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COMMUNITY

## Bring on the summer spirit



Hebee Pottery owner, David Hebert, makes a mini vase as a demonstration while people can purchase finished items in his tent.

### Food Trucks, farmers and artisans markets

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THREE RIVERS — From locally harvested honey and handmade crochet plushies to celebrity-style leggings and freeze-dried

### Cassandra Weglarz and her husband Derek Fay, owners of Snobby Snacks, a freeze-dried candy and snack business.

candy, the July 11 installment of the Food Trucks, Farmers & Artisans Market at the Divine Mercy Parish was a vibrant celebration of small business, local creativity, and community connection.



Hosted by the Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce, the recurring market continues on

August 8 from 3:30 to 8 p.m., featuring food trucks, crafters, makers, and

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## BODY FOUND



PALMER — Police and public safety officials are outside the football field across from the Turley Publications office on Water St. as they remove a body that was found at that location on Tuesday.

Monson Police Chief Stephen Kozloski provided mutual aid, but could offer no details as of press time. The Journal Register hopes to have a report in next week's edition.

EDUCATION

## New superintendent takes helm in Monson

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MONSON—The Monson School Committee reconvened for its first regular business meeting of the new fiscal year on July 9, highlighting a strong commitment to continuity in leadership, subcommittee appointments, and educational programming. The evening included extensive minutes approval, updates on travel plans, and reflections on financial decisions made during the recent budget season.

### New face at the table

The meeting began with a warm welcome for newly appointed Superintendent Paul Foster, who is now in his sixth day on the job.

"We are very excited to

have you here," said the committee chair Alison Morgan. "I hope they've been six glorious days."

"It's been great," Foster replied with a smile. "So excited to be here."

Foster's appointment follows the recent reorganization of the district's leadership structure, including the elimination of the curriculum director position, a change that would later be discussed in the context of subcommittee planning.

### Committee assignments remain largely unchanged

One of the first items on the agenda was the reorganization of subcommittee and liaison positions. The School

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TOWN COUNCIL

## Palmer wastewater plant upgrade funding approved

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PALMER—The Palmer Town Council convened Monday night for a meeting that stretched from concerns about long-standing blight in Thorndike to official votes on infrastructure investments, zoning reclassifications, and committee appointments.

### Residents demand action on junk vehicles, Thorndike Mill site

Public frustration over blight and inaction dominated the early part of the July 14 Palmer Town Council meeting, with residents demanding that the town enforce its own ordinances concerning junk and unregistered vehicles. Multiple locations across town were cited, particularly

in Thorndike, where residents say eyesores have remained untouched for years. One speaker referenced ordinance 137-5 and urged officials to issue fines to compel compliance, stating, "Ordinances are only useful if they're enforced."

Concerns over the deteriorating state of the Thorndike Mill property also resurfaced. Attorney Hank Surret, repre-

senting the building's owner, addressed the council to explain the status of ongoing litigation. A dispute with a former contractor over unpermitted demolition work has led to a mechanic's lien that has legally frozen the property, preventing financing and redevelopment. Surret described it as "two and a half years into litigation," but remained optimistic that a reso-

lution was approaching.

Once the lien is lifted, Surret said the owner hopes to collaborate with the town and community on how best to repurpose the site, possibly for housing, commercial use, or industrial redevelopment. Several council members and residents voiced dismay at the visual and environmental state of the property. One resident shared personal ties to the

neighborhood and described how upsetting it is to see the area fall into neglect while nearby homeowners maintain historic homes with pride. "It just hurts my heart," she said. "We care for our homes, but we're forced to look at decay across the street."

Surret acknowledged their concern, promising to

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EDUCATION

## Summer program breaks records

Pathfinder Tech building futures

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PALMER—The sound of saws buzzing in the woodshop, flour dust rising in the baking kitchen, and robots zipping across classroom floors might seem like the usual hustle inside Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School. But this July, it's not high school students filling the halls; it's children in middle school, discovering for the first time



Rebecca King is showing kids how to make food and serve it in a business style class Kid Cafe.

what it feels like to shape, build, code, and create.

Pathfinder's Summer Youth Enrichment Program (SYEP) is in full swing, and this year, it's operating at its largest capacity in nearly four decades of existence. The school is welcoming 175 students during the first week of camp, and enrollment will climb to 185 during the second; an all-time high for the program.

"Community is at the heart of everything we do,"

said Ryan Rege, Pathfinder's Director of Workforce Development. "Our Summer Youth Enrichment Program is a meaningful way to connect with local families, strengthen community ties, and introduce children to hands-on skill-building in a fun, approachable, and engaging environment."

First launched decades ago, the enrichment program offers students in middle school a taste of technical ed-

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NATURAL RESOURCES

## Dean Pond: A forgotten fishing gem built by the CCC

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BRIMFIELD — At the end of Dearth Road in Brimfield, past the dam and into the forest, lies Dean Pond Recreation Area; a place where time and nature have quietly continued despite the absence of formal oversight. Though it's been officially closed since 2017, the gates remain open, and the trails are well-worn by those who haven't forgotten this historic spot.

Dean Pond is part of the Brimfield State Forest, a rolling expanse of woods once shaped by one of the most influential public works programs in American history: the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). A prominent pavilion, standing under towering pines just yards from



Turley photos by Abigail McCoy

Dean Pond is available for fishing, swimming, and general enjoyment.

the shoreline, was built by the CCC during the Great Depression. Concrete-floored and open-sided, the structure is a testament to their craftsmanship; durable, weather-resistant, and still in use nearly a century later.

The CCC, created by

President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933, provided work and structure for thousands

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Palmer Domestic Violence Task Force Coordinator Crystal Rondeau speaks to the people who showed up for the Paint Night, talking about how the task force can help and explaining terms in child-friendly words.



The Menard Family, a mother and her three daughters (ages 10, 6 1/2, and 9) enjoy the paint night together as a family bonding activity



Colton Lamoureux, age 6 1/2, creates the basis of his painting by putting his painted palm in the center of the canvas.

# Handprints make powerful statement at Paint Night

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PALMER—At first glance, Thursday night's event at the Palmer Public Library looked like any other summer kids' craft program; colorful paints, canvases, and a group of eager young artists gathered around tables. But as Palmer Domestic Violence Task Force Coordinator Crystal Rondeau explained, this was far more than just a handprint art night.

"This is a handprint project as a way of bringing awareness to domestic violence," said Rondeau. "We're talking at an age-appropriate level. Tonight is for children 10 and under. In a few weeks, we'll be back here again with a session for older kids, tweens and teens."

Thursday's July 10 program was the first of two

handprint paint nights organized by the Task Force. The next session for Wednesday, July 23, will be open for older youth, with registration opening soon.

The initiative, part of a broader community outreach campaign by the Palmer Domestic Violence Task Force, aims to both inform and empower young children through hands-on creativity, literally. Each child received a blank canvas and access to paint and brushes. Some chose to cover their hands in bright colors and press them to the canvas. Others used brushes to illustrate themes of kindness and safety; all centered around the theme of "the good that hands can do."

Rather than delve directly into the complexities of domestic violence, Rondeau framed the discussion in terms children could understand.



Turley photos by Abigail McCoy  
Crystal Rondeau created her own painting with yellow handprints as the background.

stand.

"Tonight, we're focusing more on the good that hands can do, rather than the hurt," she said. "It's important that kids know what's appropriate, what's not, and that it's safe to tell someone if something is wrong."

A longtime advocate and volunteer, Rondeau has worked with the Palmer Domestic Violence Task Force for over a decade and became its coordinator in 2022. A mother of three and former Girl Scout leader, she brings deep personal experience to her work. She noted how vital it is for children to understand the difference between a "secret" and a "surprise."

"A surprise has an ex-

pected happy ending. A secret, especially if someone is being hurt, should never be kept," she explained. "I've always taught my daughters and my Girl Scouts: keep telling an adult until someone listens."

She's also careful to let children know that, as a mandated reporter since 1995, there are certain things she must repeat or act on.

"Kids tend to be very open with me," Rondeau said. "I always let them know upfront — if someone is being hurt, I can't keep that a secret. That's my job."

While Thursday night's event was focused on children, Rondeau emphasized the ripple effect these activities often have. Parents attending with their children frequently ask questions or share concerns.

"I've had people tell me, 'We just had a neighbor move in upstairs, and we hear a lot of yelling... I don't know what to do.' These events give me a chance to say, 'Here's what you can do. Here's how you can help.'"

