

Summer Concert Series rocks the Brimfield Town Common

B R I M F I E L D – The Hitchcock Summer Concert Series sponsored by Country Bank will take place on Wednesdays, 6 to 8 p.m. July 1 through August 19 on the Brimfield Town Common. In the case of rain, concerts will move to Thursday. A food truck will be on site at each event. Picnics are also welcome; chairs and blankets are encouraged.

The series kicks off on July 1 with Woodshed, bringing Acoustic Folk, Country & Americana. Members Jason Wood of Brimfield, along with A.J. Kiernan, Karen Gallant, and Mike St. Germain are four musical friends who found each other through a love of music and mutual admiration, and are known for their signature three-part harmony. BT's Smokehouse will be on site.

July 8 brings The Island Castaways whose love of Buffet-style escapism infuses the pride they take in creating a relaxing atmosphere where there are many smiles, laughter and dancing, and lasting good time memories that create the ultimate Trop Rock experience. The featured food truck will be Flippin' the Bird BBQ.

After a weeklong hiatus for July's Brimfield Flea Market, The New England Digital Accordion Orchestra returns on July 22. Conducted by Sam Falcetti, the nation's first digital accordion orchestra features about 20 musicians from across New England. Using state-of-the-art Roland digital accordions, the group replicates the sounds of various instruments like flutes, trumpets, and a rhythm section to

showcase an impressive range of genres including Big Band, Broadway, Ethnic, Country, and Rock. BT's Smokehouse will return on this evening.

July 29 is all about polka with the return of The Eddie Forman Orchestra, also known as "E.F.O.", is a western Massachusetts polka band that has been performing before audiences since 1968. Eddie Forman started the band while he was still in high school, and has been creating and recreating music ever since, garnering one of the largest polka followings in the New England area. Off The Hook will be the evening's featured food truck.

August 5th brings the Brimfield debut of The Willies - a popular, community-focused classic rock and Americana band based out

of Belchertown. The band performs across the Western Mass region, playing high-energy hits from the 1950s through the 1980s, modern country, and rock standards. Flippin' the Bird BBQ returns for this concert.

Long-time series favorite CobbleStone Road of Connecticut returns on August 12 with high-energy country. Well-known throughout the region for playing modern and classic country hits from the 1990s to today, their energetic style mixes classic country with rock and blues. Smashing Patties will have their concert series debut this evening.

The series closes out on August 19th with Hard Knox, a Westfield, Massachusetts-based party rock and cover band known for their high-energy shows and "forgotten classics" setlist. Instead of regular cover tunes, they play unique, underappreciated gems from the '70s and '80s, making them a fixture in the Western Mass and Northern Connecticut music scenes. BT's Smokehouse will return to bookend this year's food truck lineup.

In addition to Presenting Sponsor Country Bank, this program is supported in part by a grant from the Brimfield Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council.

Hitchcock Summer Concert Series At-a-Glance:

July 1: Woodshed, Acoustic Folk, Country & Americana | BT's

July 8: The Island Castaways, Tropical Rock | Flippin' the Bird BBQ

July 15: No concert (Flea

Market Parking Fundraiser)

July 22: NE Digital Accordion Orchestra, Big Band, Broadway, Ethnic, Country & Rock | BT's

July 29: Eddie Forman Orchestra, Polka Band | Off the Hook

Aug. 5: The Willies, 50s, 60s, 70s & more! | Flippin' the Bird BBQ

Aug. 12: CobbleStone Road, Country ~ Smashing Patties

Aug. 19: Hard Knox, Classic sounds of the 70s, 80s, & 90s | BT's

For more information, visit www.hitchcock-academy.org. Hitchcock Academy is a community center located at 2 Brookfield Road in Brimfield serving the community with educational, recreational, and cultural programming.



Palmer Senior Center

Friday, Movie Matinee
12:30 p.m.
with drinks and popcorn

July 10 - "The Wild Bot" – Roz a bot that is shipwrecked on an uninhabited island must adapt to the harsh surroundings.

July 17 - "One Life" – The incredible true story of Nickholas "Nicky" Winton, a young London broker who helps rescue hundreds of predominantly Jewish children from Czechoslovakia in a race against time before Nazi occupation closes the borders on the verge of World War II. Fifty years later Nicky is haunted by the fate of those he wasn't able to bring to safety

July 24 - "Song Sung

Blue" tells the true story of Milwaukee couple Mike and Claire Sardina, who find love, purpose, and second chances by forming Neil Diamond tribute act Lightning & Thunder.

July 31 - "Between the Temples" – A grief-stricken cantor in crisis of faith finds his world turned upside down when his grade school music teacher re-enters his life as his new adult Bat Mitzvah student. The two for-lorn souls develop a special connection in this unorthodox comedy from Nathan Silver.

Monday Evening Programs
4:30 p.m.

July 6 - Pearl Painting (Pearl painting diamond dot is a type of DIY mosaic art craft where you place tiny, faceted plastic or resin "dia-

mond" dots (also called pearls or gems) onto a pre-printed adhesive canvas to create a sparkling, mosaic-like image) Seating is limited \$ 3.00 for the class

July 13 - Rock Painting w/Kim

July 20 - Pour Painting
July 27 - Sunflower Bucket w/Kim cost is \$5

Activities

July 8 - USDA presentation - 504 Home Repair Program, 502 Direct Home Loan Program. For more information see Lisa/Cindy to obtain Fact Sheets

July 15 - Seashell frames w/Kim cost is Single frame \$3, Double frame \$5. Samples at center

July 20 - *New program Chair Volleyball. Come join the fun! Mondays at 10 a.m.

July 20 - QVCDC/Bay-

state Connect Informational - Come learn transportation options for doctor appts. and getting around locally.

July 29 - Fairy Lantern w/lights w/Kim. Cost \$5. Sample at center.

Upcoming Events

August 1 (Saturday) - Cosmic Baseball Game at Polar Park in Worcester. Tickets limited, cost is \$40 prepaid, no refunds. Includes transportation.

Sept. 11 - Annual Picnic at Pulaski Park, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Entertainment by The Gemstones, meal by Tony and Penny Catering. Enjoy tasty food, good friends, and great entertainment. Cost \$15 due when you sign up.

Please Sign up for all Programs by calling 413-283-2670 Ext. 3

Palmer High School Class of '76 plans August reunion

PALMER – Do you have the Spirit of '76? With the 50th anniversary of Palmer High School's Class of 1976 this year, a reunion of classmates and faculty at the end of the summer has been planned for Aug. 28 at Salem Cross Inn, 260 W. Main St., West Brookfield. It will be a summer option for those unavailable in the fall, when a separate Class of '76 group is planning a reunion on Oct. 17.

The event at Salem Cross will begin with cock-

tails at 5 p.m., and dinner will start at 6 p.m., offering a menu of cheese and crackers, garden salad, and entrees of Rustic Chicken, Honey Dijon Salmon or Vegetarian Option. Tickets for the summer event will be \$50, which will include a tip.

For the Aug. 28 registration link, which includes payment options online and by post, contact Suzanne Stremppek Shea at sess7@comcast.net. RSVP and payment are due no later than Aug. 10.

Annual water quality report available

MONSON – The 2025 annual water quality consumer confidence report for Monson are available at <https://www.monson-ma.gov/622/Water-Quality-Report-CCR-Index>.

Hard copies are available at Monson Town Hall located at 110 Main Street, Monson Free Library lo-

cated at 2 High Street, and Monson Senior Center located at 106 Main Street in Monson, Mass.

Please call 413-267-4130 if you would like a paper report delivered to your home. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water.

Keep celebration July 5

MONSON – A fun way to end your Independence Day celebration is to visit the Keep Homestead Museum on Sunday, July 5, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. for the Ice Cream Social. Come and enjoy making a sundae with ice cream donated by Westview Farms Creamery. Various toppings will also be available.

While enjoying your sundae creation, listen to the musical entertainment featuring Frozenred – Rosemary Higgins, Fred Higgins, and Finlay Higgins. They will be playing traditional folk music.

Then tour the museum to view new exhibits. Plan to visit the gift shop where handmade note cards featuring buttons are for sale.

All are welcome to this FREE event though donations are welcome.



Submitted Photos
This photos shows what the juvenile was wearing at the time he went missing.

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two dogs. Later, a resident reported seeing the juvenile in the front yard of a home approximately 75 yards from the Connecticut border. However, despite an extensive search, no reliable sightings were reported and the juvenile has not been located.

Due to the remote area and rugged terrain, additional resources were called in to assist, including ground search and rescue teams, State Police Airwing and numerous K-9 teams. As the search area was in close

proximity to the state border, Connecticut State Police and Stafford Fire were also mobilized. An extensive search of the area was conducted until 10:30 p.m. the evening of June 30.

According to a press release from Westcomm Regional Dispatch, after continuous hours of searching the area, personnel and K-9s were fatigued from the prolonged search effort. Following a careful assessment of conditions, and to ensure the safety and effectiveness of all personnel, the decision was made to suspend search oper-

ations for that evening.

Throughout the overnight hours, the Monson Police Department continued to search for the juvenile. Additional resources arrived the morning of July 1 to resume the search.

Tuesday's search effort included more than 140 personnel and resources from numerous local, state, and regional agencies including Monson Police and Fire Departments, Palmer Fire Department, the Massachusetts State Police and many additional local, state, and regional public safety partners.



The missing 16-year-old male juvenile was accompanied by his two family dogs.

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Music Mondays draw crowds

By Marcelo Gusmão
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HOLLAND – A local bluegrass band performed for the local community center on a Monday afternoon.

The Community Center has been holding a series of summer music concerts, which was made possible through a grant from the state Cultural Council that the director applied for.

“The Cultural Council, I believe, gives grants to most of the Councils On Aging and Community Centers, so we’re part of that,” said Sanna Hart,

the Event Coordinator. “Everybody gets to choose what they want, I try to represent different genres of music.”

This Monday, June 29, the community was treated to the Ravenwood String Band, which has members that live in town.

“There are a lot of residents who know them, and they play locally quite often, at the winery,” Hart said. “It’s a local band, so they usually draw people they know. They even sang happy birthday to someone.”

In previous weeks, the center has hosted the Island Castaways, who have “a tropical caribbean vibe”; the Catnip Junkies, who play jazz mixed with New Orleans Second Line; Fat Angus an AC/DC tribute band; and Coltrane, a local favorite and tribute to southern rock. Ravenwood plays bluegrass, and next week, the Diamond Blues will be a fun Jerry Garcia band.

