and spooky decorations. "People really get into decorating," said one longtime resident, who, though not officially on the committee, is known for

his involvement in lake activities. "It's one of the most fun parts of living here."

Meanwhile, the Friends of the Holland Community Center are preparing for another signature event: the annual Zucchini Festival, which takes place on the third Sunday in August, starting at noon. The festival, having been around for more than a decade, serves as both

a fundraiser and a community celebration. Proceeds benefit programming at the community center, which has evolved from its origins as a senior center into a hub for residents of all ages.

The Zucchini Festival features indoor and outdoor vendors, a foam machine that produces towering clouds of bubbles, and a variety of family-friendly activities.

There's usually a classic car display, a bake sale, raffles, and hot dogs and other treats served by local Scouts, Sturbridge Boy Scout Troop 161. Organizers say the foam machine is always a crowd favorite, especially on hot August afternoons. "Kids and adults just run through it all day," Organizer Kathy Boyer said with a laugh. "It's fun, it's free, and it really brings

the community together."

Despite Holland's rural, spread-out layout, residents continue to find ways to come together and celebrate the spirit of their small town. Whether gathering for breakfast at the community center, parading across the water, or dancing through foam in the summer heat, the people of Holland are keeping tradition alive, one event at a time.



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**SOFTBALL**

## Mustangs defeated by Drury in state tournament

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

MONSON – A couple of days after graduating from Monson High School, Natalie Hull, Ella Corthell, and Molly Szado were hoping to celebrate a win in their final varsity softball game at the Quarry Hill Community School Field.

It didn't turn out to be a storybook ending.

The 17th-seeded Drury Blue Devils built a 4-0 lead in the Division 5 round of 32 game after putting together a two-out rally in the third inning. The visitors from the Berkshires would score another run two innings later and advanced into the round of 16 with a 5-0 shutout victory over the 16th-seeded Lady Mustangs, last Monday afternoon (June 2).

"This is a disappointing loss for us, especially for our three seniors," said Matt Hull, who completed his first season as the Lady Mustangs varsity softball coach. "We had a few bad bounces in the infield which led to them scoring four runs. We also had some scoring chances, and I was very surprised that we couldn't get them in. We only had three base hits in the game."

It was the first meeting on the softball diamond between the two squads since the Lady Mustangs posted a 16-1 vic-

tory on May 23, 2016. They also faced each other in the 2008 Western Mass. Division 2 semifinals at Elms College. Drury won that game 4-0.

The Blue Devils (11-10) were scheduled to face the top-seeded Turners Falls Thunder in this year's round of 16 contest.

The Lady Mustangs finished their season with a 9-12 overall record. One of their losses this spring came on the road against Turners Falls, 6-3, in the semifinals of the Western Mass. Class D tournament.

"I would've loved to have another opportunity to play Turner Falls," coach Hull said. "When we played them in the Western Mass. tournament, the score was tied 3-3 in the bottom of the sixth inning. They then scored three runs with a flair hit and an error that we made. It was a very good ballgame."

Monson was shutout for the first time since they lost at top-seeded Greenfield, 12-0, in the round of 16 game a year ago.

The three Lady Mustangs seniors have been playing softball games on the Quarry Hill Community School diamond since they were in the third grade. While each of them have accumulated more than 100 base hits during their outstanding varsity careers, they're not planning to play softball at the collegiate level.



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Grace Berry fires a throw across the diamond.



Natalie Hull fields a grounder to short.

"The three seniors graduated on Friday night and it would've been very nice for them to win their final home game today," coach Hull said. "We're a small school and those three kids have meant a lot to our softball team during the past several years. They'll be very difficult to replace next year."

Corthell, who was Monson's starting centerfielder, had a single and a stolen base in her final high school game.

Natalie Hull started at shortstop against Drury before moving over to second base in the top of the fifth inning.

Szado was the starting pitcher, and she retired the first eight batters that she faced. The right-hander allowed four runs on five hits with four strikeouts and didn't issue any walks in four innings. She was replaced in the circle by sophomore lefty Chelsea Hull at the start of the fifth inning.

"We decided to switch pitchers because their lead-off hitter was coming up to bat for the third time in

the game," coach Hull said. "They were also hitting the ball very well."

Chelsea Hull allowed a run on four hits during the final three frames.

After Szado retired the first three batters in the top of the first inning without very much trouble, the home team wasted an opportunity to take an early lead in the bottom half of the opening frame.

With two outs, Szado drew a walk on a full count pitch against Drury senior righty Olivia Perry. Then Corthell hit a ground ball single into center field. Both runners advanced into scoring position following a fielding error. The next batter hit a fly ball which was caught by senior centerfielder Ava Carriddi, ending the threat.

Drury's third inning rally began with a bunt hit from Carriddi. After she stole second base, senior second baseman Maddie Saunders hit a ground ball off the pitcher's leg for an infield hit, which put runners at the corners.

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Chelsea Hull covers first on a bunt play.



Maya Summers frames up a pitch.

**SOCCER**

## Mutiny return home to record win over Eagles

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW – Even though the weather was miserable, it was still an enjoyable evening for the New England Mutiny players and their faithful supporters.

The Mutiny, who scored a pair of second half goals, defeated the Ole' Eagles, 2-0, in front of a large crowd on a rainy night at Lusitano Stadium last Saturday.

"It's always nice to win at home," said Mutiny head coach Federico Molinari. "I thought we played very well tonight, especially during the second half."

The Mutiny (2-0) began the regular season by posting a 4-1 home win over Maine Footy two weeks earlier. That match was stopped by the referee in the middle of the second half due to a thunderstorm.

The Ole' Eagles (0-1),



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Maddy Theriault, of Palmer, makes her Mutiny season debut in their most recent home game.

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**SOFTBALL**

## Warriors take down Montachusett

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

FISKDALE – If the members of the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School softball team had any thoughts about handing Tantasqua Regional its first loss of the season, they didn't last very long.

The fourth-seeded Lady Warriors held a 7-0 lead after the first two innings and they coasted to a 12-0 home victory over the 20th-seeded Bulldogs, last Wednesday afternoon.

The Division 3 round of 16 game came to an end with two outs in the bottom of the fifth inning due to the 12-run mercy rule.