The event also provided a gateway to resources for families who might not otherwise be aware of the Task Force's existence. Despite its long-standing presence in Palmer, founded in 2009, Rondeau still meets people who have never heard of it.

That's one reason she began organizing more public-facing events like this handprint night.

"When we do family ac-

tivities like this, it opens the door for conversations. It's low-pressure, it's fun, and it helps people feel comfortable enough to ask for help or to offer help to someone else."

Each of the handprint creations from Thursday night will become part of a month-long exhibit at the Palmer Public Library in August. The gallery will showcase the artwork in the same space where Thursday's event was held, giving the young artists a chance to proudly share their message with the wider community.

"We've got 18 kids signed up tonight, and we have some extra supplies if more show up," Rondeau said, just before the event began. "And yes, parents are welcome to paint too."

Standing in a room surrounded by blank canvases and hopeful young faces, Rondeau smiled. "It's about starting the conversation early, in a way kids can grasp. And it's about showing them that their hands can do good and really beautiful things."

Founded in 2009, the Palmer Domestic Violence Task Force offers support and resources to individuals and families affected by domestic violence. It assists victims with safety planning, referrals, community education, and direct advocacy. Learn more by visiting the Palmer Public Library or contacting the Task Force through the town's public safety or community outreach channels.

## Tent for Rent

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# Operation Friendship brings the world to Palmer

*International Youth Exchange Program welcomes guests from Europe*

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PALMER—For nearly a decade, Operation Friendship has quietly built global bridges from right here in Palmer, one teenager at a time. This summer, the international youth exchange program is once again in full swing, bringing a vibrant group of young delegates from Sweden and France to spend 17 days with local families, forging lifelong friendships and cultural understanding in the process.

At the heart of the Palmer chapter is Adelei Bernard, a dedicated volunteer and local educator who serves as co-chair alongside Erin Arbor. For Bernard, the program is deeply personal; her older children have participated, and now her youngest daughter McKenzie is carrying the torch.

"This is my third round in it," Bernard said July 14, the day the delegates flew in. "My son Daniel and daughter Sasha were both in it previously, and now it's McKenzie's turn. It's for kids ages 14 to 21, and

it's such an incredible experience."

Operation Friendship is a longstanding international youth exchange program currently involving the United States, France, Sweden, Germany, Scotland, and, as of this year, South Africa, a newly added future travel site that reflects the program's growing reach.

The model is simple and powerful: each summer, young people from these countries are hosted by families abroad, and the following summer, the hosting youth travel overseas to be guests themselves.

This year, Palmer is welcoming four Swedish girls, four French girls, and two French boys, along with two adult advisors, for an immersive 17-day visit filled with both educational and recreational activities designed to introduce them to American life and culture.

While the program offers exciting travel opportunities, it also requires significant planning and year-round fundraising. According to Bernard, it can cost \$2,000 to \$3,000 per student to participate in the exchange.

To meet that need, the local chapter has hosted middle school dances, organized Tavern Nights at local establishments, and even held a golf tournament. Students and



Turley photo by Abigail McCoy

Operation Friendship members met up at the First Church of Monson to hear from Holly Norwick, the new Pastor for FCM.



Operation Friendship members sit in the pews for a group photo of the full group on their first full day in the country.

families also seek donations from area businesses and organize raffles to help support the cost of hosting and traveling.

"We've spent the whole year raising money to fund

the activities while the kids are here," Bernard explained. "We're taking them to New York City for a couple of days, Six Flags, Boston for a day, Hampton Beach, and even to

meet our state representative Todd Smola."

On top of the big outings, Bernard says they focus on showing international delegates both the fun and everyday aspects of American life. "We're taking them to a mall, and even Walmart for a scavenger hunt. One year we asked them to come up with the silliest outfit they could find... they loved it."

The Operation Friendship experience isn't just about sightseeing. Delegates also participate in cultural immersion activities with an educational focus. They visit schools, churches, local businesses, and town institutions like the fire and police stations, town hall, and library.

On Tuesday, July 15, the group toured Monson and ended the day with lunch at the school, learning about the district's free summer lunch program. Later, they gathered at a host family's home for a cookout-style welcome party.

"It's a requirement to have different themed days: religion, education, business, regional," Bernard explained. "Tomorrow's our Monson day. We'll be showing them a little of everything."

As the international delegation experiences life in Massachusetts this summer, Bernard and her team are already looking ahead to next year, when nine American

teens will travel abroad to stay with the families of the young people visiting now.

Bernard herself traveled to France in April to attend an international Operation Friendship planning meeting. "It was my first time in Europe," she said. "I flew in three days early and did all the touristy things: the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, even the Moulin Rouge. As a drama director at my school, seeing that show was the highlight of my life."

Operation Friendship Palmer will reopen enrollment after this exchange cycle ends and preparations for the next one begin. Bernard encourages interested families to reach out and get involved.

"The more families we have, the better. It helps with fundraising, and it allows more kids to participate," she said. "It's such a great opportunity for youth to see the world and learn how others live. It's life-changing."

Operation Friendship Palmer will be holding events throughout the delegates' visit, and Bernard encourages members of the public to attend or support the program. For families interested in joining the next cycle, or for those who would like to donate or get involved, more information can be provided by contacting the Palmer chapter directly.

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Committee opted for consistency across most roles, citing the benefits of stable leadership heading into another year of curriculum transitions, budget discussions, and strategic planning.

The Curriculum Subcommittee will continue to be led by the chair Alison Morgan and vice chair Jamie Murphy, who were reappointed without objection. The Facilities and Long-Term Planning Subcommittee, which also serves as liaison to the Athletic Boosters, Parks and Recreation, and the Monson Arts Council, will again include Peter Wiggins and Colleen Flynn. The Finance Subcommittee remains under the leadership of secretary Karen Nothe-Valley and chair Alison Morgan.

"I would like to stay on this committee... I think it's important for me to stay heavily involved in the finances," said Morgan.

Nothe-Valley agreed, noting her ongoing commitment to transparency. "I've brought good transparency to writing the minutes and would like to continue that going into the coming year."

The committee also discussed changes to liaison roles. Murphy will now serve as liaison to the Monson High School School Council, while Flynn will take over the Wellness Advisory Committee.

"There's something to be said for continuity," Nothe-Valley noted. "Exactly," added Morgan. "Let's take advantage of the fact that we have two consistent years."

## Tennis Lessons for youth & adults added to summer line-up

BRIMFIELD—Hitchcock's historic Charles Field — where students of the former high school founded in 1855 played decades of baseball — have seen a long-awaited revival these past few years, kicking off with the passion project of a hand restoration of the tennis courts

by locals Emerson & Laurie Recore.

The organization has hosted a few lessons and is beginning to organize meet-ups. Free lessons will be offered to beginners on July 19 at 9 a.m., July 21 at 7 p.m., and Aug 2 at 9 a.m.

Hitchcock is now happy

to have added a second year of summer tennis lessons to the mix, this year thanks to local tennis instructor and enthusiast, Jared Haley.

Registration is required for the tennis lessons and recommended for the pickleball lessons to help facilitate planning.

For more information, visit [www.hitchcockacademy.org](http://www.hitchcockacademy.org). Hitchcock Academy is a community center located at 2 Brookfield Road in Brimfield serving the community with educational, recreational, and cultural programming.

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## Viewpoints

## SOCIAL SECURITY

## Matters

By Russell Gloor

## Why can't I get my Social Security payment plus my Railroad Pension from my ex-spouse?

## Dear Rusty:

I have a question. I now get a Railroad Pension from my ex-husband. I did not know it was from the Social Security Administration. I want to collect my SS benefits and my Railroad pension. Can I do that? I do not understand why I cannot collect both. Please advise.

## Thank you. Signed: Railroad Ex-spouse

## Dear Railroad Ex-spouse:

Railroad pension benefits and Social Security benefits are fully coordinated – that is, your Railroad pension payment from your ex-spouse already includes your earned Social Security retirement benefit. That's because the two government agencies, Railroad Retirement Board and Social Security Administration work together and pay your benefits in one single payment, usually managed by the RRB if some of your benefit includes a railroad pension component. The RRB and SSA are two separate government agencies, but they fully coordinate benefits for beneficiaries.

This is exactly the same as if you were collecting regular SS ex-spouse benefits instead of RR benefits from your ex-husband; your personal SS retirement benefit is always paid first, and you receive an additional amount (a spousal boost) from your ex-husband. In your case, your "spousal boost" is the difference between your personally earned SS retirement benefit at your Full Retirement Age and half of your ex-husband's Tier I Railroad retirement benefit amount at his full retirement age. A railroad pension usually consists of

two pieces – a Tier I benefit and a Tier II benefit, with Tier I benefits being the equivalent of the pensioner's Social Security.