“We try to have a few people or bands that are local, that everybody knows and will come to see,” Hart said. “I mix that with bands from Southern Massachusetts that you don’t see all the time.”

Hart said that Director Brenda Palmer has been in charge of securing the grant for the concerts in the fall, and credited Kitchen Manager Monica Talbot as well.

“We do an all hands on deck kind of thing,” Hart explained. “There are four of

us, so for big events, besides myself, Monica, and Brenda, there’s Bear Sliwoski, and we work as a team for these events.”

The event also involves food and refreshments, with hot dogs served from the community center’s kitchen, a food truck from Angry Panda, and a table of desserts from Lanniecakes, which are both local businesses.

“I reach out to them at the beginning of the season and they’re very supportive, they support everything we do here,” Hart said.

Hart said that these events regularly have over 100 people in attendance, depending on the band.

“I try to publicize everybody fairly across the board,” Hart said. “Being that we’re a community center, not just a senior center, and because we’re part of the Council On Aging also, I try to bring genres that are a little more relevant or new.”

There have already been conversations about bands for next year, including Stone Temple Posers, a Stone Temple Pilots tribute band, among other bands that are in conversation.

“We really thank everybody who

comes out,” Hart said. “The more support we get and the more money we make, it feeds itself. We’re very grateful to have people coming out.”

To learn more about what’s going on at the Community Center, you can visit their Facebook page at “Holland Community Center, Holland, MA.”



Stacey Turkington, Peyton and Liam were dressed patriotically to enjoy their hot dogs.



The Ravenwood String Band performed at the Holland Community Center for this week’s Music Mondays concert.

Photos by Marcelo Gusmão



Music Mondays are made possible thanks to Event Coordinator Sanna Hart.



Kevin Tighe, pictured with his dog, Molly, enjoyed sitting in the shade for the concert.



Ed Sliwoski and Monica Talbot, Kitchen Manager, sold hot dogs and chips with the help of June Faneuf (not pictured).



Jessica Blais and Jack, age three, came from Connecticut to enjoy the concert.

Residents to participate in Pan-Mass Challenge to support cancer research

NEEDHAM – This August 1 and 2, the Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC) will bring together more than 6,000 cyclists and 4,000 volunteers on August 1-2 to raise money for cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Participants from local communities will be among those helping support the PMC’s mission to fund lifesaving cancer research and treatment.

Local participants include:

Marty Maketansky of Holland
Kayla Dighton of Wales
Jonathon Jasak of Enfield
Ted Mora of Palmer
Robert Peritz of Palmer
Jessica Desautels of Palmer
Jill Giebutowski of Monson
Stan Zwyrbla of Monson

Cynthia Schermerhorn of Brimfield

Michael Swiatlowski of Bondsville

The PMC, which raises more money for charity than any other single athletic fundraiser in the world, is aiming to raise more than ever this year, with a fundraising goal of \$79 million.

This year’s PMC comes at an especially critical time, with federal research support shrinking, grant approval rates reaching historic lows, and cancer cases continuing to rise. For the 20th consecutive year, 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar will go directly to Dana-Farber, one of the nation’s top three hospitals for cancer research and care.

“The theme for this year’s PMC, which is ‘now, more than ever,’ underscores the paramount importance of

every single dollar raised in fueling the search for a cure,” said Billy Starr, founder and chairman of the PMC. “We are endlessly grateful to every rider, volunteer, donor, and sponsor who makes the PMC possible. Because of their training miles, long hours of volunteering, generous support, and unwavering commitment, we are moving ever closer to a world without cancer.”

Since its inception in 1980, the PMC has raised \$1.125 billion for Dana-Farber, making it the organization’s largest single contributor and accounting for 67 percent of the annual revenue of The Jimmy Fund, Dana-Farber’s community-driven fundraising arm. This unrestricted annual funding has empowered and accelerated advancements in cancer research, deeply benefiting

patients across the world.

During each annual PMC weekend, thousands of cyclists and volunteers come together from across the world, hailing from 47 US states and 12 countries, with a shared purpose of raising as much money as possible for Dana-Farber. Cyclists ride routes ranging from 25 to 177 miles. Included among these participants is the PMC Living Proof community, riders and volunteers who were previously treated or are currently undergoing cancer treatment and serve as Living Proof of the progress made through raising funds for cancer research and treatment.

There is still time to participate in this year’s Pan-Mass Challenge. Folks interested in getting involved can learn more and register at PMC.org.

About the Pan-Mass Challenge

The Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC) is a bike-a-thon that today raises more money for charity than any other single athletic fundraising event in the world.

Founded in 1980 by Billy Starr - who remains the event’s founder & chairman, an annual cyclist, and a fundraiser - the PMC has raised \$1.125 billion for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through the Jimmy Fund. As Dana-Farber’s single largest contributor, the organization generates 67 percent of the Jimmy Fund’s annual revenue. 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar goes directly to fueling cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber. In addition to its two-day bike-a-thon across Massachusetts, the PMC is powered by further “spokes

in the wheel,” with initiatives including the PMC Winter Cycle, an indoor spin event; PMC Unpaved, a gravel bike ride; and PMC Kids Rides, mini bike-a-thons for children ages 2 to 15.

The PMC attracts riders and volunteers from 47 states and 12 countries and over 300,000 individual donors. Across events, the PMC has successfully melded support from committed cyclists, volunteers, corporate sponsors, and individual donors, all of whom are essential to the PMC’s goal and model: to attain maximum fundraising efficiency while increasing its annual gift.

The PMC’s aspiration is to provide Dana-Farber’s doctors and researchers with the necessary resources to discover cures for all cancers. For more information, visit www.pmc.org.



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SOCIAL SECURITY Matters By Russell Gloor

When should my wife claim Social Security?

Dear Rusty:

We could use guidance on optimum dates for my spouse to begin taking Social Security.

She doesn't have enough work credits on her own, so she will be using mine for spousal benefits. I was born in 1955, and I now get \$3,886 in monthly SS benefits.

My wife was born in 1961. We currently receive about \$50,000 per year in royalties and VA disability payments that will stop upon my death.

So, with that in mind, can you suggest optimum dates for my wife to claim, based on my projected death in early 2027 or early 2030? My wife is very healthy and will likely live beyond 2040.

Of course no one can predict their own passing; these are just random dates I came up with based on probabilities with my health issues.

Signed: Planning Ahead

Dear Planning Ahead:

Life expectancy and financial need are primary factors for your wife to consider at this point, plus whether she is now working. Her Full Retirement Age for Social Security purposes is age 67 and, if she takes her spouse benefit before that, the monthly amount will be reduced by about 8.3% for each year early, and she will also be subject to Social Security's Annual Earning Test, which limits how much she can earn from working prior to reaching her FRA.

Statistically, your wife's life expectancy is about 87 that's average longevity for a woman your wife's current age. Even though she isn't eligible for her own SS retirement benefits, she can still get a spousal benefit while you are both living and will get an even higher surviving spouse benefit when you die.

That's because her spousal benefit while both living will be based on 50% of your Full Retirement Age entitlement, but your wife's surviving spouse benefits when you die will be based upon 100% of the benefit you were receiving at your death.

Generally, if you believe you will pass within the next few years and your wife isn't working, her best option would be to claim her regular spouse benefit now.

Although she will initially get less than 50% of your FRA entitlement, that amount will be replaced automatically by her higher survivor benefit when you pass. Depending on her age when you pass, she will get the full \$3,886 monthly amount you are receiving at your death plus any COLA yet to be awarded.

If that happens before she reaches her full retirement age, her monthly survivor amount will be actuarially reduced based upon how far before her FRA it is claimed. Generally, the survivor benefit reduction will be about 4.75% for each full year claimed early about .396% for each month early.

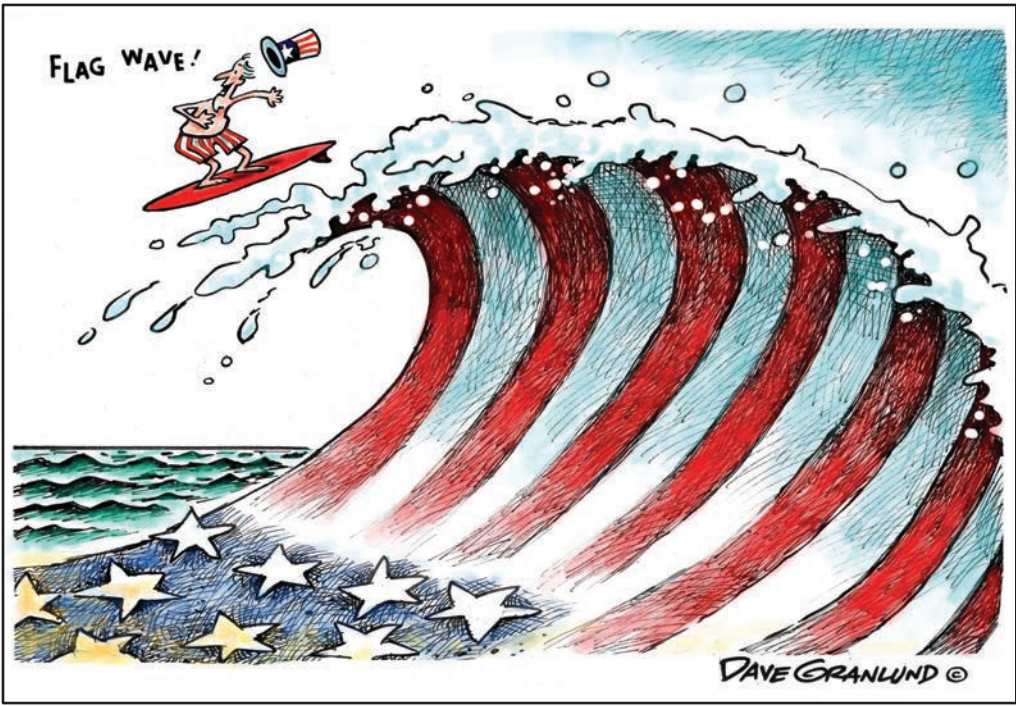
So, to a large degree, your wife's options for spouse and survivor benefits are based on your expected longevity. If you have reason to believe you will pass within the next few years, then your wife should probably claim her spousal benefit now while you are both living.

Because she is a bit shy of 65 years old, her initial SS spouse benefit will be reduced she'll get about 42% of your FRA benefit amount, instead of the 50% she would get if she claimed at age 67.