"It's always very important to take an early lead in every game that you play," said Tantasqua head coach Frank Moccio. "We set the tone of the game in the first inning."

The home victory improved Tantasqua's overall season record to a perfect 22-0. The last time that the Lady Warriors suffered a loss was at Medfield, 6-3, in a Division 3 prelimi-

nary round game on May 31, 2024.

The Lady Warriors began this year's state tournament with a 5-2 home win versus 36th-seeded Fontbonne Academy in the round of 32.

There wasn't very much drama in the round of 16 contest.

After freshman righthander Keira McCord struck out the side in order in the top of the first inning, the Lady Warriors put four runs on the scoreboard in the bottom half of the frame.

The rally began with a leadoff walk to sophomore shortstop Jewels Normandin. She stole second base before junior second baseman Jules Peterson also drew a walk. Both runners moved into scoring position following a wild pitch. Then McCord helped herself by hitting a sacrifice fly to right field. Senior first baseman Maddy Luce followed by hitting a hard ground ball into left field which scored another run. Following a walk to senior right fielder Alexi Hague, freshman third baseman Olivia Fiske lined

a two-run single into center field.

The Bulldogs threatened against McCord in the second.

Sophomore Maggie Perna drew a leadoff walk and freshman starting pitcher Mabel Miling beat out a taper in front of the plate for an infield hit. The next two batters struck out before another walk to freshman designated player Hailey Cummings loaded the bases.

McCord got out of the jam without giving up a run with another strikeout.

Then McCord retired nine of the final ten Monty Tech batters that she faced. She finished the game with a one-hitter with three walks and ten strikeouts.

With one-out in the bottom of the second, McCord drove home two more runs by hitting a towering shot off the center field fence for a triple. She scored on a wild pitch giving the Lady Warriors a 7-0 lead.

McCord also led off the fourth inning with a double to right field before scoring

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# Candlepin League News

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## Summer Edition

**EAST BROOKFIELD** – The Summer League on Wednesday nights continue at Bogy Lanes in East Brookfield.

After five weeks of league candlepin bowling, leading in the standings is Sophia's Raiders with a record of 32-8. Gutter Dolls are in second place with a record of 26-14 and Gutter Snipers are in third place with a record of 24-16.

In week five, Kristen's Squad bowled against their average and won two out of three games and received six points. Members of the team experienced some high scores during week five. During game two, Bob Button put up a score of 140, which included a double strike. Lori Merriam bowled her personal best single game with a 127.

The Rolling Stones bowled against the Straight Shooters in week five. In game one, Straight Shooters bowled a team score of 463 to win. In game two, Straight Shooters won again by a score of 484-425. Craig Dube of Straight Shooters bowled a 114 to help get the win.

In game three, Straight Shooters won again, 476-436, for a three-game sweep over the Rolling Stones. Dube finished with a 102 in game three. The final score was 1423-1300 in favor of Straight Shooters.

Sophia's Raiders bowled against Clock Barn. In game one, Sophia's Raiders won by a score of 462-459. Phil Clough of Sophia's Raiders started the match with a 118.

In game two, Sophia's Raiders won again by a score of 507-476. Clough bowled phenomenally by putting up a 160 game: only leaving two pins standing.

In game three, Sophia Raiders won the last game by a score of 449-441. Clough

bowled a 117 and had a series of 395. The final score was 1418-1376 in favor of Sophia's Raiders, who are the #1 seed.

The Gutter Dolls bowled against the Gutter Snipes. In game one, Gutter Snipes won by a score of 447-413. Marc Vinciulla of Gutter Snipes bowled a 109.

In game two, Gutter Dolls won by a score of 444-440. In game three, Gutter Dolls won the last game by a score of 464-446. Emily Darcy bowled a 102 in game three. The final score was 1333-1321 in favor of Gutter Snipes.

Gutter Fingers bowled against Team Nine. In game one, Team Nine won by a score of 454-414. Pete Swistak bowled a 105 in game one.

In game two, Team Nine won again by a score of 433-420. In game three, Gutter Fingers won the last game by a score of 416-401. Team Nine won total pinfall by a final score of 1288-1250.

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The Blue Devils took the lead when another ground ball hit by senior catcher Ariana Rivard was bobbled by the shortstop for an error. Sophomore first baseman Sloan Brothers drove home two more runs with double to center. She scored on Perry's infield single.

The trio of Saunders, Brothers, and Perry each had

two hits for the Blue Devils.

Chelsea Hull, who had two of her team's three base hits, lined a single into right field with two outs in the bottom of the third. After she stole second base, the inning came to an end with an infield pop-up.

The Lady Mustangs best scoring chance came in the following inning.

A line-drive hit by CortHELL was dropped by the shortstop for an error. Fresh-

man catcher Maya Summers Walker followed with a walk. CortHELL then stole third base, but Perry retired the next three batters.

Brothers delivered an RBI single with one-out in the fifth, which made the Lady Mustangs task a little bit more difficult.

After giving up a ground ball single to Cheslea Hull in the fifth, Perry retired the final eight Monson batters that she faced.

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## Athlete of the Week



**Natalie Hull**  
Monson High School

The regular shortstop for Monson softball played in her final game for the Mustangs in the state playoffs last week against Drury.

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

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who are from Trumbull Connecticut, is a first year member of United Women's Soccer, which is celebrating its tenth season.

A couple of the Mutiny players saw their first action in the second home match of the regular season.

Chloe Laizer, who's graduating this week from West Springfield High School, was the starting goalie.

During the second minute of the first half, Alexa Pino fired a shot from the left side of the box, but Laizer made the diving save keep the visiting team off the scoreboard.

"This was my first start with the Mutiny, and I was a little bit nervous before the game. I had a lot more confidence after making the early save," said Laizer, who'll be a freshman on the St. Michael's College women's soccer team in the fall. "Playing a game in the rain and wind is very challenging, especially as a goalie."

Pino, who'll be a freshman at the University of South Carolina in the fall, is the two-time Connecticut Gatorade Player of the Year.

The Mutiny back-up goalie was Maddie Riley, who's a member of the girls' varsity soccer team at Ludlow High School.