Your ex-spouse benefits under the RRB are handled the same way. The two agencies fully coordinate with each other, evaluate your SS entitlement, and then reduce the amount of your RRB Tier I ex-spouse benefit by your SS retirement amount and pay both amounts together. In this way, you only get one payment, consisting of both your earned SSA component and the RRB component. And whenever there is a railroad component, the RRB is usually responsible for making pension payments.

You may find the information at this RRB website helpful: [https://rrb.gov/RB-9/Social\\_Security\\_Benefits](https://rrb.gov/RB-9/Social_Security_Benefits) and you can also contact your local RRB field office by accessing this link: <https://www.rrb.gov/Field-Office-Locator>.

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## In the eye (or nose) of the beholder

So many things in life are a matter of preference, and there is no exception when it comes to likes and dislikes in the garden.

Take, for example, the hydrangea in my front yard that is truly a kaleidoscope of blues, purples and magenta. My husband prefers all blue hydrangea flowers, and would love if I would give the bush a watering of "Miracid" so that it will conform more to his liking.

But alas, I tend to enjoy the circusy feel, and will probably continue to let it do its thing without any help from me. Likewise, if you prefer the pink shades instead, you can use lime to make the soil more alkaline.

Do you ever wonder how this process works? It's a matter of making aluminum ions more readily available or not, and that process is pH dependent. Another area where he and I tend to disagree is whether or not Bugbane, *Actaea* (formerly *Cimifuga racemosa*), deserves a place in our perennial border. The plant is really unique, in that it sends up loads of four-five foot tall white flower spikes, even in the shade.

It's a beefy plant once full grown. I consider it a "specimen" like the Peony or Baptisia, where one will do the trick.

The flowers are blooming now and will continue to put on a show for a good few weeks.

So, you ask, what is the problem? Simply put,

it's the smell. The plant reeks. It's all for good, though, since the acrid smell lures flies to pollinate it!

My husband loathes the smell and has given it the not so nice nickname of "stinky flesh plant." I am not sure how he came up with that, but each year he is always pretty vocal about the stench when it is in bloom. As a sidebar, the flies are doing their job, in turn making viable seeds. I know this for certain, since a few of them have sprouted over the years. Welcome volunteers, at least as far as I am concerned!

What is the consensus on Hosta flowers? Should they stay or go? I used to be of the "go" camp until earlier this morning, in fact, when I saw a hummingbird frequenting the blossoms! That changed my mind in a hurry. While it's true that Hostas are better known for their foliage which is often beautifully variegated, the light lilac flowers are pretty in their own right. A handful of pendulous bells hang from the tips of the stems that seem to float above the foliage.

Hostas are not very demanding and are best known for their use in a shady bor-

der. Most will burn if planted in the sun, although golden leaved varieties seem to fair better in sunnier locales. In general, most varieties look great paired with Astilbe and Ferns.

I've mentioned the "take it or leave it" attitude in prior columns towards the smell of Marigolds. I am definitely a "take it" girl on this one. In fact, the fragrance, in and of itself, transports me back to the Grange Hall of my youth and their annual summer fair where I would, and still do enter the flowers in the "Cut Flower" category.

Both the larger doubled petal African and the smaller French types are represented. Besides looking good in the vase, Marigolds are said to repel aphids and other insects from neighboring plants, and supposedly even able to keep underground nematodes at bay.

Maybe they are worth the odor. Or maybe the fragrance? You be the judge.

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By Ellenor Downer

My neighbor has a Cooper's hawk in his yard. Cooper's hawks are common woodland hawks and skilled fliers.

They will fly at high speed through cluttered tree canopies in pursuit of other birds. They may be seen at the forest edge or a field taking a few wingbeats followed by a glide.

Males are smaller than the females. They build the nest and supply nearly all the food to females and young during the nesting period.

During migration, ridge tops in both the East and West are great places to spot Cooper's hawks in large numbers. Coopers hawks perch upright and have a long, rounded tail with dark banding. The band at the end of the tail is white. They have a small, hooked beak.



Cooper's hawk

Adults have a gray back, reddish barred chest and red eyes. They also have a black cap.

Cooper's hawks are similar to sharp-shinned hawks, but are larger. They inhabit deep forest to backyards.

Grape jelly warning I received a link about

the dangers of feeding grape jelly to hummingbirds from a Granby resident. The link said, "Bird experts are raising the alarm that a common practice done to attract some birds is actually killing hummingbirds. Raptor Education Group, Inc. said just this week they had three adult ruby-throated hummingbirds brought in covered in grape jelly. One had already died. The others are alive, but struggling."

The central Wisconsin nonprofit shared photos to raise awareness that grape jelly is a sticky danger for the delicate birds. They said, "It has become common practice for people to put out jelly for orioles. However, when it is this warm, the jelly melts and sticks in other bird's feathers and feet." The group recommends buying bird-safer jelly from a specialty store or feeding orange halves.

## Brimfield bird report

I received an email recently from a Brimfield resident. He said, "It's been a different spring/summer in the yard this year. I didn't see

the first Baltimore oriole until June when a male showed up at the bird

bath and a few days later a female showed at the bird-bath. In previous years we have had a couple of pairs in the yard. I offer jelly and oranges during migration and then just oranges later in the year. I've only seen catbirds at the oranges, no orioles."

He saw a juvenile red-bellied woodpecker following an adult male around and begging for food recently. The catbirds are seen frequently and use the birdbath regularly. He has a couple pairs of rose-breasted grosbeaks as well. Several years ago, he saw 11 rose-breasted grosbeaks in the yard at the same time. He has not seen an indigo bunting this year. Although he saw great crested flycatchers and house wren earlier in the spring, they did not stay and use the nest boxes in his yard as they did last year.

## Nesting osprey

He also said in his email, "In Warren last week I saw one osprey nestling in the nest on South Street, but on a visit to

day there was no sighting of the chick, but an adult was perched on the nest."

## Alarming statistic

He also said, "Unfortunately the reports that there are billions of fewer birds in the country now than there were in the 1970s is very evident to anyone who has watched birds since then. Very sad what we humans have done to the planet." He said, "On another depressing note, there are way fewer butterflies in the yard this year."

## Phoebes

Every year Eastern phoebes return to nest in my yard. Recently, I saw a fledgling following an adult around begging for food.

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

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# Palmer High Class of 1975 Reunion to be held Oct. 18

PALMER—Join us for our 50th Class Reunion on Oct. 18, 2025, 6 p.m. to 12 a.m. at Tony and Penny's in Ludlow -enjoy dinner, music, and great company. Tickets are \$60 per person. Please RSVP to ccolburn172@comcast.net for yourself and guest by August 9, 2025.

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like to share any other photos from high school days, it would be appreciated. Photos can be e-mailed to Cindy at: ccolburn172@comcast.net. Spread the word to other classmates, hope to see you there

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inspect the site for any unregistered vehicles and to continue keeping the fence secured. "We've done our best with what we can control," he said, while noting that portions of the property referenced may not be under his client's ownership.

### Council authorizes funds for wastewater dewatering upgrades

The council unanimously approved a \$2.28 million bond authorization to fund essential upgrades at the town's wastewater treatment plant. The project will redesign and reconstruct the facility's sludge dewatering systems, which are responsible for removing excess water from waste material before disposal. Town Manager Brad Brothers explained that the current equipment had outlived its usefulness and that replacing it would produce immediate savings. "We're paying to haul away water. This upgrade will help us reduce the volume we're transporting," he said. The project will also integrate into the plant's ongoing preventive maintenance program.

Councilors discussed the history of the project, noting that the existing equipment had been in place for years and that this replacement had been anticipated. The vote also rescinded a prior loan authorization that was no longer needed in light of the new bond amount.

### Zoning Amendments Approved for Palmer and Park Streets

Two public hearings were held and concluded with approvals to rezone several parcels of land to align better with their current and intended uses. On Palmer

Street, land associated with the "Tables" ice cream business was rezoned from rural residential to neighborhood business. The parcel had previously been tied to a larger farm property but was being subdivided to allow the business to operate independently.

The second zoning change affected two parcels off Park Street behind existing businesses like Buddy's Auto and the post office. The land was rezoned from town residential to highway business to correct a split-zoning issue that complicated future land use. These parcels were already being used for commercial purposes.