She can collect that amount until you die, at which time she will receive her survivor's benefit as your widow. If she has reached age 67 when that happens, your wife's benefit will become the same as yours was when you died, the \$3,986, plus any COLA since awarded.

And she will collect that higher SS survivor benefit for the remainder of her life which, from what you've shared, would likely be about 20+ years. Assuming her life expectancy is at least average, that is how your wife would get the most cumulative Social Security benefits over her lifetime.

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Reminiscing brings butterflies to mind

My husband and I were sitting on the porch reminiscing.

To be honest I felt a bit melancholy. Where has time gone?

With empty nesting feeling like it's right around the corner, it's easy to drift back in time and wish just for a moment that the kids were little again.

Boy, did we read lots of books. I remember one of the girls' favorites was "Butterfly Count" by Sneed B. Collard III.

In honor of "days gone by," enjoy this column right out of the archives

The basic premise of the book highlights the North American Butterfly Association's Fourth of July butterfly count with a simple story of a mother and daughter counting butterflies at a prairie restoration site named after the girl's great-grandmother Nora Belle.

When Nora traveled west as a child, "regal fritillaries bxy the thousands danced over the bluestem grasses, setting the prairie afire with butterfly wings" yet today they are gone, "their prairie homes are farms and houses now." The story ends with mother and daughter finding the rare butterfly in an undisturbed area of the preserve, the tiny cemetery in which her great great-grandparents are buried.

Reading the book got me thinking about what we

weed, nasturtium and verbena.

The largest number of butterfly species will be drawn to our yards if we imitate how plants grow in the wild. To do so, we should install a diverse mixture of trees, shrubs, perennial and annual flowers and herbs that bloom throughout the growing season.

Trees such as aspens, willows, poplars, and wild cherry make great host plants for caterpillars. In addition, they give butterflies shelter from the wind, protection from predators and spots to roost at night.

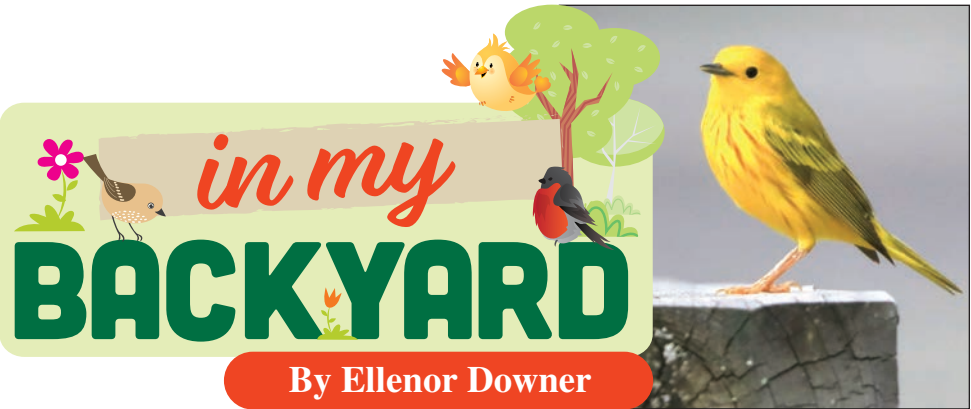
A good habitat should also include some form of water source that will provide butterflies with additional moisture when dew and rain are scarce. "The Family Butterfly Book" by Rick Mikula (Storey Publishing, \$29.95) offers a fun project to make with your kids called a waterless pond.

Line a shallow hole in the garden with a trash bag, fill it with stones and add water. Dew will collect on the rocks in the morning and slide down the cracks.

Butterflies can land on the rocks and sip water from the crevices. Put a narrow band of sand around your pond and this area will serve double-duty as a "puddling station," a place for male butterflies to imbibe salts and minerals in preparation for mating.

Another important feature in a butterfly garden is a basking station. To be able to fly, these solar powered creatures must

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John Kunhardt of Belcher-town took this photo of a northern yellow warbler near Lake Wallace in Belcher-town.

Northern yellow warblers are small, evenly proportioned songbirds with medium-length tails and rounded heads. They are 4.7 to 5.1 inches long. For a warbler, the straight, thin bill is relatively large.

Northern yellow warblers are uniformly yellow birds. Males are a bright, egg-yolk yellow with reddish streaks on the underparts. Females are also yellow but appear slightly duller.

Both sexes flash yellow patches in the tail. The face is unmarked, accentuating the large black eye.

People may look for these warblers near the tops of tall shrubs and small trees.

They forage restlessly, with quick hops along small branches and twigs to glean caterpillars and other insects. Males sing their sweet, whistled songs from high perches.

Northern yellow warblers breed in shrubby thickets and woods, particularly along watercourses and in wetlands. Common trees include willows, alders and cottonwoods across North America.

Northern yellow warbler

In winter these warblers inhabit a variety of wooded habitats including mangroves, deciduous forests and tropical evergreen forests, as well as gardens, town plazas, second growth, brushy pastures, hedgerows, agricultural lands and plantations.

Their song sounds like "sweet-sweet-sweet, I'm so sweet."

Yellow warblers usually build their nests in shrubs or small trees, typically 3 to 10 feet above the ground. The nest is often placed in dense

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POETRY CORNER

Independence Day In The Country

On Independence Day when morning light filled my door - And having less the freedom it seems than once - I went out to the country - to the elegant Pierce House Estate, where they keep the rich and poor. Entering thru An old pedimented gate - could feel it all swing open, A stage set, and the Fourth again was young.

There, under the early sky, was laughter, and shouting - Like everyone was at home - and knew what they were about: Families, picnickers, dogs running after desire as ever; Food cooking, as visitors and more strolled by. A brass band

Of players, turning out whistling sweet tunes - And brisk marches - from over at the wooden grandstand Draped in bunting; flags flapping free the red, White, and blue - as reminders of the July

Long ago, which stirs in the bosoms of many; The history that keeps calling back . . . When it was all for keeps. And the patriotic Colors showed upon war-embattled fields: To defend,

Or lose - is what it's generally about; Whether you're in uniform or not. Somehow It was done in the most rational manner, unimproved, As Revolutions go, despite the burrs and the blood, Creating all but a new thing in the world.

- Charles Barnes

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As part of its election coverage, the newspaper plans to print stories about contested races for Congress, state Senate, state House, district attorney and Governor's Council during the weeks leading up to the election, as well as a question-and-answer voters guide. In order to ensure fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed, nor will reporters cover political rallies or fundraisers.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

E-mail items to journalregister@turley.com or mail to Calendar Editor, Journal Register, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, for receipt by Monday of week for publication.

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

UPCOMING

VENDORS FOR THE BAYSTATE WING HOSPITAL GIFT SHOPPE

July Vendors

July 6 - In The AM Floral
July 8 - Heart Arts Crafts
July 9 - Hobbit Hollow Herbs
July 15 - How Charming
July 21 - Wicked Good Treats

Wales Public Library Activities

Friday, July 3

- Wiggles & Wonder (Ages 0-3) - 10:30 a.m.

Monday, July 6

- After School Art - 4 p.m.
- Adult Book Club – 6 p.m.

Tuesday, July 7

- Tween & Teen Junk Journaling – 3 p.m.

Wednesday, July 8

- Wales Tales Story Time - 12:15 p.m.
- Move with Fun and Games - 1:15 p.m.

Thursday, July 9

- Rock Painting – 2 p.m.

Friday, July 10

- Wiggles & Wonder (Ages 0-3) - 10:30 a.m.

Monday, July 13

- Trustee Meeting – 11 a.m.

Tuesday, July 14

- Caregiver Connection - 10:30 a.m.
- Graphic Novel Book Club – 3 p.m.
- Friends of the Library - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 15

- Wales Tales Story Time - 12:15 p.m.
- Move with Fun and Games- 1:15 p.m.

Thursday, July 16

- Kids Healthy Snack Class – 10 a.m.

- Police Officer Story Time – 2 p.m.

Friday, July 17

- Wiggles & Wonder (Ages 0-3) - 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 21

- Tween & Teen Terrariums – 3 p.m.

Wednesday, July 22

- Plushie Sleepover
- Wales Tales Story Time - 12:15 p.m.
- Move with Fun and Games - 1:15 p.m.

Friday, July 24

- Wiggles & Wonder (Ages 0-3) - 10:30 a.m.

Monday, July 27

- Rock Painting – 2 p.m.

Wednesday, July 29

- Wales Tales Story Time - 12:15 p.m.

Thursday, July 30

- Wildlife on Wheels by Forest Park Zoo – 1 p.m.

Friday, July 31

- Wiggles & Wonder (Ages 0-3) - 10:30 a.m.

ONGOING

WALES CHURCH FARMER’S MARKET - Located in the church pavilion across from the post office on the corner of Route 19 and Monson Road. We will be open every Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. beginning on Memorial Day weekend and running throughout the summer until Labor Day weekend. We offer homemade baked goods, local honey, crafts, flea market items, antiques, and fruits and vegetables when in season. Vendors are welcome and there is no charge to set up a table.

2025-2026 Drama & Dance Program Beginning September 11th and running through May on Thursdays at PHCC. Does your child love dancing and acting? Have they always been interested but never tried? All levels and ages 5 plus welcome! (Drama students must be able to read.) Also offering Adult Hip Hop & Lyrical Dance Classes. Students must be available for show date in May. Date TBD. Adult class students can dance in show or choose not to as long as requested ahead of time. Contact: trulytorie2000@gmail.com for more info and to register.

THURSDAYS - WESTERN LINE DANCE CLASSES 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. \$10 for one lesson or

both. Brimfield Winery at 35 Main Street in Brimfield. Check brimfieldwinery.com for any variations.

CRAFTERNOONS: Drop in 2 to 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. For more information call 413-267-4137, email khn@keephomesteadmuseum.org or visit keephomesteadmuseum.org.