Both teams had several corner kicks during the first half, but the match was still scoreless at halftime.

The Mutiny finally broke the ice with a corner kick goal in the 56th minute.

Avery Galante sent the ball into the box from the left corner where Maya Mathis, who's a defender, sent a shot into the back of the net past goalie Emily Robinson for her first goal as a Mutiny player.

"Avery and I are best friends. We used to play on



Laci Lewis looks to deke out an opponent.



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Chloe Laizer gets ready to send the ball away.



Taylor Jenkins tries to out run an opponent.

a club soccer team together," Mathis said. "My younger sister, Sadie, was also on the field when I scored my goal, so it was very exciting sharing that moment with them."

Maya Mathis, who graduated from Acton Boxboro Regional High School, was a member of the UConn women's soccer team during the past two seasons before entering the transfer portal. She'll be joining the University of Kansas women's soccer team this fall.

"I just wanted to make a change and go to a part of the country where I've never been before," Maya Mathis said. "I'm really excited about playing soccer at Kansas."

Sadie Mathis will be playing soccer at Boston College.

About twenty minutes later, the Mutiny were given a penalty kick following a foul inside the box.

Taylor Jenkins, who also plays at UConn, put the PK into the right corner making the score 2-0.

A couple of local players who played in the home match are Maddy Theriault (Palmer), Tennessee Murphy (Monson) Kylie Ray (Minnechaug), Bella Mead-

ows (Pope Francis/ Chicopee) Olivia Crespo (Ludlow), and Avery Klingensmith (Belchertown).

The New England Mutiny will be one of the four teams competing in the inaugural Brandi Chastain Cup. The Mutiny will be facing Richmond Ivy of the USL W-league at City Stadium in Richmond, VA. On Thursday night.

"It's really special for us to be regarded as one of the top teams in our league," said Klingensmith, who's a member of the American University women's soccer "We're very excited about playing in that game. The team that we'll be playing has some quality players, so it'll be a challenging match for us."

If the Mutiny defeats Richmond Ivy, they'll be hosting the finals of the Brandi Chastain Cup on June 18 at Lusitano Stadium. The California Storm beat Pan World Elite, 4-1, in the other semi-final, which was held in May.

The Mutiny will also play two regular season road matches against NJ Alliance and the Ole' Eagles before returning home to face Racing Power FC on June 14.



Olivia Crespo makes her way up the field.



Avery Klingensmith sends the ball deep.

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on a throwing error by the shortstop. A couple of batters later, Hague grounded a single up the middle bringing home another run. Fiske also had a run, scoring double in that inning.

The Lady Warriors, who banged out a total of 12 base hits, final two runs of the game were scored with two-outs in the fifth. Senior catcher Emma Quinn knocked home the first run with a double. Then Hague ended the ball game a couple of innings early with a ground ball RBI

single into left field.

"We haven't been able to get this far in the state tournament during my high school career," Hague said. "It feels very good, and we just want to keep winning games."

Hague is a senior tri-captain, along with Luce and Quinn.

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Tina Saint Martin is at the craft fair to help her three sisters with their tables of goods.



Karen Coyne with one of her more popular items, kid sized kitchen aprons.



Greta Lord, a florist and maker of floral-themed home goods.



Carol (left) and Bill (right) Chapman, owners of Stuff Made From Stuff.

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Darlene and Jeff Bellinger of New England Bears.



Dave Cavannah of Dave's Wood Carvings posing with the Bald Eagle that he is raffling off for the Senior Center.



Claudia Armstrong showing off one of her handmade table mats.



Singer and Guitar player, Frank Lind, of Hampden, CT.



Rose Murphy, one of the organizers of the Senior Center Craft Fair.



Sharlene Hopkins of The Jeweled Fairy.



Annette Pinsonault, creator of all the crocheted goods at her table.



Lynne Godbout of The Country Moose Quilting & More, you can find her Facebook under the same business name.



Mary Dow and her current favorite print she has made.



Some of the Guardian Angels Donna Prouty makes.



Some of the Pet-themed Baskets Donna Prouty makes.



David Corriveau of Uncle Dave's Crafts and his wife Alana Corriveau.

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few for herself, gifts others to family and friends, and sells the rest at fairs like this one. Bergeron noted that many seniors take up crafting not only for enjoyment but as a creative way to generate a little extra "fun money."

Among the diverse group of vendors was Donna Prouty, whose creations include pet baskets and "Guardian Angels" under the label Jugheads. She encourages buyers to "give them a name and tell them your problems," adding a humorous and personal touch to her table. Charlene Hopkins, a seasoned craft fair participant, represented her business The Jeweled Fairy. She's been making jewelry for 15 years, working primarily with glass and natural stone, and offers custom pieces for weddings and proms. Claudia Armstrong brought a wide variety of kitchen and home goods, including bowl cozies, potholders, placemats, towels, and handmade pouches.

Woodworking was another strong presence at the fair. Dave Cavannah of Dave's Wood Carving offered a striking eagle sculpture for raffle, with all proceeds going to support the Senior Center. He also displayed a solemn "Fallen Soldier" carving, depicting a rifle, helmet, and boots, that drew admiration from passersby. Jeff and Darlene Bellinger, of New England Bears, showed off a collection of carved bear figurines and other woodland creatures. Jeff has been wood

carving for 27 years, though it remains a hobby alongside his full-time job. David and Alana Coorriveau, of Uncle Dave's Woodcrafts, brought an array of handcrafted birdhouses and yard decorations. David, a lifelong woodworker, began selling his creations about five years ago after spending four decades honing his craft for personal enjoyment.

Inside the Senior Center, Bill and Carol Chapman displayed their repurposed jewelry and decor under the business name Stuff Made from Stuff. Bill, a former bank technician, salvaged discarded clock parts and gears to build creative and one-of-a-kind pieces. Carol, his wife, handles the business side and proudly refers to herself as the boss of the operation. One table featured a collaboration between four sisters, each with her own niche. Karen Coyne sews aprons, towels, and other kitchen accessories. Greta Lord, a retired florist, prepared fragrant potpourri, flower bath salts, and small floral arrangements. Tina Saint Martin acted as the group's helper and organizer, assisting with sewing and business tasks. Annette Pinsonault, the final sister at the table, showcased her crocheted plush animals, doilies, and bookmarks, including a whimsical frog on a lily pad with a tiny crown, a favorite among visitors. With over 50 years of crocheting experience, her handiwork was both intricate and charming.