### Police Dispatch Contract Approved; Employee Recognitions Announced

Councilors approved a one-year contract agreement with UFCW Local 1459, covering the town's police dispatchers. The new contract revises the salary schedule slightly but remains within the town's budgeted cost-of-living increases. The vote followed earlier executive session discussions.

Town Manager Brothers also recognized two town employees for earning professional development scholarships. Danica Griswold received the Nancy Golkowski Scholarship to cover the cost of a SHRM certification exam, and Tina Brohman received a \$400 award to attend a national conference remotely.

Holly Mann was announced as the new Treasurer/Assistant Collector, transitioning from her current role as Assistant Town Accountant. She replaces Shelby Lamothe, who was thanked for her years of service to Palmer.

### Sewer Abatement Policies Revised

Revised sewer abate-

ment policies will go into effect July 1, 2025. Notable changes include increasing the senior abatement from a flat \$50 to 10% per EDU (equivalent dwelling unit) and adjusting vacancy abatements for both residential and commercial properties. The new rules cap eligibility at two consecutive years and offer a reduced 33% abatement per EDU.

Brothers emphasized that the changes aim to strike a fair balance and discourage long-term vacancy. "We want to ensure that people are paying their fair share, whether or not the building is in use," he said.

### Council Reorganization and Other Business

The Council held its annual reorganization, unanimously electing Barbara Barry as Council President, Jessica Ferry as Vice President, and Mark Caci as Clerk.

Other items included the approval of the FY26 Council meeting schedule, brief discussion on council rules along with a full review planned for the next meeting, and confirmation that subcommittee assignments would remain unchanged from the previous year.

During Councillor roundtable remarks, members noted the success of recent community events, including the Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce gathering at Divine Mercy Parish. They also reminded residents that National Night Out will take place August 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Palmer Police Department, and that first-quarter property tax bills are due August 1.

The meeting adjourned into executive session to discuss union negotiations with police and DPW unions and potential real estate matters involving Shearer Street.

# Get to Know Your Town Employees

## Hope Bodwell

Director ~ Monson Free Library

Please answer the following questions, and send them back to me.

### What is your favorite thing about the town?

It's not just a town, it's a community. I prefer working at a smaller library where you can get to know your patrons.

### What do you do in your position?

A little bit of everything! As a director, I handle the business end of the library. I handle the administrative work including state reports, crafting and managing the budget, dealing with vendors, supervising staff, collection development, creating policies, fundraising, programming, board relations, networking, partnering with other organizations and businesses, and my favorite, but I don't get to do it often, working the desk.

Libraries are continually evolving and it is fun and challenging to figure out what our community wants and needs from us.

### Describe an average day at the office?

Honestly, it's never average. I can plan my schedule but it usually changes throughout the day. You have to remain flexible.

### Tell me a bit about you. Are you a resident?

I have been a resident of Monson since 2004.

### What's your education?

I have been a resident of Monson since 2004.

### What other departments or committees/boards do you work closely with?

We work with all departments throughout the year for many different reasons. Many departments graciously do story times for us, or I am working with accounting to go over the budget. We work very closely with the Council on Aging and partner on many programs together as well as Parks and Rec and the schools. Police and Fire always ready and willing to step up to help.

Very fortunate to work with such great people.

### What is the most fulfilling part of your job?

Seeing the community enjoy the programs we provide. Seeing families grow up. Finding the perfect book for somebody. Making connections. It makes everything we do behind the scenes worthwhile.

### What inspired you to take on the position?

I have worked in various libraries throughout my career and was in an unrelated corporate position when I started volunteering here one night a week typing spine labels for the new books. (yes, on a typewriter!) I knew this was where I belonged, both the Library and Monson. I started as an administrative assistant, worked on both children's and adult programs, became head of adult services and then director. I've worked most positions here. It was meant to be.

### Where is your office located? What are your office hours?

I am here Monday - Friday, mostly during open hours, some nights, some Saturdays and some early mornings!

### What is the history of your department? What makes it unique from others?

Too much history to tell! The original granite library was built in 1882 of Monson granite but we were around before that building! The Library has proudly been serving Monson for a very long time!

**Fun fact:** We are called the Monson Free Library because libraries were not always free and accessible to everyone. You had to pay to be a member. We were free to everyone at no charge. We are very proud of our name!

The Library is an association library which means we are a private entity serving as the public library. We are governed by a board of directors and corporators. They own the land and buildings and fund all capital repairs. Our staff are town employees and the town funds approximately 75% of our budget. We are a nonprofit organization and can fundraise to help balance our budget.

### What do you want the community to know about your position?

It's the best job in town and no, we do not read books all day.

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A class on First-Responders, taught by the Pathfinder resource Officer Tyler Bigda, crime scene tape covers the door to the classroom.



The cosmetology program, or the beauty school class, was put on by Shelby Raymond.



Woodworking students are taught to use heavy machinery, such as the drill press, used to drill holes uniformly in a piece of wood.



A student in Jeffrey Pronovost's Agriculture & Gardening class takes his time fixing a chainsaw using the lessons he learned so far that week.



MakeCode Arcade 1 with Jake Brown as the teacher: they learn basic code to create a basic arcade game.



Robots fight each other in the ring during Justin Bren's Robotic Battleship.



Ethan Ortyl brought his students to the gymnasium to make his lessons practical for his class: Basketball Skills & Stories.

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ucation, in many cases planting the first seeds of interest in a trade or career. With offerings ranging from baking and beauty to advanced manufacturing and robotics, the summer program blends technical rigor with childhood creativity; the result is joyful, engaging, and purposeful.

Walking through the building, it's impossible to ignore the energy. In one classroom, students are dusting for fingerprints and studying evidence with real members of the State Police Crime Lab, thanks to a "First Responders" session led by Pathfinder's own school resource officer. In the culinary spaces, younger students prepare and price menu items for their own pop-up café — learning the fundamentals of hospitality and business along the way. Across the hallway, freshly baked sugar cookies emerge from the ovens while another group of kids dabbles in pizza dough, many for the first time.

Meanwhile, in classrooms lined with computers and code, young minds are building video games and debugging their own creations using rubber ducking, part of a modern programming technique where the code is explained to the duck out loud to understand where it might have gone wrong. Others are shaping wood into birdhouses in the carpentry shop or guiding robots through obstacle courses in a competitive battle setup. The excitement in the air is real, but so is the education.

Rege sees it not just as summer fun, but as an investment in the region's future. "Walking through the programs that we offer and seeing the smiles on these students' faces, and the excitement they feel as they explore new skills, reminds us how important this work is," he said. "It is truly an investment in the future of our community."

The enrichment program has grown not just in size but in its impact. Though the experience may look like summer camp on the surface, its deeper purpose is to give students early exposure to career pathways they might not otherwise consider. Most of the instructors are full-time vocational teachers at Pathfinder, and many of the camp counselors are current Pathfinder students, providing mentorship and a living example of what technical education looks like in action.

Students come from across the region to participate, including Palmer and neighboring towns. The program is open to the public and often fills up quickly after registration opens, with families eager to secure a spot. Its continued popularity is supported by grant funding, which helps reduce the cost barrier and keeps the opportunity widely accessible.

This week, even more programs will open, including automotive technology, auto body, and plumbing; bringing the total number of offerings to more than a dozen. But beyond the growing numbers and expanded workshops, the core mission remains the same: giving young learners the chance to discover what they're capable of.

"There's so much value in giving these kids the opportunity to see themselves as creators, makers, and problem-solvers," said Rege. "It's more than just keeping them busy over the summer. It's about giving them experiences that can truly shape their future."

As Pathfinder's classrooms continue to buzz through July, the message is clear: summer learning can be as hands-on and high-impact as any academic term; in this case, it might just change lives.



MakeCode Arcade 1 with Jake Brown as the teacher.

Turley photos by Abigail McCoy



Baking FUNDamentals being taught by Daniele Salerno in the school's kitchen cafeteria.



Kids were making functional metal calipers in Adam Girad's Advanced Manufacturing class.



Jeffrey Pronovost's Agriculture & Gardening class took place in one of the garages used to hold equipment, they are taught how to maintain a property and the equipment used for it.



Kids learn to sand wood properly while making birdhouses in woodworking class, taught by Scott Baronas.



The sign talking about the CCC sits next to the defunct flag pole and gives you a view of both the pavilion and the pond.



The Dean Pond Dam and waterway that keeps the pond full.