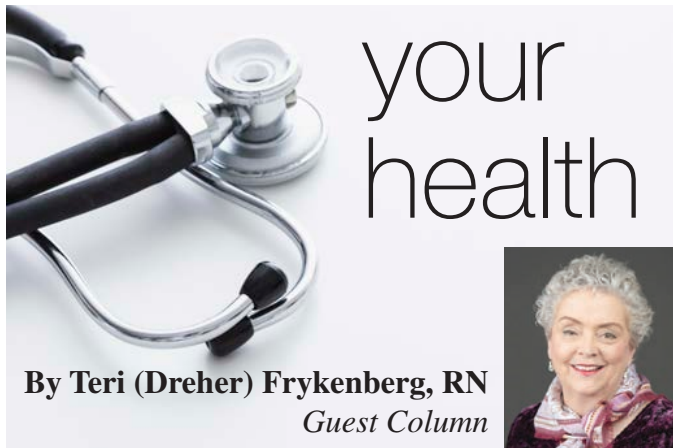
QUABOAG VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD: Members meet at 1 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month in the Amvets post at 2150 Main St., Three Rivers. The Guild is a no-pressure group with varying degrees of accomplishments, from novice to Big E “Best In Show” winners. Dues are \$55 a year. Follow them 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 at the Palmer Library at 1455 N. Main St. Free and open to the public. Play available board and card games or bring your own. Must be 16 or older unless accompanied by an adult. No Registration Required – just show up! Questions? Call 283-3691, or email palewis19@yahoo.com.

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

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



your health

By Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN
Guest Column

Tucked under your ribs next to your stomach on the right side, your liver may not be a body part you think about every day, but

this three-pound powerhouse - our largest internal organ - performs a lot of important functions our bodies rely on. And it’s up to us to keep

How to keep your liver alive for a lifetime

it going.

Some liver diseases are caused by genetic mutations that can be inherited. Liver health, however, is largely dependent on our own lifestyle behaviors. Let’s take a moment to appreciate all our liver does for us, and how we can keep it in tip-top condition.

What does the liver do?

A lot. Your liver’s biggest job is filtering harmful substances and waste from your blood. Every day, your liver filters more than 250 gallons of blood. As if that weren’t enough, it also makes cholest-

erol, produces certain hormones, makes proteins, stores glucose to keep your blood sugar steady, and breaks down toxins and germs so your body can eliminate them.

How do you know if your liver is healthy?

A healthy liver doesn’t really call attention to itself. Typically, your regular bloodwork will look at albumin and bilirubin levels. Low albumin levels, typically below 3.5 grams per deciliter, can indicate liver malfunction. A normal bilirubin level is generally less than 1 milligram per deciliter; anything higher is

associated with potential liver disease. Abnormal results in these measures may indicate further screening is needed.

A liver that’s feeling poorly will make you feel poorly, too, with fatigue, swelling in feet and ankles, abdominal pain, easy bruising or bleeding, and chills. Another telltale sign is jaundice, a yellowing of the skin and eyes caused by the buildup of bilirubin.

What can go wrong with your liver?

One of the more prevalent liver disorders is inflammation classified as Hepatitis

A, B and C. Hep A is caused by contaminated food or water, not a huge problem in the U.S. but more common elsewhere in the world.

Hep B and Hep C viruses spread through contact with infected blood and body fluids through unprotected sex or needle sharing. It used to be that blood transfusions were a common source of hepatitis, but today’s thorough screening methods make that very rare now. Vaccines help prevent Hep A and B. There’s no vaccine yet for

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foliage, making it difficult for predators to spot.

They commonly select willows, alders or other shrubs near water. The surrounding leaves provide camouflage and protection from harsh weather.

A typical yellow warbler clutch contains about three to five pale greenish or bluish white eggs with small brown or gray speckles.

The female incubates the eggs for roughly 11 to 12 days, rarely leaving the nest except to feed. Once the chicks hatch, both parents help feed them.

Feeding mealworms

After seeing a pair of bluebirds, I started putting out mealworms on the picnic table every day. I figured black bears would not bother with mealworms.

I was right and the birds ate them up quickly. Yes, the bluebirds came for the mealworms, but so did two catbirds and a male robin.

The other day the pair of catbirds landed on the table as I spread out the mealworms. I’ve noticed them check the table for mealworms before I put them out.

Red-shouldered hawk

A woman in Montgomery reported a red-shouldered hawk in her yard. It’s one of the most distinctively marked common hawks with barred reddish-peachy underparts and a strongly banded tail.

Wild turkey encounter

My daughter, Paula, was walking her dog, JoJo on the rail trail in Gilbertville along the river. A hen turkey was hidden on the side of the trail. She states, “When JoJo and I ran by, she flew up. One of the babies panicked and started running after mom flew off, which caused mom to charge at us making a bunch of noise.”

She states, “JoJo and I sprinted a good 20 feet before she decided we weren’t a threat anymore.”

She continues, “But this was definitely the closest encounter we’ve ever had. JoJo now ranks turkeys in the ‘scary’ category along with Canada geese.”

Brimfield birds

A Brimfield resident emailed, “A pair of yellow-bellied sapsuckers spent a few days visiting a native dogwood tree in the yard awhile back. And we have seen a few warblers, a common yellowthroat checked me out when I was working in the garden yesterday. We have at least two male hummingbirds visiting the yard and feeders and at least one female.”

He stated, “I saw a female rose-breasted grosbeak collecting nesting material so I’m going to look for a nest. Several years ago I found a

grosbeak nest near our shed.”

Osprey

The Brimfield resident stated in his email, “The Osprey nest in Warren looks like the chicks have hatched based on the behavior of an adult at the nest yesterday. In the past it is usually mid June before I see chicks in the nest. When they are very young osprey chicks mostly lay down in the nest waiting to be fed.”

He reported four great blue heron nests at the pond I visit in Warren where the Ospreys nest.

Bird count

The Brimfield resident also stated, “The Allen Bird Club of Springfield does a spring bird count each year in mid May. We use the Christmas Bird Count count circle, I have covered Ludlow since 1989. I only managed 50 species this year, partly because my hearing isn’t what it use to be.”

He stated, “I did manage to find a Tennessee and Parula warbler, about a dozen yellow-rumped warblers, two common loons, one each solitary and spotted sandpiper and a black-billed cuckoo. I

hadn’t seen a cuckoo in a few years.”

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edown-er@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005. The Palmer office has a new phone system and I will be getting an extension where messages may be left. I will publish the number as soon as it is set up.

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As you have said, no one can predict how long they will live, but from the information you’ve provided, I expect that the above would likely be your wife’s best Social Security strategy. And, for the record, I admire you exploring your wife’s options in advance. I hope this an-

swers your question, but rest assured we are always here if you need any further information.

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warm up.

In fact, Mikula reports that their flight muscles must achieve 83 degrees before lift-off!

Light colored stepping stones placed about the garden will reflect the sun, allowing the insects upper and lower wing surfaces to heat

up at the same time.

After researching this article I realize just how little I know about butterflies. Luckily, some of the plants mentioned above already grow on my property, and butterflies often frequent the premises.

For more information on or to participate in the North American Butterfly Association’s butterfly count consult their website at www.naba.org.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 34 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.

POETRY CORNER

Lady of Liberty

Near the harbour’s open path have I stood
The pride of time. Saw waves upon the waves bring
Into sight those bundled travelers from abroad.
And would continue as I have welcoming
The windborne and needy until mybs should
Fill no sky nor blue oceans beat. The heart says more,
To others beyond, and I would further til
The heavens the last hope sent here
Earthward. But change has not stood so still
But a force sets upon us, that more bound
Are we on a fuller shore. Not liberty
Less do I hold out. America, was found
Here before I was, and unto itself will be free
While wisdom stays and the sturdy know this ground.

– Charles Barnes



In the classroom



Turley photos by Ben Hernandez

Current preschool students also leave behind memories and handprints.

Cold Spring School under new management

By Ben Hernandez
Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN – Cold Spring School’s doors will shutter on July 1, sent off by a warm reception from former teachers and students. The preschool and kindergarten building will be transferred to Pathfinder Tech next month, prompting the end of the building’s 72 years of early childhood education. Interim principal Jennifer Pelletier stated the transition was due to a number of factors; low student enrollment, the building’s age and lack of funding.

“The district was allowed the time through the override last year to plan, to reorganize and adjust grade spans in different buildings,” Pelletier said. “So for next year, the students that would come to Cold Spring will be at Swift River with grades one and two.”

As a result of the new students, third graders currently attending Swift River will find themselves moving to Chestnut Hill. Sixth graders attending Chestnut Hill will be transferred to Jabish Brook.

“At that point it was not known whether the new middle school project was going to be approved or not,” Pelletier said as she discussed the new student reshuffling in the district. Pelletier became the school’s interim principal last year, during a time where the building’s future was unknown. The project to build a new middle school didn’t pass, which prompted the town to “consider what was needed in terms of support.” She commented the restructure made sense when looking at current state curriculum frameworks.

“There’s often the K to



Former teachers and students leave their literal mark on the school’s bulletin boards.

two band and then three to five. Middle school’s often six, seven and eight,” Pelletier said. “So we’re really kind of aligning and following that.”

She believed the current school ethos will remain in town as Cold Spring’s existing educators get redistributed and mentioned the change will “help support educators in kind of doing similar work.” She also stated the reorganization would help educators build off each other’s strengths and allow for further collaboration. Pelletier herself will be moving to Swift River once Pathfinder Tech takes over the building in July.

“You always thought of the school for the little, little kids. Now we’re going to have big, huge kids here,” said former educator Liz Rogers. Rogers was the personal special education teacher for one student, a unique position which had her follow her pupil through the entirety of the Belchertown primary education system. She commented the school’s future “could have been a lot worse.”

The closure was commemorated with a small ceremony on June 18, which started at 5:30pm and continued until 8pm. Light refreshments of cookies, water and lemonade were served during the open house and closing ceremony. The ceremony offered opportunities to share memories, reconnect with old colleagues, a plethora of photos

which showcased the building’s history. Attendees also painted hands and left their prints on the prepared bulletin boards, a symbolic way to show the mark they left on the school.

Featured speakers included former superintendent Richard Fazasis, former Cold Spring student Ava Switlowski, interim principal Jill Pelletier and current superintendent Brian Cameron. Each speaker reflected on their time at the school and offered heartfelt farewells with no small amount of tears. Though the doors have closed on Cold Spring as an early childhood education building, some remain hopeful for the school’s future.

“I think I’m happy that they kept it,” Rogers said as she referred to Pathfinder Tech’s bid to buy the location. “And not, you know, burn it down.”



Interim Principal Jill Pelletier conducts the commemoration ceremony as visitors shuffle in.

CAMPUS NOTES

University of Rhode Island students named to President’s List

KINGSTON, RI – The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce that several area students have been named to its Spring 2026 President’s List. Among them are:

Lizzy Maxfield of Brimfield, Alissa McKinney of Palmer, Makena Pentoney of Holland, Vanessa Ricci of Brimfield and Miranda Sandoval of Palmer

To be included on the President’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 3.80 through 4.0 grade 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 3.80 through 4.0 grade point average.