Also on display was the watercolor art of Mary Dow,

who founded Mary's Art Studio in 2016. Her prints depict landscapes, flowers, and animals in a soft, natural style that appeals to a wide audience. Dow said her art is inspired by her love of nature and her passion for painting.

Live music provided by

singer and guitarist Frank Lind of Hampden, Connecticut, added to the day's festive energy. Lind, a frequent volunteer performer at Senior Center events, donated his time to support the community once again. Meanwhile, Sassy's Catering served up

a satisfying menu that kept guests energized as they shopped, browsed, and mingled with vendors.

Organizers say they're thrilled with the turnout and are already thinking about how to expand for next year. For many, the fair is more

than just an opportunity to sell; it's a chance to gather, reconnect, and celebrate the creativity of Monson's seniors and artisans. As Bergeron put it, "It's not just about selling crafts. It's about celebrating community, creativity, and connection."

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## COLLEGE NOTES

### Emmanuel College awards degrees to local students

BOSTON – Emmanuel College awarded more than 450 degrees to the Class of 2025 at the College's 103rd Commencement on May 10.

The following local students were awarded degrees:  
**Timothy Person** of Wales was awarded a BA in Communication and Media Studies, Cum Laude.  
**Olivia Sloat** of Palmer was awarded a BS in Biology - Health Sciences, Magna Cum Laude.

### Local students named to the Emmanuel Dean's List for 2025

BOSTON – In recognition of their outstanding academic achievement, Emmanuel College has named more than 850 students to the Dean's List for the Spring 2025 semester. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester.

The following local students were named to the Dean's List:  
**Olivia Sloat** of Palmer, who is majoring in Biology - Health Sciences.  
**Timothy Person** of Wales, who is majoring in Communication and Media Studies.

### Local students earn Dean's List recognition at Norwich University

NORTHFIELD, VT –The following students from your readership area have been recognized on the Dean's List at Norwich University for the Spring 2025 semester:

**Scott Kustra**, Monson  
**William Burke**, Palmer

Full-time undergraduate students, who earned a semester grade point average of at least 3.40 are awarded Dean's List honors.

### More than 6,800 URI students named to Spring 2025 Dean's List

KINGSTON, RI – The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce that several area students have been named to its Spring 2025 Dean's List. Among them are:

**Leanna Craven** of Monson  
**Mary Godek** of Wales  
**Sage Hoschek** of Wales  
**Caitlin Lebel** of Three Rivers  
**Lizzy Maxfield** of Brimfield  
**Makena Pentoney** of Holland  
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To be included on the Dean's List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

### Malone receives Bachelor's Degree at WPI Commencement

WORCESTER – On Friday, May 16, Ryan Malone, who majored in Mechanical Engineering, was bestowed a bachelor's degree at WPI's 156th Commencement. Nearly 1,300 undergraduate degrees were awarded during the ceremony.

### STCC announces dean's list

SPRINGFIELD – Springfield Technical Community College announces students who were named to the spring 2025 dean's list.

Published each semester, the STCC dean's list recognizes excellence in academic performance. To be considered, degree-seeking students must earn 12 or more college level credits in the current semester, or a total of 12 or more combined college-level credits earned during the fall and spring semesters, and achieve a 3.3 or above grade point average.

Student names are listed under the towns or cities in which they reside.

#### BRIMFIELD

**Andrew Harrison Rowe, Baylee R Bass, Katherine May Kirschner, Malahny Yanay Wedderburn, Marah Zeni Wedderburn**

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**Deanne Cardenas, Kayleigh Elizabeth Dalrymple, Nicholas Beaulieu**

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#### MONSON

**Alan F Caswell, Amelia Rose Brodeur, Arianna Grace Buchanan, Carlos Silva Cruz Marrero, Connor Patrick Beaulieu, Courtney K Piendak, Daisy May Payne, Emma M Forest, Erica Strout, Heidi M Valley, Jonathan D Caskey-Medina, Kasmira Hemm, Kylie Smith, Mackenzie Lee Miller, Precious Lourdes Dias, Sabino Sebastian Bilotti, Travis Daniel Rock, Tyler Matthew Paul**

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the Clergy stemmed from a regional ecumenical clergy group that meets monthly in Palmer.

"We started asking, what else can we do together? What would it look like for churches in the region to show more unity, especially at a time when the world feels so divided?" said Rev. White. "This is our way of setting an example...not just for churchgoers, but for the whole community."

That example includes partnerships beyond church walls. The event's collaboration with Better Bean exemplifies a broader goal of integrating local businesses and faith-based organizations.

One hope for the event is to serve as an information hub for what's happening in local faith communities. Attendees will be able to pick up flyers and talk with cler-

gy about upcoming church events in Monson, Palmer, Brimfield, and beyond.

"We want people to know what's going on, not just at their own church, but at other churches in town and in the region," said Rev. Norwick. "If something cool is happening in Palmer, folks in Monson should know about it."

Both pastors emphasized that the event is open to everyone, regardless of denomination, church affiliation, or religious background.

"Just come as you are," said Rev. White. "Have a cup of coffee and talk with us. Every conversation helps knit the community closer together."

Rev. White's own church, the Monson-Glendale Methodist Church, is celebrating a major milestone this year, its 200th anniversary. The church congregation was first gathered in 1825, and the current building has stood for

175 years.

The bicentennial celebration will include building tours during Summerfest and a formal rededication ceremony on Sunday, October 5. A historic town anniversary quilt will be on display, and visitors will have the opportunity to learn about the church's past and future.

The First Church of Monson also continues its commitment to service. Once a month, it offers a free community takeout meal, available by delivery or pick-up. A virtual marketplace and several themed Sundays are also planned, including a children's celebration on Father's Day (June 15) and the church's first-ever Pride Sunday on June 22.

"We want the community to know we're here, and that we're working together...not apart," Norwick said. "If the churches can't work together, how can we expect the world to?"