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A secondary fishing spot on the shore of a different part of the lake, in a shaded area with a stationary charcoal grill and picnic table.



The abandoned bathrooms with their doors welded shut, lawn maintenance is usually done once or twice a year so the wilderness doesn't overcome or destroy the buildings completely.



The pavilion made by the Civilian Conservation Corps, standing solid for almost a century, and used by thousands throughout the decades.



The Dean Pond Recreation Area sign that is at the entrance to the parking lot.



One of the many ducks and wildlife living in the Dean Pond Recreation Area.



The one-mile trail loops around the pond, following the shore in most parts, while taking you through the woods in other areas.

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of unemployed young men. In Massachusetts, 51 camps enrolled over 10,000 enlistees who tackled large-scale conservation efforts and infrastructure development. Their legacy includes trails, cabins, picnic areas, roads, and forest improvements still evident today; Dean Pond among them.

The recreation area once boasted a beach, staffed bath-

rooms, and lifeguards. After the 2011 tornado ripped through the pioneer valley region, the park closed temporarily, reopening in 2013 before shutting down for good four years later due to reduced usage and high maintenance costs. Today, the bathhouse doors are welded shut and unused, stationary charcoal grills all over the property are rusted over, and the trash barrels are gone, but the trails are alive with quiet

foot traffic, and the pond still draws in the community.

The water itself, a small man-made pond nestled deep in the forest, is silty with a brownish tint and full of aquatic vegetation. Despite its condition, it remains a draw for casual fishing enthusiasts, most of the fish are small but there are a lot due to the pond being unmanaged.

Hikers who begin at the

Dean Pond Recreation area can take an easy one-mile loop around the pond, with views of the dam and the CCC-era landmarks. Though there are no staff or amenities, the route is clear enough for those comfortable with self-guided exploration.

Visitors must come prepared; there's no water, no marked maps on site, and no trash disposal. But for those

who bring what they need and respect the space, Dean Pond offers a peaceful escape and a rare chance to engage directly with the layered history of American conservation work.

Here, nature and legacy intersect quietly. The signs of abandonment: overgrown grass, faded signs, and closed buildings, are met with signs of persistence: footprints on

trails, kids with fishing poles, and the enduring strength of CCC-built stone and timber.

Though it may not appear on official brochures or be staffed by rangers, Dean Pond lives on; in the hands and hearts of those who continue to visit, not because they're told to, but because they choose to.

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Curiously Rise with mother-daughter team Patty Clark and Riskey Dudley.



Various soaps made by Gisel Gomez from the Green Goddess Bath Boutique.



Wicked Good Treats with owner Elaine Shepard. Turley photos by Abigail McCoy



Amy Roman, owner of Amy's Rt. 9 Bakery.



Luz Desmarais, owner of Soy Pretty, a local soy themed soap and oil company.



Just Imajen Crafts with owner Jennifer Toelken holding up the crocheted axolotls she makes.



Galinea Efremova, owner of Celebrity Leggings, showing off the leggings "that will make you look and feel like a celebrity."



Members of cub scout pack 164 show up to represent the Boy Scouts of America, Cubmaster Karen Champagne, Lawrence Thompsona and his mother Jemme Thompson.

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nonprofits under the summer sun. The Chamber, which dates back to 1917 and was officially incorporated in 1940, has long served as a pillar of economic support and beautification in the area. Its legacy of fostering business development was alive and well at the park this past Friday.

Among the many vendors was Brian Lachance, owner of Bumble's Bees Local Honey, a local honey company operating since 2016. With a booth brimming with golden jars, Lachance shared his passion for beekeeping and the importance of buying local. "Yes, I use local honey. That's what it's all about," he said.

Down the line, Jennifer Toelken, co-owner of Just Imajen Crafts, displayed an impressive variety of embroidered goods, plushies, and personalized items. "I've been doing this business for about seven years, and this is probably our fifth time doing this event," Toelken said. Her most popular items? "Definitely the crochet plushies. People love them."

Style was well represented at the market with Galina Efremova's booth, Celebrity Leggings, offering "buttery soft" printed leggings ideal for festivals, workouts, or lounging. "You can feel like a celebrity," she laughed, helping customers find the perfect pair.

At TK Designs, Trina Pereault was surrounded by handmade jewelry and her signature ID badge reels. "I worked in the medical field for 25 years...that's how this started," she said. She's now made over 20,000 reels and continues to branch out into crystal jewelry and earrings.

A newcomer to the vendor scene, Sharon DeBerry, co-owner of DeBerry Creations, showcased custom apparel, tote bags, baby

blankets, and pacifier toys. "We've only been open for a few months," DeBerry explained, noting how excited she was to join the vendor community.

Amy Roman of Amy's Rt. 9 Bakery battled the heat with coolers full of baked goods, including oatmeal cream pies, cookies, and what she called her most popular treat: "The peanut butter cake...people love it."

Gisel Gomez, founder of Green Goddess Made, brought handcrafted soaps, beard oils, and perfume oils from Southbridge. "I started in October just making soaps at home. Now I'm branching out," Gomez said. "This is my main passion but I work full-time on top of making these goods."

The cleverly named Soy Pretty candle company offered decorative and fragrant wax creations. Owner Luz Desmarais runs the business from home and shares her joy in seeing people smile when they pick out their favorite scent.

Perhaps the most charming story of the evening came from Riskey Dudley and her mother Patty Clark, who together run Curiously Rise. Their booth featured tumblers, earrings, microwave bowl holders, headbands, car air fresheners, and the unforgettable "Yips": crocheted pouches inspired by Sesame Street aliens.

"My mom always crocheted and crafted, so I just picked it up," Clark said. Dudley added, "This business is my love and my curiosity of the world combined."

Derek Fay and his wife Cassandra Weglarz, owners of Snobby Snacks, lured passersby with freeze-dried Skittles, saltwater taffy, Jolly Ranchers, and frozen caramel candy. Their additional sun catchers and essential oil-infused bracelets offered something for both your tastebuds and your spirit. "I only cook

what I like," Derek said. "That's the secret."

Representatives from Boy Scout Pack 164 were on-site selling bracelets and candy to raise money for Cub Scout camp while recruiting new members for grades K-5. Karen Champagne, the Cubmaster, emphasized the group's focus on community involvement and hands-on learning.

Nearby, Hebee Pottery displayed ceramics enhanced with underglaze decals. Though there for a more relaxed day, the artist drew attention for his whimsical and finely detailed pieces.

The market also welcomed social service orga-

nizations like Mill Towns Public Health, which partners with local health departments to help bridge social support gaps in the community. Staffers Ashley Jebiny, Erin McMurray, and Tessa Obuchowski offered information on local resources.

With another market slated for August 8, the Three Rivers Chamber invites everyone back to explore fresh finds, sample local food, and celebrate the artisans who make the community vibrant. Whether it's freeze-dried candy, a new badge reel, or handmade soap, the Food Trucks, Farmers & Artisans Market has something for everyone; and a whole lot of heart.



A beer truck sits next to the live music venue and where people can stand to get away from the oppressive heat.



Sean McNeaney creates handmade wood turned pens, necklaces, and other handmade goods, he is only 18 but has been making crafts since age 12.



Brian Lachance with his business Bumble's Bees Local Honey.



TK Designs with Trina Pereault has sold thousands of designed ID-badge reels, and she branches out to homemade necklaces, bracelets, and earrings.



Live music plays throughout the night, the familiar sound of Oldie's covers floating through the tents.



Patrons go from tent to tent looking at the wide variety of goods sold.



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**SOCCER** Addyson Petraszewicz sends a free kick away.

## Panthers fall to Chicopee

CHICOPEE – Last Wednesday evening, Palmer girls summer soccer fell 4-1 to Chicopee in B Division action. Teams returned to the field in the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League following the holiday week. Palmer is now 0-7 this summer with a few games remaining in the regular season.



Mia Wellington Hageman advances up the field.



Jillian Holbrook makes a pass.



Anabelle Ladue plays the ball off her leg.