President’s List honors for spring semester at Nichols College

DUDLEY – Lydia Julian of Holland, MA, has achieved President’s List honors for the spring 2026 semester at Nichols College.

President’s List recognizes those students who achieve high grades during a single semester. Students whose semester grade point average is 3.85 or higher for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and no grades below B- will receive President’s List honors.

Custance named to WPI spring 2026 Dean’s List

WORCESTER – Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) has announced that Aidan Custance, a member of the class of 2028 majoring in Biomedical Engineering, was named to the university’s Dean’s List for academic excellence for the spring 2026 semester.

The criteria for the WPI Dean’s List differ from that of most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI students are named to the Dean’s List based on the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and hands-on projects.

“WPI’s academic programs are rigorous and require a level of independence beyond what is required in traditional courses. WPI students work on real-world, open-ended problems on campus and in communities around the globe. Far from being simple academic exercises, the projects students complete have genuine and lasting impacts in our partner communities,” said Provost Andrew Sears. “Some of this nation’s best and brightest students come to WPI to study engineering, science, business, and the humanities. Those named to the Dean’s List have excelled in all of their work, and we are exceptionally proud of these outstanding students.”

URI students named to Spring 2026 Dean’s List

KINGSTON, RI – The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce that several area students have been named to its Spring 2026 Dean’s List. Among them are:

Grace Hershowitz of Palmer, Caitlin Lebel of Three Rivers, and Ashley Placanco of Thorndike

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 through 3.79 grade 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 through 3.79 grade point average.

Andrews Briere graduates from the University of Hartford

WEST HARTFORD, CT – The University of Hartford is pleased to announce that Andrew Briere of Holland has been awarded the degree of Master of Architecture from the College of Engineering, Technology, and Architecture.

1,093 students received graduate and undergraduate degrees this spring as part of the Class of 2026.

Please join us in congratulating all our students for their hard work and academic success.

Palmer resident named to President’s List at Dean College

FRANKLIN – Elizabeth Perreault of Palmer has earned a place on the President’s List for the Spring 2026 semester. Students named to the President’s List have demonstrated a serious commitment to their studies while at Dean College. The President’s List recognizes full-time students who have earned a perfect semester grade point average (GPA) of 4.0.

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Public safety

Monson Fire Logs

During the week of June 22-28, the Monson Police Department responded to six miscellaneous calls, 32 administrative calls, 26 property checks, 15 traffic assignments, four traffic violations, 13 emergency 911 calls, one disturbance, two motor vehicle accidents, two safety hazards, seven investigations, one assist other agency, one theft/larceny, 32 police vehicle checks, two animal calls, 16 motor vehicle stops, five directed patrols, 17 details/overtimes, 11 phone calls and three general info calls.

Monday, June 22
3:20 a.m. Suspicious/Wanted

1:46 p.m. Weapons/Firearms
3:17 p.m. Investigation/Follow Up
4:47 p.m. EMS Mutual Aid

Tuesday, June 23
8:19 a.m. Breaking and Entering/Burglary
9:37 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call
9:45 a.m. Investigation/Follow Up
11:45 a.m. Investigation/Follow Up
12:04 p.m. Animal/Injured/Hunted
12:45 p.m. Fire/EMS Public Service
2:40 p.m. Investigation/Follow Up
7:57 p.m. Animal/Injured/Hunted

Wednesday, June 24
10:56 a.m. Theft/Larceny-Past
12:10 p.m. Suspicious/Wanted
2:05 p.m. Abandoned/Found Property
5:05 p.m. Investigation/Follow Up
8:45 p.m. Animal/Injured/Hunted

Thursday, June 25
2:10 a.m. Disturbance/Nuisance
11:27 a.m. Suspicious/Wanted
11:48 a.m. Suspicious/Wanted
12:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injuries
6:00 p.m. Investigation/Follow Up

8:46 p.m. EMS Mutual Aid
10:50 p.m. Investigation/Follow Up

Friday, June 26
3:40 p.m. Assist Other Agency/Urgent
3:43 p.m. Investigation/Follow Up
5:20 p.m. Safety Hazard

Saturday, June 27
8:31 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call
2:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injuries
8:34 p.m. Safety Hazard

Sunday, June 28
11:54 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call
6:30 p.m. Fire Investigation

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successful, because in spite of a brief period of heavy rain, Friday's show brought a big crowd to see Rock 201.

"They're an awesome band, they've been playing at the park for years," Hoy said of Rock 201. "I can't stress it enough, they're great people, excellent performers, and the crowd loves them. You can't ask for much more out of a group than what those guys deliver."

Hoy said that the early season involves navigating graduations and early vacations, but that the park expects a huge turn-out during the thick of summer.

"We have them just about every Friday," Hoy said. "We're not doing one July 3 because we know people are planning their own barbecues and family picnics, or they're planning to go see fireworks somewhere, so instead of having a slow night, let's let our staff have a Friday night off to go do stuff with their families and their children. It works out as a mid-season break."

After Independence Day weekend, the park will be right back to its regular schedule, with the Quaboag River Blue Band performing on Friday, July 10.

"They're a local local band from the Palmer and



Submitted Photo

Rock 201 rocked out at Pulaski Park this past Friday.

Warren greater area with a really big following," Hoy said. "They're very popular with Grateful Dead fans, so they have a lot of stuff people can jam out and dance to."

After QRBB, the park will host a concert by S.G.T.

on July 17, Emotion on July 24, and Pure Country on July 31. Then Jim Blanch and Boot Hill will perform on Aug. 7, Steven George on Aug. 14, The Avenue on Aug. 21, and Rock 201 will return to the park on Aug. 28. Liquor

id Agenda will be performing on Sept. 4, and QRBB will be back on Sept. 11.

"There's live music, and we've got half the field set aside for the show cars that come out," Hoy said. "People check out all kinds of classic cars, and some people bring newer Mustangs, Challengers, and Corvettes. There's been a really big presence of people on motorcycles; they've always been welcome, but this year we've had a lot more bikes coming out, which is also good to see."

In addition to the Cruise 'N' Concerts, the park has a full line-up of other events, including Dennis Polisky and Maestros Men featuring the Polka Country Musicians on July 12 and the annual Polish Festival on July 25. The Dynatones will be playing on Aug. 2, The Mass Brass on Aug. 16, and the Eddie FOrman Orchestra on Aug. 30. On Sept. 5, the park will host Northeast Fox Frenzy, on Spet. 27, the Heritage Pops Orchestra, and Oct. 4 will be the Milltown Rumble at the Park.

For more information about the events being held at the park, go to PulaskiPark.com.

Obituaries

Hilton "Sonny" Davis

1932 - 2026

MONSON – Sonny Davis, 94, joined his wife Edith, son Rick and daughter Catherine on June 23 for his next adventure.

Long before age earned him the title, he was simply known as "The Old Man", a term of affection and respect from family and friends alike.

Sonny was a man who believed in hard work above all else. He wasn't afraid of long days, dirty hands or difficult jobs. He approached life with determination and grit, expecting the same dedication from those around him. His work ethic was unwavering, and it became one of the greatest legacies he leaves behind.

Known for his fiery temper he could be stubborn, outspoken and quick to let you know exactly what he thought. Yet those who looked beyond that tough exterior discovered a man with a loyal heart, a sharp sense of humor and a willingness to help when it truly mattered. His love was often shown through deeds rather than words.

He never met a dog he didn't love and who didn't love him back. One of Sonny's greatest joys was his dogs. They were a constant source of happiness and companionship. He is now reunited with his faithful friends who never left his heart.

He found so much pleasure in spending time exchanging endless stories with his many lifelong friends and fishing buddies.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to Tom and Sandy Smith, his guardian angels who always showed up when he needed them. You meant the world to him.

He is survived by his children: Rogerlene Davis, Alma Coderre, William and his partner Grace; son-in-law Buster Robbins; grandchildren: Justin Robbins, Tracey Benard, Rachel and Amber Coderre, Troy and Dexter Davis and their families.

All services will be private. Lombard Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements. For online condolences please visit www.lombardfuneralhome.com

DEATH NOTICES

Hilton "Sonny" Davis
Died June 23, 2026
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Steve has coached several Little League teams in the past, showing his true dedication and encouragement to Monson's youth."

The proclamation credited Slozak as "the person behind the scenes" setting up, taking down, and cleaning up the annual Memorial Road Race, and making the wooden display cases for the schools' Hall of Fame.

"One of Steve's best-known endeavors is his involvement with Monson SummerFest, Inc.," Valley continued, "joining as a member in 2002, becoming the Vice Chair of the committee in 2005, and attaining the title of Chairman since 2010."

The board called on the citizens to honor and show congratulations to Slozak for his contributions to the community on July 4, when the proclamation will be presented again.

The board then heard from Haley Fennyery, who asked for a donation for her to participate in a marathon in Berlin.

"Two years ago, before leaving to pursue my Master's Degree overseas, I stood before you and asked Monson to support my fundraising campaign for the London marathon," Fennyery said. "Tonight, I'm grateful to return home and ask for your support once again, this time as I prepare to run the Berlin marathon."

Fennyery described living and working for the last two years in France, Belgium, Spain, and the Philippines, where she studied alongside classmates from 27 different countries.

"Somewhere along the way, running became the thing that tied my closest friendships together," Fennyery said. "Three of those friends, Yitza and Siba from Belgium and Miwash from Poland, became my training partners. When I told them I wanted to run another marathon, I asked if they'd run it with me. They said yes, and that's how Mundus Runners was born; four friends from three countries, one team."

This September, Fennyery hopes to line up with the Mundus Runners at the Berlin Marathon, and I'll be representing Monson, and together we hope to raise 6,000 pounds, or \$7,500, for Children with Cancer U.K.

"We come from different places, but we'll stand on the same starting line for the same cause," Fennyery said. "I hope my journey reminds Monson students that it doesn't matter where they come from, either a small town or a big city, there's no limit where you can go. One day, I hope to represent our country through a career in diplomacy; wherever that path may lead, Monson will always be the community I represent and the place I call home."

The Select Board voted to approve the gift of \$750 to Fennyery's cause.