As Coffee with the Clergy continues to grow, organizers are encouraging other local clergy to get involved. So far, the Unitarian Universalist Church in Monson and several ministers from neighboring towns have expressed interest in participating.

Clergy from Monson, Palmer, Brimfield, Wales, and Holland who are interested in being a guest speaker are encouraged to contact Rev. Norwick or Rev. White directly.

"This is a chance for clergy, especially those who are new to the area like us, to connect with each other and the broader community," said White.

Whether you're a long-time resident or new to Monson, whether you're part of a church or simply curious, Coffee with the Clergy offers a unique opportunity to engage with those working to build a more unified and compassionate community.

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- Must be flexible regarding scheduling, including nights, weekends, and/or holidays as needed
- Successful completion of background checks is required
- Physical Requirements and Work Environment
- Must be able to lift approximately 30-50 pounds
- Bend, kneel, push, pull, and other physical exertion
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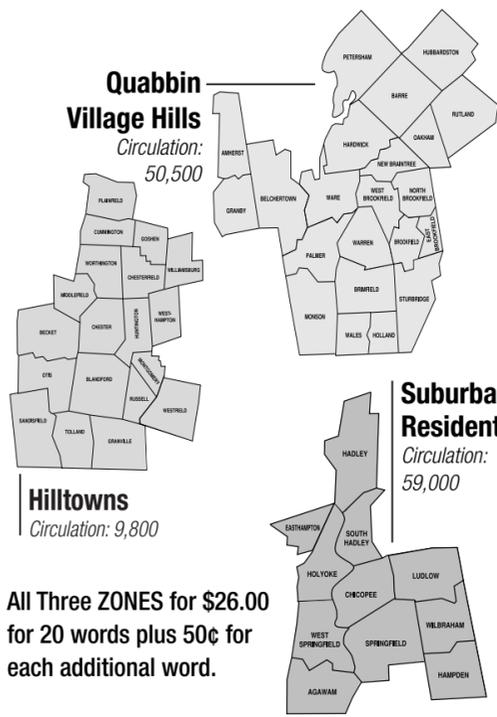
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# Public notices

## 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 25, 2025 at 7:10 PM** in the Large Meeting Room, Town Office Building, 110 Main St. Under consideration is a Notice of Intent for the construction of a new single-family home, driveway, well, and septic for the property located at 47 Silver St, identified as Assessor's Map 027, Parcel 007B. The Applicant is Bradley Lord. 06/12/2025

## TOWN OF PALMER PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40 A, Sections 10 & 11 M.G.L. the Palmer Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, June 30th, 2025 at 6:15PM** at the Palmer Town Administration Building, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA.

The applicant, Country Bank for Savings, is requesting a variance from §171-35 Dimensional and Density Regulations. The variance request is to allow for the construction of a standalone ATM building with overhang within the side setback. The property is located at 191 Sykes Street, Palmer. This parcel is also known as Assessor's Map 79, Lot 39.

A copy of the application may be inspected at the Planning Department office in the Town Administration Building from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Thursday.

Anyone interested in more information or wishing to be heard on the application can contact the Planning Department at 413-283-2605 or appear at the time and place designated above.

This notice shall also be posted on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association's (MNPA) website (<http://mass-publicnotices.org>).

Dennis Fountain, Chairman  
Palmer Zoning Board of Appeals  
06/12, 06/19/2025

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by John M. Arooth a/k/a John M. Arooth, Sr. to Monson Savings Bank, said mortgage being dated April 25, 2019, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 22658, Page 118,

of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **10:00 A.M. on Friday, June 27, 2025**, upon the premises described in said mortgage, namely 95 Upper Palmer Road, Monson, Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain tract of land lying on the Easterly side of the highway leading from Monson to Palmer known as Margaret Street, in the Town of Monson, Hampden County, Massachusetts, and bounded and described as follows:

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Along Margaret Street, and a stone retaining wall South 18° 35' 20" West 150.03 feet to a drill hole in a rock; thence running

Along land of said John S. Arooth et ux., South 74° 26' 40" East 152.65 feet to a pipe; thence running

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appointed for the adjourned sale date.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the time and place of the sale.

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David A. Lavenburg, Its Attorney  
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## 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 25, 2025 at 7:00 PM** in the Large Meeting Room, Town Office Building, 110 Main St. Under consideration is a Request for Determination of Applicability for the work associated with the construction of a driveway for a new single-family home for the property located at Brimfield Road, identified as Assessor's Map 170, Parcel 001, is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act. The Applicant is John Crean.

Submitted by:  
Monson Conservation  
Commission  
06/12/2025

## Town of Brimfield Highway Department Invitation for Bids Brookfield Road Road Resurfacing and Related Work for Fiscal Year 2026

Sealed bids, appropriately marked, will be received no later than **Thursday, June 26, 2025, by 11:00 AM**. Sealed bids will be publicly opened and read on Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 11:05 AM in the Brimfield Town Hall Annex, 23 Main Street, Brimfield, MA. The following Road Resurfacing and Related Work for Fiscal Year 2026 will be awarded by the Select Board at their duly posted meeting on June 30, 2025:

### I. Bituminous Concrete Excavation Cold Planer – Brookfield Road

Bid specifications will be available for pickup beginning Wednesday June 11, 2025 at the Brimfield Highway Department, 34B Wales Road, Brimfield, MA from 9:00 AM. to 3:00 PM., Monday through Thursday or by emailing the Chief Procurement Officer at [selectboard@brimfieldma.org](mailto:selectboard@brimfieldma.org). Questions related to this bid invitation are to be emailed to the Chief Procurement Officer. All addendums, questions and answers will be sent to all bid package holders.

Envelopes must be clearly marked "IFB2025HWY02BR – FY2026" and include the date and time of the bid opening. Where required, bids must indicate a single square yard multiplier (dollar amount per square yard) on the appropriate bid form attached. All bids must be submitted on the Town of Brimfield Bid forms (included in the bid packet). No bids will be accepted after the time and date specified. Executed Certificates of Non-Collusion and Tax Compliance (attached) and Corporate Authority must be included in all bid submissions.