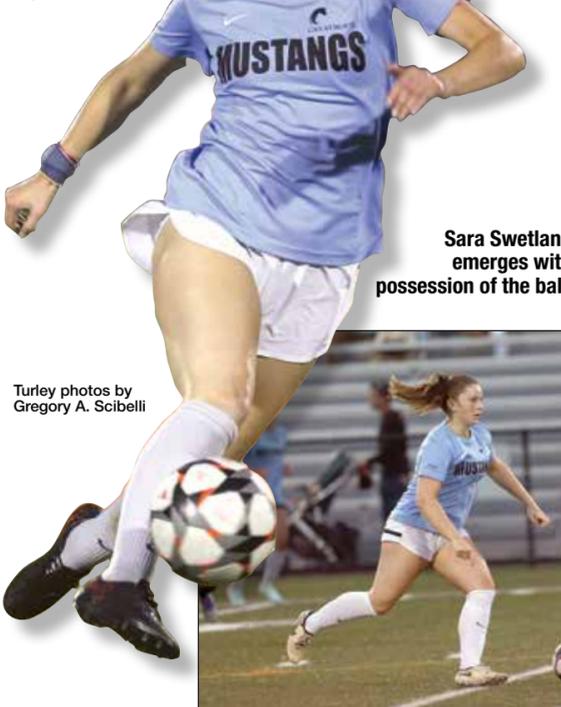
Lainey Babinski fights to keep the ball.

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Maddy Stahelski corraling the ball.

Lily Fabian grabs possession.



Elenor Leland heads up the field.

Emma Murphy clears the ball.

Sara Swetland emerges with possession of the ball.



Sara Marcotte passes ahead of pressure.

## Here for Beer hands Mustangs first loss

SOUTH HADLEY – Last Thursday evening in the Women's Division of the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League, Here for Beer edged the Monson Mustangs 3-2 on the turf of South Hadley High School. Both teams are now 7-1 on the season with Monson suffering its first loss. They are both tied for first place in the division. The game was a possible preview of the PVSSL finals.

**BASEBALL**



Devin Slattery, of Ware, makes the stop.

Colby Harrington delivers a pitch for St. Joe's.

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## Saints keep first place in Tri-County



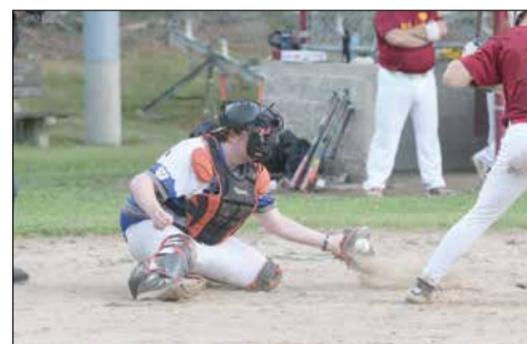
Brandon Magni fields a grounder to third.

PALMER – Following the Fourth of July, Tri-County Baseball League action resumed with a full week of action. Teddy Bear Pools and St. Joseph's were among the several games that took place. Both teams had a few games during the week. With a couple of weeks remaining in the season, St. Joseph's holds first place with 20 points and a 10-6 record. Peoples-Bank is second with 16 points and an 8-2 record and several games to make up. BankESB is third with 11 points, and Teddy Bear Pools holds fourth with nine points and a 4-7-1 record.

Mason Barcomb slings a throw to first.



Breddan Fournier cuts across the diamond and gets the out.



Jake Delaney picks the ball out of the dirt.

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## Extra time goals hurt Pioneers in draw



Juan Hermoso chases after a loose ball.



Robert Lyons eyes an opponent up the field.

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent



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Goalie Rees Sheppard punts the ball away.

LUDLOW—The task wasn't a very difficult one for the Western Mass. Pioneers entering the regular season finale against rival Vermont Green FC.

The Pioneers needed a victory to clinch the top spot in the USL League Two Northeast Division table for the first time since 2021.

The home team held a 2-0 lead in the 90th minute before referee Stephanie MacFarland decided to add 10 minutes of stoppage time. That's when everything fell apart for the Pioneers like a house of cards.

The Green managed to score two goals during extra time and last Friday night's match, which was played in front of the largest crowd of the regular season at historic Lusitano Stadium, ended in a 2-2 draw.

"I've never been involved in a soccer game before where the referee added ten minutes of stoppage time," said Pioneers captain Aidan Kelly. "We just crumpled under the pressure, but it's something that we're going to learn from. It's very disappointing, but we're looking forward to the playoffs now."

Longtime Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari was upset with how the home match ended.

"I have no words to describe tonight's game," Molinari said. "We played very well until extra time. There isn't anything we can do about it now."

The scoreboard clock was stopped when the match reached the 90th minute. MacFarland kept the rest of the time. Soccer is the only sport that uses a clock where the players and fans have no idea when the match is going to end.

While it was a heart-breaking way to end the regular season, the Pioneers (10-1-3), who lost, 2-0, to the Green on June 17, were scheduled to host the Long Island Rough Riders in an Eastern Conference play-in match on Tuesday night.

"We've qualified for the playoffs again," Molinari said. "We just have to prepare for Tuesday's playoff match now."

The Pioneers qualified for the playoffs for the sixth time since 2019. They've also finished in second place in the Northeast Conference standings in each of the past four seasons.

Vermont (12-0-2) cap-



Jaiden Williems gets the quick touch.

tured the League title for the first time since joining USL League Two in 2022.

When the Green made their annual visit to Lusitano Stadium a year ago, they clinched a playoff berth with a 3-1 victory over the Pioneers. The first meeting of the 2024 regular season ended in a scoreless draw.

The overall series record between the two squads is now tied 3-3-2.

The Pioneers posted a pair of 1-0 victories against Vermont during the 2023 regular season.

Since suffering the shut-out loss at Vermont back in June, the Pioneers had gone 5-0-0 and outscored their opponents, 18-1 during that span.

The start of last Friday's contest was delayed about 30 minutes due to a thunderstorm.

The Pioneers starting goalie was Trey Sheppard, who started a home match for the first time this season.

"We decided to go with him (Sheppard) tonight," Molinari said. "He's been training with us the whole season and he deserved a chance to play."

Sheppard, who'll be a sophomore on the Amherst College men's soccer team in the fall, started his first match of the season for the Pioneers on the road against New England FC, which was a 3-1 victory on July 7.

During the third minute, Sheppard made an outstanding save on a shot taken by Arnaud Tattevin resulting in a corner kick.

The Western Mass. squad took a 1-0 lead following a free kick goal during the 41st minute.

Gustavo Barbosa booted the ball into the box with his left foot from the right sideline near the Pioneers bench. Juan Hermoso, who's a defender, headed the ball into the right corner of the net past Vermont goalie Niklas Herceg. It was Hermoso's third goal of the season.

"It was very important for us to score the first goal of the match," Hermoso said. "I saw the ball heading towards me, and I was able to head it into the net. It was a great feeling."

A year ago, Hermoso was a senior on the University of Charleston men's soccer team, which lost to Lynn University, 3-2, in the NCAA Division 2 finals.

It was the first time that Vermont, who only needed a tie to finish in first place, had trailed in a match this season.

The Pioneers had a couple of other scoring chances early in the second half before Israel Neto blasted a shot into the back of the net in the 64th minute. Barbosa was credited with his second assist.

Twenty minutes later, Neto had another shot on goal, but Herceg was able to make the save.

The visitors cut the deficit in half following a goal from Zach Zengue.

A couple of minutes later, Owen O'Malley, who had entered the match in the 69th minute, lined a shot from the top of the box over Sheppard that landed in the right corner tying the match.

Then the Vermont players raced across the field and celebrated with their many supporters, who made the three hour trek to Ludlow from Burlington.

It wasn't the way the Pioneers players wanted the regular season to finish, but they had a clean slate entering Tuesday's home playoff match.

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## Athlete of the Week

### Lily Fabian Monson

Lily Fabian is a member of this year's Monson Mustangs women's team, which includes many alumni of Monson High School's long-running successful girls soccer program.

*To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to [gscibelli@turley.com](mailto:gscibelli@turley.com).*



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## Candlepin League News

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**Summer Edition**  
EAST BROOKFIELD – The Wednesday Mixed Summer League has reached week 10 at Bogey Lanes.

After 10 weeks of bowling, Sophia's Raiders remain in first place with a record of 62-18. Gutter Dolls are in second place with a record of 50-30. The No Shows moved up to third place with a record of 44-36. Close behind is Kristen's Squad in fourth place at 43-37.

During week 10, the Gutter Dolls bowled against Clock Barn. In game one, Gutter Dolls defeated Clock Barn by a score of 458-426. Pat Bacon of Gutter Dolls bowled well by scoring 106. Bacon's current league average is 88.

In game two, Clock Barn won by a score of 455-438. In game three, Clock Barn won the last game by a score of 431-417. Despite losing the last two games, Gutter Dolls won total pinfall by one point, 1313-1312. Each team won four points as Gutter Dolls remain in second place.