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Lions Pride clinics a great opportunity for area children

By Tim Peterson
Correspondent

LUDLOW – More than seventy boys and girls from Ludlow kicked off the first week of summer vacation by attending the Lions Pride Soccer Clinic, which was held at Ludlow High School.

“This is probably the most kids that we’ve had at a clinic since we started doing them at the high school six years ago,” said Greg Kolodziey, who’s the Director of the Lions Pride Soccer Clinic. “Most of the campers are between 5-12 years old. They’re able to work with several of the varsity soccer players and they’ve been having a lot of fun this week.”

Kolodziey is also the longtime boys’ varsity soccer coach at Ludlow High School.

The Lions varsity boys’ soccer players who helped coach during the first session were Evan Dias, Eli Batista, Nic Falcetti, Anthony Schucko, Cam Friese, and T.J. Oakley.

Schucko, who’s a rising junior, lived in Miami, Florida before moving to Ludlow as a sixth grader.

“I just love teaching these kids different soccer drills,” Schucko said. “Soccer is a more popular sport in Ludlow than it is in Florida.”

One of Schucko’s mentors is Dias, who’s going to be one of the few seniors on this year’s varsity squad.

“Even though Evan is a very good soccer player, he treats everyone on the soccer team the same way,” Schucko added. “It was an honor to make the varsity team as a freshman. Our first

goal is to win the Western Mass. title. We’re going to try our best to win the Division 1 state title after that. A lot of people think we don’t have a chance to win a title this season because we’re a young team, but we’re hoping to prove them wrong.”

Schucko, who’s also a member of the Lions boys’ varsity basketball and tennis teams, is hoping to play for the Western Mass. Pioneers in the future.

While it was the first time that Schucko had worked at the clinic, Dias was also one of the coaches a year ago.

“It’s been a blast helping out at this clinic,” Dias said. “There are some talented youth players here. They even challenge me during scrimmages. Everyone plays soccer in Ludlow.”

One of Dias’ former

teammates on the varsity team is Thomas Wadas, who’s currently a member of the UMass Amherst men’s soccer team. Wadas is also a member of the Western Mass. Pioneers.

“I was lucky to be teammates with Thomas for two years on the varsity team,” Dias said. “He was a very strong captain and he’s one of my role models. He was never negative. I’m hoping to be the captain of this year’s team. I just love playing soccer.”

Dias is also an outstanding hockey player.

The Lions hockey team has co-op with Belchertown High School during the past couple of seasons.

Dias is looking forward to facing the Orioles on the soccer pitch this fall. The first meeting is scheduled for September 23 at Belchertown High School. The second meeting is slated for the Ludlow Sports Complex on October 15.

“Andrew Lambert, who’s the Belchertown soccer goalie, is one of my best friends on the hockey team,” Dias said. “I’m hoping to beat Belchertown in soccer because I want to have the bragging rights during the hockey season.”

The two Lady Lions soccer players, who assisted at the clinic, were Maeve Carter and Morgan Vala.

It was the second year that the clinic was held on the turf football field.

“This is a beautiful facility,” Kolodziey said. “We can be out here even if it’s raining. We also have access to the high school gym.”

Kolodziey described a typical day at the three hour clinic.

“We normally start each day with a group warm up,” he said. “Then we play a lot of fun soccer games and have different competitions throughout the week.”

The second session of the soccer clinic is scheduled to take place at Ludlow High School from July 21-25.

If a player answers a couple of questions on the Lions Pride website, they can earn a \$50 scholarship.

We have the kids answer two questions about athletics and academics,” Kolodziey said. “It’s open to every kid who wants to attend the clinic. A bunch of families took advantage of it this week.”

Information about the other Lions Pride clinics being held this summer can be found on the Ludlow High School Athletic website.

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Start by asking yourself these five questions.

When do you want to retire? The age at which you retire matters more than you may realize. Retiring early sounds appealing, but it means saving more and having less time to do it. It can also create gaps in health care coverage and income before key benefits kick in. For example, Social Security benefits can begin at 62, but at a reduced amount. Full benefits are available between ages 66 and 67, depending on birth year, and waiting until 70 means the maximum benefit. Medicare doesn't start until age 65, and penalty-free withdrawals from retirement accounts generally aren't allowed until age 59½.

For couples, timing gets even more complicated. Staggering retirement dates can sometimes maximize benefits; in other cases, retiring at the same time works better.

A financial advisor can help you sort through these decisions and find the approach that makes the most sense for your situation.

How do you want to spend your time in retirement? Many new retirees are surprised to find that having unlimited free time feels disorienting rather than freeing. Thinking ahead about how to fill the days with meaningful activity — whether that's travel, volunteering, pursuing hobbies or spending more time with family — can make the transition smoother.

It helps to sketch out what a typical week, month or even first year might look like. If there are big gaps, it's worth thinking now about what might fill them in rewarding ways.

Where do you want to live as a retiree? Some retirees stay put, while others downsize or relocate entirely. Either way, it's wise to consider whether a chosen location will work well as you get older, taking into account factors like proximity to family, access to health care, cost of living and climate.

What will your retirement lifestyle cost? It's not uncommon for retirees to discover that their travel, entertainment or leisure expenses were higher than expected. The more active and involved you plan to be, the more you will likely need to budget.

Does your retirement involve giving back? Retirement often brings both the time and motivation to be more generous. Whether the goal is helping family members, donating to charity or volunteering in the community, it's worth defining those goals and building them into an overall plan.

Now that your vision is taking shape, turn it into a plan. Work with your financial advisor to align your savings with the life you want — and revisit that plan as your priorities evolve so your retirement keeps pace with you.

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BASEBALL

Monson Legion Post 241 falls at home to Aldenville

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER – The final American Legion baseball game of the regular season at historic Legion Field in Palmer was a vintage pitcher’s duel. Aldenville (Chicopee) Post 337, who only had nine players available for the road game, snapped its four-game losing streak by edging Monson Post 241, 1–0, last Wednesday night.

“We battled the entire game,” said Matt Sutton, who was the winning pitcher for Aldenville. “I focused on staying calm on the mound, pitch to pitch, and this is a huge win for us.”

Aldenville had a 2-4-1 record following the shutout victory, while Monson fell to 2-4.

The two squads were scheduled to face each other for the second time this summer at St. Joe’s Park in Thorn-dike on Wednesday night.

Monson is also scheduled to face Longmeadow Post 175 in another home game at St. Joe’s Park on Thursday night, and West Springfield Post 207 at Veteran’s Field in Monson on Monday night.

Last Wednesday’s contest marked Sutton’s first career victory as a member of the Aldenville Post 337 baseball team.

Sutton, who was a junior member of the Chicopee

Comp’s varsity baseball team this past spring, gave up only three base hits while striking out eight in his performance against Monson. The righthander issued four walks and hit a pair of batters in six innings. He threw a total of 102 pitches.

“I thought Matt pitched a great game,” said Aldenville manager Nate Carillon. “We’ve been mostly using him as a relief pitcher so far this season. He stepped up in to-night’s game.”

Sutton, who earned a save in Aldenville’s season opening road victory against Westfield Post 124, made his second start of the Legion season. His first start came against Northampton Post 28, which was a home loss a couple of weeks ago.

Memphis Huertas, who’s normally Aldenville’s starting catcher, didn’t attend last Wednesday’s game at Legion Field. Noah Carillon, who’s Nate’s younger brother, strapped on the catcher’s gear for just the second time during his Legion career.

“Noah used to be a catcher in little league. He also caught a Legion game at North Adams last year,” Nate Carillon said. “He played very well back there.”

Noah Carillon made a diving catch on a foul pop-up in the first inning and threw out a runner trying to steal



Grayson Griswold lunges to pick up the ground ball.



Theo Haley takes a lead off first. Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

third base in the third inning. “It was Noah’s first time as a starting catcher and he did a great job behind the plate,” Sutton said. “I’m very proud of him.”

Monson righthander

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Brayden Mega sends a pitch away for Post 241.



Liam McGrath sends a grounder to third base.

SOCCER

Strong start for Lusitano Women

LUDLOW – Last week, the Lusitano Women took on West Side Sport Shop in PVSSL adult soccer action. Lusitano Women, which includes players from

Ludlow and some surrounding communities, are out to a great start, with a 4-1 record, good for second place with 12 points. West Side is an even 3-3 and sits in

fifth place heading into the Fourth of July break. The teams will be back in action after the holiday weekend.



Sydney Scyocurka tries to make a trap.



Lizzie Roman sends a pass away.



Alyssa Hyland makes the off-balance pass.



Julia Farnham gets the side pass away.

Olivia Crespo dribbles up the field.



Nora Young brings in a pass.

SOCCER

Mutiny shut out by Vermont Green FC

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW – Even though the New England Mutiny had already been eliminated from the USL W playoffs, they still had a chance to influence the race for first place in the Northeast Division entering the regular-season finale.

Had the Mutiny pulled off an upset victory against Vermont Green FC, the Hudson Valley Crusaders would have finished at the top of the Northeast Division table.

However, it was Vermont Green FC players and their rowdy supporters doing all the celebrating following a 3-0 shutout win over the Mutiny at Lusitano Stadium last Saturday night.

“We wanted to play the spoiler role in today’s match,” said New England Mutiny midfielder Avery Klingensmith, who’s from Belchertown. “We were hoping to make the playoffs in our first season playing in this league, but it’s always a lot of fun trying to impact another team’s season.”

Vermont Green FC captured the inaugural USL W League Northeast title with a 6-0-4 overall record.

They’re scheduled to host the Eastern Conference playoffs this weekend

One of the Vermont Green’s ties came at Lusitano Stadium against the Mutiny (1-1) on May 26.

Vermont Green squeaked out a 2-1 home win in the

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Playoffs hopes still alive after Pioneers shutout

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW – Had the Western Mass. Pioneers failed to secure a victory in last Friday night’s match against AC Connecticut, their playoff hopes would have vanished for the first time since they entered USL League Two in 2019.

The Pioneers kept their postseason dreams alive a little bit longer thanks to a hardearned 1–0 shutout win at Lusitano Stadium.

“We didn’t get the result that we wanted in our last match on Tuesday night, and we had a tie here last week,” said Pioneers assistant coach Tomas Duben. “It was very important for us to get the three points and the win in tonight’s game. We’re still battling for a postseason berth.”

Duben took over the head coaching duties from longtime Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari, who spent last weekend coaching a Western United Pioneers U-16 girls’ team at a tournament in Virginia.

Since 2024, Duben has a 3-0-1 record as the Pioneers interim head coach.