Super Pave bids must indicate all prices, both pick up at plant (not more than 15 miles of the Brimfield Highway Garage, 34B Wales Rd) and to be delivered to the Town of Brimfield, Town Yard, or to the job location in the Town of Brimfield. Bids shall include the current period price (May 2025) of \$635 per ton for liquid asphalt. The price adjustment of hot mix asphalt mixtures containing liquid asphalt shall apply as per schedule posted on Massachusetts Highway Department website: [www.mass.gov/mhd](http://www.mass.gov/mhd) and "Special Provisions" as attached.

Contractors intending to bid on Super Pave, must be pre-qualified by the Massachusetts Highway Department and the pre-qualifying form from the State must be presented at the time the bid package is picked up from the Town of Brimfield. The classification of work is "Pavement Surfacing." The total cost of project(s) is estimated to be \$381,659.30. NOTE: Award

is subject to the Fiscal Year 2026 Chapter 90 appropriation and release. A bid deposit of 5% of the total price bid must be submitted.

Prevailing Wage Rates have been established by the Department of Labor and Industries under the provision of Chapter 149, M.G.L., Section 26-27D. Bids submitted for Road Resurfacing, are subject to the provisions to applicable provisions of the General Laws including Chapter 534, Chapter 30B, and Chapter 30, Section 39M inclusive as amended, (Public Works Construction).

All work/items must meet Massachusetts Department of Transportation, highway standards specifications.

Executed Certificates of Non-Collusion and Tax Compliance (attached) and Corporate Authority must be included in all bid submissions.

Minority percentage rate must not be less than 5%.

Duration of the bid contract is July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; otherwise, please state on bid sheet any exceptions.

Payment terms: Net term, 30 days.

The Select Board reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids, or, accept that bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Brimfield.

Zachary Lemieux  
Highway Surveyor  
Town of Brimfield  
Brimfield, MA 01010  
(413) 245-4103  
06/12, 06/19/2025

## Town of Brimfield Highway Department Invitation for Bids Haynes Hill Road - Road Resurfacing and Related Work for Fiscal Year 2026

Sealed bids, appropriately marked, will be received no later than **Thursday June 26, 2025, by 11:00 AM**. Sealed bids will be publicly opened and read on Thursday June 26, 2025 at 11:05 AM in the Brimfield Town Hall Annex, 23 Main Street, Brimfield, MA. The following Road Resurfacing and Related Work for Fiscal Year 2026 will be awarded by the Select Board at their duly posted meeting on June 30, 2025:

### I. Road Resurfacing – Haynes Hill Road

Bid specifications will be available for pickup beginning Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at the Brimfield Highway Department, 34B Wales Road, Brimfield, MA from 9:00 AM. to 3:00 PM., Monday through Thursday or by emailing the Chief Procurement Officer at [selectboard@brimfieldma.org](mailto:selectboard@brimfieldma.org). Questions related to this bid invitation are to be emailed to the Chief Procurement Officer. All addendums, questions and answers will be sent to all bid package holders.

Envelopes must be clearly marked "IFB2025HWY02HHR – FY2026" and include the date and time of the bid opening. Where required, bids must indicate a single square yard multiplier (dollar amount per square yard) on the appropriate bid form attached. All bids must be submitted on the Town of Brimfield Bid forms (included in the bid packet). No bids will be accepted after the time and date specified. Executed Certificates of Non-Collusion and Tax Compliance (attached) and Corporate Authority must be included in all bid submissions.

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Contractors intending to bid on Super Pave, must be pre-qualified by the Massachusetts Highway Department and the pre-qualifying form from the State must be presented at the time the bid package is picked up from the Town of Brimfield. The classification of work is "Pavement Surfacing." The total cost of project(s) is estimated to be \$305,569. NOTE: Award is subject to the Fiscal Year 2026 Chapter 90 appropriation and

release. A bid deposit of 5% of the total price bid must be submitted.

Prevailing Wage Rates have been established by the Department of Labor and Industries under the provision of Chapter 149, M.G.L., Section 26-27D. Bids submitted for Road Resurfacing, are subject to the provisions to applicable provisions of the General Laws including Chapter 534, Chapter 30B, and Chapter 30, Section 39M inclusive as amended, (Public Works Construction).

All work/items must meet Massachusetts Department of Transportation, highway standards specifications.

Executed Certificates of Non-Collusion and Tax Compliance (attached) and Corporate Authority must be included in all bid submissions.

Minority percentage rate must not be less than 5%.

Duration of the bid contract is July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; otherwise, please state on bid sheet any exceptions.

Payment terms: Net term, 30 days.

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## Monson Housing Authority Accepting Proposals for Property

The Monson Housing Authority (MHA) is selling a property owned by the MHA and is requesting proposals from interested buyers. The Property is as follows: 5 Lower Hampden Rd. Monson, MA 01057 "the property"

This property was built in 1930, has 3 units with 2 units each having 4 bedrooms and 2 full baths, and 1 unit having 2 bedrooms and 1 bath. The site is .61 acres. It is currently in disrepair and will require significant investment for habitation. The appraised value is \$100,000.

For a copy of the RFP email [Monsonhousing@comcast.net](mailto:Monsonhousing@comcast.net) or pick one up at 31 State St. Suite 50, Monson, MA 01057.

DEADLINES: Proposals will be received and evaluated as described in this RFP. Proposals will be received until the initial opening deadline of 2:00 p.m. on June 16, 2025 at which time they will be publicly opened and made available for public review at the Monson Housing Authority's office (address shown above). 05/22, 05/29, 06/05, 6/12/2025

Commonwealth of  
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The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and  
Family Court  
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Docket No.  
HD22P0092EA  
Estate of:

Niles Nelson Robbins, Sr  
Date of Death: 05/15/2021  
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FOR REMOVAL

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by: **Julia M Robbins of Orange, MA** requesting that **Cody J Robbins of Eastham, MA** be removed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate.

**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 06/30/2025.**

**This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

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

Date: June 02, 2025  
**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
06/12/2025

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**Deadline for Calendar submissions is August 11.**

# Public notices



**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Energy Facilities Siting Board  
Notice of Adjudication  
And Public Comment Hearing  
EFSB 24-02/D.P.U. 24-190  
New England Power Company  
d/b/a National Grid  
(Palmer to Ware Transmission Project)**

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/palmer-to-ware-transmission-project>  
**Project Summary and Public Comment Hearing Overview**

New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid (the "Company") filed petitions seeking approval to construct, operate, and maintain a new overhead transmission line in Palmer, West Brookfield, and Ware, Massachusetts that will replace approximately 10.