Straight Shooters bowled against Gutter Snipes in week 10. In game one, Gutter Snipes won by a score of 441-404. In game two, Gutter Snipes won again by a score of 444-428. Marc Vinciulla of Gutter Snipes broke the century mark with a 104.

In game three, Straight Shooters won the last game by a score of 446-436. Craig Dube of Straight Shooters finished strong with a 106. Vinciulla put up a better score of 107. Gutter Snipes won total pinfall by a final score of 1321-1278.

The Rolling Stones bowled against Gutter Fingers in week 10. In game one, Rolling Stones won by a score of 437-433.

In game two, Rolling Stones won again by a score of 452-441. In game three, Rolling Stones won the last game to sweep Gutter Fingers by a score of 444-422. The final score was 1333-1296 in favor of Rolling Stones.

Sophia's Raiders bowled against Kristen's Squad. In game one, Kristen's Squad won by a score of 438-417. In game two, Kristen's Squad won again by a score of 464-448. Meaghan Button of Kristen's

Squad bowled a 116 and Sophia Hearnlaye of Sophia's Raiders bowled a 114.

In game three, Sophia's Raiders won by a score of 458-454. Hearnlaye followed up with a 110 and a series of 320. Bob Button finished strong with a 118. The final score was 1356-1323 in favor of Kristen's Squad, who are in fourth place with a record of 43-37.

Team No Shows bowled against the Vacant team and won all three games and total pinfall. The team put up a final score of 1446 and some of their players bowled well over their average. Kathy Swistak had two games well over her league average of 84, by scoring 102 in game two and 109 to end the match.

Steve Swistak began the match with a 107 and matched Kathy Swistak in the last game with a 109 of his own. Filling in for one team member was Ryan Drago, who had scores of 141, 121, and 126 for a series of 388.

By winning eight points, No Shows move to third place with a record of 44-36. The Wednesday Mixed Summer League have four weeks left of the season.

## T-Birds schedule for upcoming season

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds, the proud American Hockey League affiliate of the St. Louis Blues, released their full schedule for their 2025-26 regular season on Thursday in conjunction with the AHL. The T-Birds will be celebrating their 10th year as an AHL member club during the upcoming campaign, as well as their fifth playing season in affiliation with the Blues. Springfield has qualified for the Calder Cup Playoffs in three of its past four seasons.

The Thunderbirds will begin their regular season on home ice for a sixth consecutive season when they play host to the defending Eastern Conference champion Charlotte Checkers on Saturday, Oct. 11 at 6:05 p.m. inside the MassMutual Center for Opening Night.

Fans are advised that all Saturday games at the MassMutual Center will now start one hour earlier at 6:05 p.m. for the 2025-26 season.

The Thunderbirds will face every Eastern Conference

team at least twice during the 2025-26 regular season, except for the Cleveland Monsters. Once again, the AHL season will consist of all 32 clubs playing 72 games (36 home, 36 away).

Springfield will play 54 games against Atlantic Division opponents, including 27 at the MassMutual Center. Their most frequent opponents are the Providence Bruins, who will visit the Thunderdome six times, including 6:05 p.m. puck drops on Saturday, Dec. 6, Saturday, Dec. 27, Saturday, Feb. 21, and Wednesday, March 11. The two teams will also square off on New Year's Eve for a 3:05 p.m. matinee on Wednesday, December 31, as well as a 7:05 p.m. puck drop on Wednesday, March 25.

The home-ice portion of the I-91 rivalry series against the Hartford Wolf Pack begins on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 6:05 p.m., and the two foes will square off five times in each building during the 2025-26 season. Other I-91 game dates include Friday, Jan. 9 (7:05 p.m.) and 6:05 p.m. puck drops

on Saturday, Jan. 31, Saturday, April 11, and Saturday, April 18.

The Bridgeport Islanders will also make five appearances in Springfield against the T-Birds, starting with a 7:05 p.m. contest on Friday, Nov. 7, followed by meetings on Saturday, Nov. 29 (6:05 p.m.), Sunday, Dec. 28 (3:05 p.m.), Friday, Jan. 2 (7:05 p.m.), and Friday, Feb. 20 (7:05 p.m.).

The most frequent visitor from Pennsylvania is the Lehigh Valley Phantoms, who visit the Thunderdome on Saturday, Jan. 10 (6:05 p.m.), Friday, Jan. 30 (7:05 p.m.), and Wednesday, April 15 (7:05 p.m.). Springfield will also host two games each against the Hershey Bears and Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins.

The Thunderbirds will also play 18 games (9 home, 9 away) against North and Central Division opponents. The Iowa Wild are the lone Western Conference team on the T-Birds' schedule, visiting Springfield on Friday, March 6 (7:05 p.m.) and Saturday, March 7 (6:05 p.m.).

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

E-mail items to [journalregister@turley.com](mailto: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](mailto:journalregister@turley.com).

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**Hitchcock Summer Concert series**  
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**July 23**  
New England Digital Accordion Orchestra, Big Band/Broadway | Flippin' the Bird BBQ

**July 30**  
Eddie Forman Orchestra, Polka | Thee Taco Dude

**Aug 6**  
Pioneer Valley Flame-throwers, Bluegrass | Crust & Confections

**Aug 13**  
CobbleStone Road Band, Country | Flippin' the Bird BBQ

**Aug 20**  
UnionJack British Invasion Band, British Invasion | Flippin' the Bird BBQ  
All concerts will take place 6-8 p.m. on the Brimfield Town Common. Rain dates are Thursdays.

**Wales Public Library summer events**  
Summer Reading through **Aug. 11**  
Dear Duckies Soap Making (registration required) **July 19** at 2 p.m.  
Paracord Bracelets (registration required) **July 25** at 4 p.m.

Seashell Trinket Dishes (registration required) **July 28** at 4:30 p.m.

Plushie Sleepover (registration required) **July 30**  
Amazing Magical Potter's Wheel (registration required) **Aug. 4** at 2 p.m.

Pop-up Story Time **Aug. 6** at 10 p.m.  
Seashell Votives (registration required) **Aug. 7** at 4:30 p.m.

**July 27**  
Barre class at Brimfield Winery from 11- 12 by Rebecca Lehman - reserve on facebook- brimfield winery/ events.

**July 19**  
10 – 4 p.m. PAWS 4 BLUE K-9 3rd Annual Fund-raiser and Craft Fair

**July 26**  
4 p.m. - St. Christopher's Chicken BBQ at Old Home Day- Brimfield Winery 35 Main St Brimfield. Ticket info at St.Christopher's 413-245-7274 or online [brimfield-winery.com/events](http://brimfield-winery.com/events)

**July 31**  
Southern Rain plays at Brimfield Winery 35, Main Street, Brimfield.

## ONGOING

**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](http://brimfieldwinery.com) for any variations.

**FRIDAY NIGHT CAR CRUISES** with Bruce Marshall 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., come check out the amazing car collection. Brimfield Winery 35 Main St. in Brimfield

**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. The Phillips Sculpture Garden is open year-round (handouts in box on one of the signposts). For more information call 413-267-4137, email [khm@keep-homesteadmuseum.org](mailto:khm@keep-homesteadmuseum.org) or visit [keephomesteadmuseum.org](http://keephomesteadmuseum.org).

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

**LINE DANCING CLASS:** 3-5 p.m. and/or 6:30-8:30 p.m., every Thursday at the Monson Polish Club, 7 Bliss St, Monson. Rose's line dancing classes include absolute beginners and beginners, and participants get to dance to all types of music. \$10 per class. Please wear comfortable footwear, no sandals.

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

**GAME NIGHT:** 6-7:45 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month at Top Floor Learning (third floor of the Palmer Library at 1455 N. Main St.). Free and open to the public. Play available board and card games or bring your own. Must be 16 or older unless accompanied by an adult. No Registration Required – just show up! Questions? Call 283-2329, or 283-3691, or email [palew19@yahoo.com](mailto:palew19@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.

## CAMPUS notes

### Chechile named to the Dean's List at Tufts University

MEDFORD—Arielle Chechile, Class of 2028 of Palmer, was named to the dean's list at Tufts University for the spring 2025 semester. Dean's list honors at Tufts University require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater.

Tufts University, located on campuses in Boston, Medford/Somerville and Grafton, Massachusetts, and in Talloires, France, is recognized among the premier research universities in the United States. Tufts enjoys a global reputation for academic excellence and for the preparation of students as leaders in a wide range of professions. A growing number of innovative teaching and research initiatives span all Tufts campuses, and collaboration among the faculty and students in the undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs across the university's schools is widely encouraged.