“My playing career ended a couple of years ago because of a knee injury,” he said. “I really enjoyed playing for this soccer team. I’m very grateful that Federico gave me this coaching opportunity and I’m still learning.”

The Pioneers improved to 6-2-2 (20 points) following the home shutout victory, solidifying their hold on third place in the Northeast Division. They trail first place Vermont Green FC (10-0-1, 31 points) and second place NEC (10-1-1, 30 points). Only the top two teams in the Northeast Division qualify for the league playoffs.

Western Mass. finished at the top of the Northeast table in both 2019 and 2021. They made it all the way to the National Semifinals in 2021. They’ve finished in second place during the past four seasons.

Between 2010 and 2018, the Pioneers only qualified for the USL PDL playoffs once.

AC Connecticut (1-10-0) had several scoring chances during the first twenty five

minutes of the opening half, but Pioneers goalie Ben Alexander made the saves which kept the match scoreless.

“Ben played very well in tonight’s match,” Duben said. “The defense also gave him a lot of support back there.”

Alexander returned to action after missing a couple of games due to an injury.

It was the Pioneers’ fourth 1-0 win of the regular season. They also played a scoreless draw in a road match against Black Rock FC at the beginning of June.

The Pioneers, who have a 3-1-1 home record, took advantage of a mistake made by AC Connecticut goalie Asger Hemmer-Hansen to take a 1-0 late in the first half.

Alfred Baafi put a shot into the back of the net giving the Pioneers a 1-0 lead at the end of the first half.

“The goalie attempted to clear the ball, but I stole it away from him,” said Baafi, who scored his third goal of the season. “Then I put a shot into the wide open net, which felt really good. We’re still hoping to make the playoffs”

Baafi, who’s from Techiman, Ghana, is a first-year member of the Pioneers.

“The atmosphere at this stadium is always outstanding,” he said. “We get plenty of support at our home games.”

Baafi is also a member of the men’s soccer team at High Point University in High Point, North Carolina.



Martin Echarren looks up the field.

Two years ago, Baafi was a member of the Seacoast United Phantoms, which captured the USL-League Two National Championship title.

“It was an amazing feel-

ing after my team won the championship game two years ago,” said Baafi, who’s going to be a senior in the fall. “I just needed a change and decided to play for the

Pioneers this year. I’m also hoping to be drafted by a MLS team.”

The Pioneers had an opportunity to score another goal at the start of the second half.

Martin Echarren sent a pass into

the box to Juan Galindrez, whose shot attempt skipped wide of the goal.

The Western Mass. squad also had several more chances to score, but the score remained 1-0.

The Pioneers are scheduled to host Black Rock FC at 7:30 p.m. on Friday night.



Jaiden Williams goes for the throw-in.



Alfred Baafi makes a backwards pass.



William Fauth watches his pass move away.

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Town of Russell, MA

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Responsibilities include scheduling, developing and implementing town projects, assisting with the preparation of budgets, coordinating with various town boards and committees, supervising and coordinating overall operations of Town government and managing day-to-day affairs under the general direction of the Select Board. The Town Administrator will support the Select Board, ensure compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, interface with government agencies and the public and manage municipal operations for the Town. Attendance at certain evening meetings is required.

Candidates should have knowledge and competence in municipal finance and budgeting, project management, human resource/personnel administration, Massachusetts municipal law, and intergovernmental and community relations.

The successful candidate should possess five (5) years of municipal management and leadership experience, or similar responsibilities in a public or government agency. A degree in public administration or a related field is preferred. An equivalent combination of education, training and experience which demonstrates possession of the required knowledge, skills and abilities may also be considered.

This is a full-time position with benefits. Starting salary range of \$70,000 – \$85,000 commensurate with qualifications and experience.

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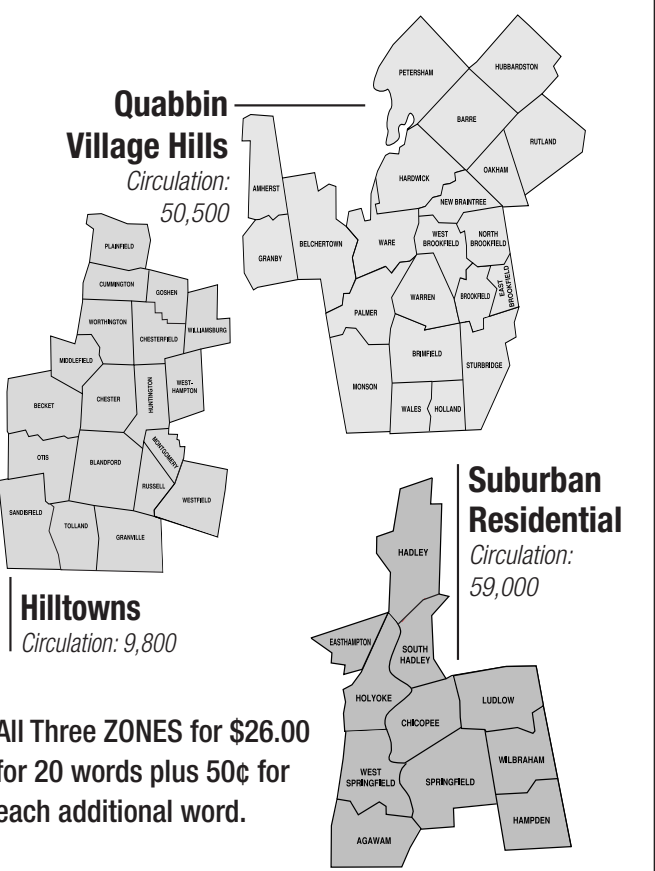
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Public notices

Town of Palmer
COMMUNITY CHOICE
POWER SUPPLY
PROGRAM
(Aggregation Plan)
Public Comment Period for
Municipal Aggregation with
Titan Energy

The Town of Palmer has developed an Aggregation Plan in compliance with Massachusetts law, in consultation with implementation consultant Titan Energy and the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER). The Plan aims to aggregate the buying power of consumers Townwide to negotiate competitive electricity rates, pursue price stability, and increase renewable energy procurement. Savings cannot be guaranteed, and participation is voluntary.

Eligible consumers may decline service and choose any Competitive Supplier they wish. National Grid would remain the distribution utility; third-party suppliers would procure energy on the Town’s behalf. Consumers would be enrolled automatically but may opt out at any time and would continue receiving and paying their own bills. The Town has distributed this Plan for public review prior to submitting it to the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU).

Public Review and Comment
Period

The Town of Palmer’s Aggregation Plan is available for public review and comment from Thursday, July 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. through Monday, August 3, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Any person who desires to comment may do so in person at the Town Clerk’s office or submit written comments using one of the following methods:

(1) by e-mail to aplace@town-ofpalmer.com; or

(2) by postal mail to the address below. Comments must be clearly marked “Town of Palmer’s Aggregation Plan” and must be **received** (not postmarked) by the end of the comment period in order to be addressed.

Town of Palmer
Attn: Ashley Place,
Director of Administrative
Services
4417 Main Street
Palmer, MA 01069

Any questions pertaining to this should be directed to Ashley Place, Director of Administrative Services, by emailing aplace@townofpalmer.com or calling 413-283-2603.

About the Community Choice
Power Supply Program

Known as “municipal aggregation,” this arrangement has been adopted by many communities across the Commonwealth. National Grid would remain the distribution utility, while third-party suppliers procure energy wholesale on the Town’s behalf. A hardcopy of the Plan is available at the Town Clerk’s office, and a digital copy is available on the Town’s official website.
07/02/2026

Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and
Family Court
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Docket No.
HD26P1406EA
Estate of:
Robin Lee Fell
Date of Death: 11/05/2021
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR FORMAL
ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Heather Fell of Palmer, MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/31/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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THE MASSACHUSETTS
UNIFORM PROBATE CODE
(MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Claudine T. Stoudemire, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 29, 2026

Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
07/02/2026

TOWN OF PALMER
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
PALMER
TOWN ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING
4417 MAIN ST.
PALMER, MA 01069
JULY 13, 2026, AT 5:30 P.M.

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. request permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way:

Thorndike St- National Grid to install 1 JO Pole on Thorndike St. beginning at a point approximately 1,060 feet northwest of the centerline of the intersection of Thorndike St and Fuller St. and continuing approximately 0 feet in a northwest direction. National Grid to install a new midspan pole on Thorndike St: P41-50.

Also, for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

Your petitioner agrees to reserve space for one cross-arm at a suitable point on each of said poles for the fire, police, telephone, and telegraph signal wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes.

Brad Brothers, Town Manager
07/02/2026

TOWN OF PALMER
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
PALMER
TOWN ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING
4417 MAIN ST.
PALMER, MA 01069
JULY 13, 2026, at 5:45 P.M.
Massachusetts Electric Com-

pany d/b/a National Grid requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following way:

Peterson Rd- National Grid to install 2 SO Poles on Peterson Rd. beginning at a point approximately 640 ft south of the centerline of the intersection of Smith St and continuing approximately 125 feet in a southerly direction. National Grid to install 2SO Poles (P#26 & P#27) to provide service for #255 Peterson Rd.

Brad Brothers, Town Manager
07/02/2026

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD
PUBLIC HEARING

The Brimfield Select Board will hold a public hearing on the following pole and wire locations petition filed by National Grid on Monday, July 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. for the following:

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid. requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way:

Apple Road
Reason: Apple Rd - National Grid to install 5 JO Poles on Apple Rd and relocate 2 JO Poles on Apple Rd beginning at a point approximately 220 feet northwest of the centerline of the intersection of Pine Meadow Lane and Apple Rd and continuing approximately 4,400 feet in a northwestern direction. National Grid to install 5 new Poles on Apple Rd: 2-50, 8-50, 14-50, 15-75, 20-50. National Grid to relocate 2 poles on Apple Rd: 20 & 21.

Persons with an interest in this public hearing are asked to appear at the Brimfield Elementary School cafeteria, 22 Wales Road, Brimfield, MA on the date and time affixed to this notice.