35 miles of an existing transmission line in the same right-of-way (the "Replacement Line"). The Company plans to remove the existing transmission line and existing 147 structures; the Company would then replace the existing structures with 112 steel structures and construct, re-establish, and improve utility access routes. The Replacement Line would continue operating at 69 kilovolts ("kV") although capable of operating at 115 kV in the future, if needed. This work is referred to herein as the "Palmer to Ware Transmission Project" or the "Project." The Project description and maps of the Project site are provided below.

**The Siting Board will conduct a public comment hearing with both in-person and remote participation options:**

**Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.**

**Location: Palmer High School Auditorium**

**4105 Main St**

**Palmer, MA 01069**

**Remote attendees: join by clicking this link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86262871350>**

For audio-only participation, attendees can dial in at (646) 558-8656 (not a toll-free number) and then enter the Webinar ID: 862 6287 1350.

To provide oral comments during the public comment hearing (in person or on Zoom), please send an email to [Yonathan.Mengesha@mass.gov](mailto:Yonathan.Mengesha@mass.gov) with your name, email address, and mailing address by **noon, June 24, 2025**. To sign up by telephone, please leave a voice-mail message referencing "EFSB 24-02/D.P.U. 24-190" at (617) 305-3544 with your name, telephone number, and mailing address. Pre-registered commenters will speak first, and other commenters afterwards.

**The Siting Board also invites written comments on the Project.** Written comments will be most useful to the Siting Board if submitted by **Friday, July 11, 2025**.

**Important Dates**

Public Comment Hearing **June 25, 2025**

Deadline to file written comments **July 11, 2025**

Deadline to file for intervention/limited participant status **July 11, 2025**

**Public Comment Hearing**

At the public comment hearing, the Company will present an overview of the Project. Public officials and members of the public will have an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments about the proposed Project. The public comment hearing will be transcribed by a court reporter. A recording of the public comment hearing will be available on the **Siting Board's YouTube channel** after the hearing, at [https://www.youtube.com/@MaDPU\\_hearing](https://www.youtube.com/@MaDPU_hearing)

**Public Review of the Company's Petition**

A detailed description of the Project, links to the Company's petitions, attachments, and analysis, and periodic updates are available via the Siting Board's webpage for the Project <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/palmer-to-ware-transmission-project>. The Company also maintains a webpage for the Project: <https://palmertowareimprovementproject.com/>.

Hard copies of the Company's petitions, including all attachments, are available for public inspection at the following locations:

**Boston**  
Energy Facilities Siting Board  
One South Station, 3rd floor  
Boston, MA 02110

**Palmer**  
*Clerk's Office*  
4417 Main St. Ste 10  
Palmer, MA 01069

*Palmer Public Library*  
1455 N Main Street  
Palmer, MA 01069

**West Brookfield**  
*Clerk's Office*  
2 East Main Street  
West Brookfield, MA 01585

*Merriam-Gilbert Public Library*  
3 West Main Street  
West Brookfield, MA 01585

**Ware**  
*Clerk's Office*  
126 Main Street - Suite F  
Ware, MA 01082

*Young Men's Library Association*  
37 Main Street  
Ware, MA 01082

**Decision on the Project Proposal**

The public comment hearing marks the beginning of an official, state-level decision-making process focused on whether the Project should be approved. The Siting Board will make the decision based on the following laws:

1) Under G.L. (Massachusetts General Law) c.(chapter) 164, § (section) 69J, the Siting Board will review the Company's proposed Project to determine whether the Project will provide a reliable energy supply with a minimum impact on the environment at the lowest possible cost.

2) Under G.L. c. 164, § 72, the Siting Board will determine whether the proposed Project is necessary, serves the public convenience, and is consistent with the public interest.

**Intervention and Participation**

Persons or groups who wish to be involved in the Siting Board proceeding, beyond providing comments at the public comment hearing or submitting written comments, may seek either to intervene as a party or to participate as a limited participant. A petition to intervene or participate must also be filed no later than July 11, 2025, and follow the instructions provided below.

**"Intervenor" or "Party"** Status: An intervenor can participate fully in the evidentiary phase of the proceeding, including the right to participate in evidentiary hearings, file a brief and present comments to the Siting Board on the Tentative Decision, and to appeal a Final Decision.

**"Limited Participant" Status:** A limited participant receives documents during the proceeding and may file a brief and present comments regarding the Tentative Decision to the Siting Board.

A petition to intervene must demonstrate that the petitioner may be substantially and specifically affected by this proceeding. See below for filing instructions. For more information on the Siting Board's procedural rules, please see the following link: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/980-cmr-105/download>.

**Filing Instructions**

Written comments on the Project, or a petition to intervene or participate as a limited participant in this proceeding, must be filed in two places:

First, the comments or petition must be sent to the Siting Board by email - to [dpu.filing@mass.gov](mailto:dpu.filing@mass.gov) AND to [Connor.C.Tarr@mass.gov](mailto:Connor.C.Tarr@mass.gov) no later than the close of business on July 11, 2025. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (EFSB 24-02/D.P.U. 24-190); (2) the name of the person or entity submitting the filing; and (3) a brief description of the document. The email should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing.

Second, the comments or petition must be sent by email to counsel for the Company, Catherine Keuthen, Esq. at [ckcuthen@keeganwerlin.com](mailto:ckcuthen@keeganwerlin.com).

**Accommodation Requests**

Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities (e.g., Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) are available upon request. To submit a request for an accommodation, please email Melixza Esenyie - Non-Discrimination Coordinator and Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs at, [eadiversity@mass.gov](mailto:eadiversity@mass.gov), or call 617-626-1282. In your communication, please include a description of the request with as much detail as possible and provide a way we can contact you if we need more information. Please allow at least one week (7 days) advance notice. Last-minute requests will be accepted, but we may be unable to fulfill them.

Language interpretation services are available upon request. Include in your request the language required and a way to contact you if we need more information. Requests may be made at least one week (7 days) in advance. It may not be possible to accommodate last-minute requests. Contact the Presiding Officer for more information (contact information below).

**Non-Discrimination Notice**

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If you have any questions about this notice or any of the Siting Board's non-discrimination programs, policies, or procedures, you may contact:

Melixza Esenyie - Non-Discrimination Coordinator and Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Human Resources, 9th Floor, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA 02114, [eadiversity@mass.gov](mailto:eadiversity@mass.gov), 617-626-1282.

If you believe that you have been discriminated against with respect to a Siting Board program or activity, you may contact Melixza Esenyie (identified above) to learn how and where to file a complaint of discrimination.

**Contact**

For further information about the proceeding, please contact the Presiding Officer at the address or telephone number below:

Connor Tarr, Presiding Officer  
Energy Facilities Siting Board  
One South Station  
Boston, MA 02110  
[Connor.C.Tarr@mass.gov](mailto:Connor.C.Tarr@mass.gov)  
(617) 305-3596

For periodic updates please visit the Siting Board's webpage for this proceeding found at: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/palmer-to-ware-transmission-project>.

**Project Description**

The Company owns and operates an existing transmission line, Line O15N, that extends about ten miles, from National Grid's Palmer Substation to its Ware Substation (the "Palmer-Ware Line"). National Grid proposes to replace the Palmer-Ware Line and the transmission structures that are holding it up and then remove the old lines and structures. The Company maintains that the Project is needed because inherent design characteristics and physical deterioration of the existing Palmer-Ware Line have resulted in poor electric reliability. According to the Company, rebuilding the existing line would address the widespread damage to the existing structures, improve telecommunications between the two substations, and improve electric reliability. An interactive map of the Project is available at the following link: <https://palmertowareimprovementproject.com/index.htm#project-map>.

**Route Description**

The Palmer-Ware Line traverses the towns of Ware, West Brookfield, and Palmer. Beginning at the Palmer Substation at the southern end of the line, the Palmer-Ware Line travels in a northeasterly direction, crossing U.S. Route 20, Flynt Street, Thompson Street, the Massachusetts Turnpike (Interstate 90), Smith Street, Old Warren Road, and West Ware Street for a total of 8.07 miles in Palmer. The Existing Line then crosses into Ware, continuing in a northeasterly direction across Prendiville Road twice and traveling 1.18 miles, before entering West Brookfield. In West Brookfield, it continues northeast, crossing West Main Street/MA Route 9 and traveling 0.9 miles before turning westward back into Ware. In Ware, the Existing Line travels 0.2 miles and crosses Gilbertville Road/MA Route 32 just before entering the Ware Substation.

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(617) 305-3525**

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**English**

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**Kreyòl Ayisyen (Haitian Creole)**

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**Français (French)**

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**SHOW** | from page 1

Pokémon to anime, Magic: The Gathering to sports cards.

“This has just always been my thing,” said Cairns, whose enthusiasm was clear as he greeted guests and chatted with vendors. “Everybody’s got a thing, and this is ours.”

Cairns, who runs his business under the name Kody’s Pokéstop, has been collecting Pokémon cards since the franchise hit the U.S. in 1999. What started as a childhood hobby in West Brookfield has grown into a family-centered business and community effort. Now living in Ludlow with his wife Rachel and daughter Kaileena, Cairns has turned his passion into a way to bring people together.

The Western MA Card Show was the first event Cairns has hosted at AMVETS Post 74, and it has exceeded expectations. Vendor spots sold out within two weeks, and the event drew a steady stream of attendees looking to browse, trade, and talk shop. Though Pokémon was well-represented, the show offered much more, including Magic: The Gathering cards, vintage sports cards, anime figurines, and themed collectibles and accessories.

“There’s something here for every type of collector,” Cairns said. “We’ve got old-school stuff, handmade items, newer card games. It’s about covering the whole spectrum.”

Among the standout vendors was Christin Kaminski, the founder of C’s Creations, who has been crocheting for about 18 years. In 2020, she

started making 3D plush figures, including Pokémon characters and other pop culture-inspired designs. Her table was packed with soft, colorful creations that drew smiles from kids and adults alike.

The family spirit of the event was front and center. Cairns’ daughter Kaileena had her own vendor table, selling Pokémon keychains and pins she helped design and create. His wife Rachel, also a dedicated collector, recently completed a master set of Prismatic Evolutions cards. For the Cairns family, the event is more than a business — it’s a shared passion.

“If you can do something you love every day, you never have to work again,” Kody said. “This is that for us.”

Though he’s not a huge social media fan, Cairns promotes his business and events online under @Kody’sPokestop on platforms like Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and eBay. He’s also listed future events on the Treasure Events app, a growing space for collectors and vendors to find shows across the region.

Still, much of his promotion is done face-to-face. Cairns travels regularly to card shows across the East Coast, handing out flyers and inviting vendors and guests personally. “I vend in Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York...I’m all over,” he said. “That personal connection really matters.”

When asked to name his favorite Pokémon, Cairns didn’t miss a beat: “Alakazam, for sure. I’ve got a big ol’ one tattooed on my thigh. There’s not even a close second, unless it’s one of his evolutions.”



Customers peruse the various tables. Turley Photos by Abigail McCoy



Christin Kaminski of C’s Kreations showing off her favorite plushie, a crocheted Bulbasaur.

His daughter and wife lean more toward the original Eeveelutions, including Vaporeon, Jolteon, and Flareon; a shared interest that helps power their growing family business.

Cairns plans to continue hosting the Western MA Card Show monthly at AMVETS Post 74 through the end of the year, with each show building on the last. Whether

you’re a longtime collector, a fan of anime and gaming, or just looking for a fun family outing, the event offers a welcoming space full of creativity, nostalgia, and community spirit.

“We’re just trying to build something where everyone feels at home,” said Cairns. “It’s about the cards, sure, but it’s really about the people.”



Joshua Marcial from JM\_Collectibles on Instagram and his friend Luvius, The Ultimate Collector.



Lucas Nguyen, he sells Pokemon and a large variety of Pokemon themed accessories.



Tony Estremera of SR20, he has been selling collectibles for around 6 years but this was his first official card show.

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