Martin J. Kelly
Select Board, Chair
Town of Brimfield
06/25, 07/02/2026

NOTICE TO
CONTRACTORS
MASSACHUSETTS
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR
ADMINISTRATION AND
FINANCE
DIVISION OF CAPITAL
ASSET MANAGEMENT
AND MAINTENANCE

Electronic Bids submitted in the format furnished by the Division of Capital Asset Management & Maintenance (DCAMM) and clearly identified as a bid will be received through DCAMM’s E-Bid Room at www.bidexpress.com/businesses/10279/home no later than the date and time specified and will forthwith be publicly opened remotely by DCAMM Bid Room personnel and read aloud over a conference call line. Persons interested in accessing the remote bid opening can do so by using the following phone number: Audio Conferencing Dial-In Number (617)-315-0704, Meeting Number 2333 916 4237#. If prompted for attendee ID, please press #.

Mass. State Project No. DCP2524

DCP – Monson State Hospital Multiple Building Demolition - Phase 2, Monson, MA

Sub Bids at 12:00 PM: July 29, 2026
General Bids at 2:00 PM: August 11, 2026

Every Filed Sub-Bidder must be certified by DCAMM in the category for which they bid.

Every General Bidder must be certified by DCAMM for the category of work listed below and for no less than the bid price plus all add alternates of this project, if applicable.

The Category of Work is: Gen-

eral Building Construction or Demolition

The following Filed Sub-Bid: Masonry
E.C.C: \$9,923,229

This project is scheduled for 270 calendar days to substantial completion. Scope: Abatement and demolition of 14 buildings on the campus of Monson State Hospital. All 14 buildings identified for demolition shall either be traditionally abated of hazardous materials, demolished, and removed from the site, or removed from the site as bulk waste under Non-Traditional Work Plans. Abandoned pipe trenches shall be capped with reinforced concrete while abandoned personnel tunnels shall be capped with CMU.

A Pre-Bid/Site Visit will be held on July 8, 2026 @ 10:00 AM. Meet at the Laundry Building located at the corner of Hospital Road and Macomber Road, Monson, MA. Visitors will be escorted to Buildings at 10:15 AM.

Minimum rates of wages to be paid on the project have been determined by the Commissioner of the Department of Labor Standards. These rates are incorporated into the bid documents.

Bid documents for this project may be accessed or downloaded at no cost to potential bidders exclusively through DCAMM’s E-Bid Room <https://www.bidexpress.com/businesses/10279/home>. A hard copy set can be made available for viewing in DCAMM’s Bid Room located at One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor, Boston, MA during normal business hours by appointment only by contacting DCAMM’s Bid Room.

In order to access bid documents and submit bids through DCAMM’s E-Bid Room potential bidders must first be verified by DCAMM’s Bid Room and then register with the E-Bid Room vendor. Instructions on the processes can be found on DCAMM’s website www.mass.gov/dcammbids or contact DCAMM’s Bid Room at bidroom.dcammbid@mass.gov or (617) 727-4003.
07/02/2026

COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
HAMPDEN, SS
SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL
NO. 2679CV00100
SRV PROPERTIES, LLC and
GREENLAND
ENTERPRISES LLC,
Plaintiffs

v
THE HEIRS OR LEGAL
REPRESENTATIVES OF
ROBERT KAZAN AND
PERSONS CLAIMING
UNDER ROBERT KAZAN
and
NICHOLAS G. KALTSAS,
Trustee of
The Susan Kazan
Supplemental Needs Trust
Defendants/Interested Parties
ORDER OF NOTICE
(Pursuant to G.L. c. 240, § 7)

To the heirs at law, next of kin, devisees, legal representatives, and all other persons claiming by, through, or under ROBERT KAZAN, late of 10916 Newlands Avenue, Henrico, Virginia, deceased on or about November 23, 2025, and to all persons unknown claiming any legal or equitable right, title, or interest in the real property hereinafter described, adverse to the Plaintiffs: WHEREAS, a Complaint has been filed in the above-captioned action by the Plaintiffs, SRV Properties, LLC and Greenland

Enterprises LLC, pursuant to G.L. c. 240, § 6, praying that this Court determine and quiet the Plaintiffs’ title and to bar the Defendants from asserting any adverse claims of title to, or interest in, certain real property situated at 115 Sturbridge Road, Brimfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts and 119 Sturbridge Road, Brimfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts (collectively, the “Properties”), more particularly described in the following deeds: (a) deed dated July 25, 2023 from Grzelak, Grzelak & Associates, P. C., Trustee to Robert Kazan recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds (“Registry”) in Book 25091, Page 377, (b) deed dated September 22, 2023 from Robert Kazan to SRV Properties, LLC recorded with the Registry in Book 25172, Page 150, (c) deed dated September 22, 2023 from Robert Kazan to SRV Investments, LLC recorded with the Registry in Book 25172, Page 183 and (d) deed dated December 12, 2024 from SRV Investments, LLC and SRV Properties, LLC to Greenland Enterprises LLC recorded with the Registry in Book 25694, Page 210, and further praying that this Court determine and declare that the title of the Plaintiffs in and to the Properties be quieted and confirmed and that the Plaintiffs hold good and clear record title to the Properties.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that notice of said Complaint be given to the above-named Defendants and to all persons interested therein by: .

1. Publishing a copy of this Order of Notice once in each of three successive weeks, the last publication to be at least fourteen (14) days before the Return Day hereinafter set, in the Journal Register, a newspaper of general circulation published for the Town of Brimfield in the County of Hampden, Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

2. Mailing, by first-class mail, postage prepaid, a copy of this Order of Notice to each Defendant whose name and address is known or can be ascertained by reasonable diligence, at his or her last known address, at least fourteen (14) days before the Return Day hereinafter set.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Defendants, and each of them, and any other persons claiming any right, title, or interest in or to the Properties adverse to the Plaintiffs, shall file an Answer to the Complaint on or before July 31, 2026, the “RETURN DAY,” in the office of the Clerk of the Hampden County Superior Court and serve a copy of the Answer upon counsel for the Plaintiffs. Failure to file an Answer may result in the entry of judgment by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Date: June 4, 2026
Justice of the Superior Court
Thomas H. Townsend
06/18, 06/25, 07/02/2026

TOWN OF MONSON

Vertex Towers, LLC (the “Applicant”) has applied for a Special Permit and Site Plan Review from the Monson Planning Board and Variances from the Monson Zoning Board of Appeals to construct a Wireless Communications Facility including a 150-foot tall monopole style wireless communications tower (154’ to top of lightning rod) at Wood Hill Road, Monson, MA 01057 Tax

Assessors Parcel: 032-010. The Applicant will conduct a Visibility Demonstration to illustrate the location and height of the proposed Facility by means of a balloon raised at the proposed location to a height of 150 feet. If Said Visibility Demonstration was NOT able to be held on June 27 or 28, 2026 due to weather conditions it will be held SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2026 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm, weather and wind conditions permitting. In the event of inclement weather on July 11, 2026, the Visibility Demonstration will be rescheduled until rescheduled until Sunday July 12, 2026, wind and weather conditions permitting. In the event of inclement weather on said Saturday and Sunday, the Visual Demonstration will be rescheduled to a further date. If you have any questions concerning said Visibility Demonstration, please contact The Town of Monson Planning Board @ 413-267-4111, Pgustafson@monson-ma.gov or Francis D. Parisi, (401) 447-8500, info@visidem.com. Please check the website www.visidem.com afternoon on the day before the scheduled date(s) to determine if the balloon will be up the following day.

Craig Sweitzer, Chairperson
Planning Board
David Beaudoin, Chairperson
Zoning Board of Appeals
06/25, 07/02/2026

Town of Monson
Planning Board
LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 40A, Section 11 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Monson Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 7:05 p.m. in the Auditorium of Granite Valley School, 21 Thompson Street, Monson, MA 01057. The purpose of the hearing is to consider the application of Vertex Tower Assets, LLC for Site Plan Approval and a Special Permit under Section 6.14, Wireless Communications Facilities Regulations, of the Monson Zoning Bylaws. The applicant proposes to construct a 150-foot monopole wireless communications tower (154 feet to the top of the lightning rod) on property located on Woodhill Road, identified as Map 032, Parcel 010. The parcel, approximately 94.5 acres, is owned by Springfield Sportsman’s Club, Inc. and lies within the Rural Residential District. Copies of the application are on file with the Planning Board and the Town Clerk’s Office and are available for review during regular office hours. The application is also available on the Town’s website.

Craig Sweitzer, Chairperson
Monson Planning Board
07/02, 07/09/2026

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“This was the collaboration with the most groups that we’ve ever done,” O’Connor said. “In particular, we work with the Historical Commission quite a bit. I’m the library liaison; because they house most of their collection here in the library, at some point they gave us permission to access that collection, so we’ve been working closely for years.”

Hartley said that with the help of Kayla Hopper and her history with the American Antiquarium Society, they were able to identify the timeframe that the document was written based on the age of the paper and ink, and confirmed its authenticity.

“This document is what the moderator, Robert Farrel, was writing on during the meeting,” Hartley said. “You can see a few spots where they crossed out a word or changed something, then he wrote it more legibly on that. There’s a copy on file in the state archives and that’s the one sent to the state’s general assembly.”

For her efforts, Hopper was one of the people recog-

nized at the official reading on Saturday.

“Her father, Bob Havalas, Director of Palmer Historical Cultural Center, dressed in colonial clothes and read the Declaration in the character of David Spear, a captain from here in town,” Hartley said.

After the event, the attendees were invited to a “shindig” to highlight the efforts of the Bicentennial Committee, where residents had a viewing party of the video from the 1976 Bicentennial Parade.

“Our town had this massive parade, they planned for years and it was extraordinary,” Hartley said. “Nothing has ever happened like that in this town, it was extraordinary.”

The video was converted to DVD at Tom’s Electronics and then edited by the library’s intern, Matthew Fontaine. O’Connor described attendees watching the video and marking people they recognized, either themselves or loved ones who attended the parade. To increase the community’s access to this piece of history, the library will be hosting another watch party



Town Council Vice Chair Jessica Ferry spoke at the reading of the town’s Declaration.

for the video on July 10.

“People didn’t really get a chance to sit and watch the whole thing through, so we wanted to offer other opportunities for that,” O’Connor

said. “Some people didn’t find out, or had other obligations that day, and some people wanted to come back to spend more time watching the video and seeing photos of



Submitted Photos
Patience Hartley (seated) signed the scroll where the Declaration was read from on Saturday.

the marchers.”

There is also one last chance to see the historic document on July 10, when it will be brought out for the public

to see.

To learn more about what’s going on at the library, you can visit their website at PalmerLibrary.org.



The town's Declaration was read in front of the monument on a sunny Saturday.



Senator Jake Oliveira spoke at the reading of the town's Declaration.

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