### Ferris graduates from Eastern CT State University

WILLIMANTIC, CT—More than 800 Eastern Connecticut State University students received undergraduate and graduate-level degrees in the 2024-25 academic year, which culminated this past May with two commencement ceremonies

at the conclusion of the spring 2025 semester. Jeffrey Ferris of Wales graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration .

### UMass Amherst Announces Spring 2025 Dean's List

AMHERST—The following students were named to the Spring 2025 Dean's List at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Students are appointed to the Dean's List at the end of a semester in which they have completed a minimum of 12 graded credits and have earned a grade point average of 3.500 or better.

#### BRIMFIELD

Ethan Eroh, Ella Petersen, Elizabeth Shaw, Libby Sheldon

#### HOLLAND

Alexis Carson, Clement Carson, Abigail Grillo, Alexa Knight, Cassandra Knight

#### MONSON

Bianca Cardano, John Daly, Madison Farquhar, Nicholas Farquhar, Jennifer Gralia, Dante Jones, Madeline Ladew, Zheng Lin, Victoria Miller, Ciara Monaghan, Kylee Teixeira

#### PALMER

Vanessa Baer, Sara-Mae Fosberg, Charlotte Kaiser, Grace Kaiser, Keyshla Lorenzo, Sharon Newton, Sara O'Connor, Daniele Weidlich De Gennaro Freitas

#### WALES

Joseph Adams, May Adams, Claire Godek

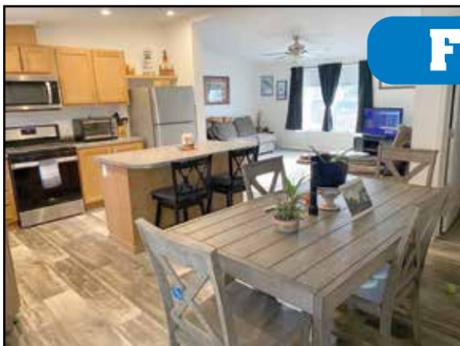
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# Great American Muscle Car Show

First ever car show pays tribute to U.S. horsepower

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PALMER – Car enthusiasts celebrated our nation's independence and American-made horsepower at the first ever Great American Muscle Car Show held at Palmer Motorsports Park this past Saturday.

Hundreds of American muscle cars were on display at the track, ranging from hot rods and gassers, to popular "pony cars" such as Mustangs and Challengers.

This event was sponsored by Sarat Ford Lincoln and Palmer Motorsports Park, along with EMPERFORMANCE. The Valley's Classic Hits 97.7 gave a live broadcast from the car show and played tunes for all to enjoy.

All who attended had a variety of food to choose from provided by Buster's food truck and Monson's own Cookies by Ray.

Exhibitors lined their cars up and popped the hoods, ready to answer questions about their car's history with anyone who was interested.

Ed Caplette of Hampden brought his 1968 Jeepster Commando half-cab pickup complete with a custom paint job by artist Michael Raina. Caplette said he has had the Commando for about five years now and he recalled how he dragged it out of a field to bring it home.



This 1965 Ford Mustang still features its original Arcadian Blue paint.

"I started with a frame sitting on jack stands," he said. "I built the whole car."

Caplette has restored over 50 cars during his career, and he said it usually takes about a year and a half to complete each one.

Caplette said there were about 3,000 models made of the half-cab pickup, which was used as farm truck.

An avid car enthusiast, Caplette said he had a "whole bunch" of Camaros and Chevies and he hopes to one day own a 1955 Chevy gasser – the same year he was born.

Gassers were a popular vehicle at the Great American Muscle Car Show, especially Bob Desroches' 1949 Chevy.

Desroches owns Bob's Auto in Spencer, and he has had the vintage racecar for close to 30 years.

"I bought it as a hot rod in 1998," he said. "It's been the love of my life."

Bob's Auto does automobile repair and specializes in vintage cars, work which he described as being "years of

acquiring parts."

He's added some unique features to this 27 year-build, including a new style, 6-speed manual transmission, and next up is the paint job. The gasser is fast enough to be a street car and does well in nostalgia races.

Joining Desroches was his friend Eric Hubert from Rhode Island, who drove up in his mint condition 1986 Pontiac Trans Am.

Hubert said he's had this car since this past October, which he bought from its first owner with just 81,000 miles on it.

"It's a true original car," Hubert said.



Ed Jodoin of Palmer stands with his 1932 Ford So-Cal Highboy at the Great American Muscle Car Show at Palmer Motorsports Park this past Saturday.

Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

Hubert said he bought the Trans Am because it was the same type of car he drove in high school. The only difference being that his first Trans Am was a 1985.

"It's the identical twin to my high school car," he said. "Same interior, same color, same everything."

Hubert said the Great American Muscle Car Show

was the second time he's entered the Trans Am in a show, and he said the car was invaluable to him.

"To me, it's priceless," he said. "I couldn't replace this car."

Many of the cars at the track last weekend also had ties to their owner's childhood memories, and this includes

Palmer resident Ed Jodoin's

1932 Ford So-Cal Highboy, which he's had for six years.

Jodoin said he has wanted this type of car since he was a child after watching a Disney cartoon which featured a little coupe.

"Ever since then, I always wanted one," Jodoin said.

Jodoin frequently takes the Highboy to shows around



Shown is a Ford Mustang Shelby GT500.



Spectators enjoyed looking at all of the various vehicles at the Great American Muscle Car Show.

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the area, including the Moose Lodge in Chicopee and the Elks Lodge in Ludlow.

Jodoin said while he loves the Highboy, it's time for him to sell it to make room for something new in his collection.

"There's not many like this," he said of the car. "It's just as clean underneath as it is on top."

Although Ware resident John Collins didn't bring an American-made car to the show, he did bring his 2012 Porsche 911 Carrera GTS, which has a 997.2 body style.

Along with his 911, Collins brought an oil painting he did of the car, which won "Best in Show" at an art show held during a Porsche event in the Poconos. This was the first ever art show Collins entered, and the judge who awarded him the top honors was Grant Larson, the Porsche designer who created the very model of car that Collins' owns.

Collins, who retired from his career in architecture, said he began painting and sculpting about three years ago, learning from many masters in these mediums including one of Ware's most notable artists, Roc Goudreau. Collins has since gone on to creating one-of-a-kind portraits of cars by commission.

"The very first portrait I did was of my car," Collins said.

The photograph Collins used to create this portrait was taken on turn 14 of the Whiskey Hill track, where he is a club member.

Collins' artwork can be viewed online at [collinsartstudios.com](http://collinsartstudios.com) or at West Brookfield Art & Frame Gallery in West Brookfield, where he is a gallery artist.

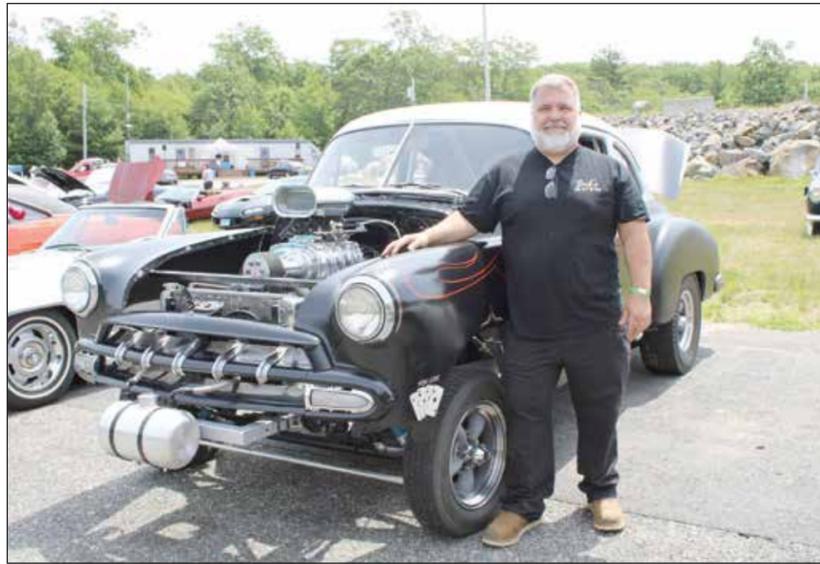
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Palmer Motorsports Park, located at 58 West Ware Road, has a full lineup of events for the 2025 track season.

Cars & Coffee events are scheduled on select Sundays from 9 a.m.-noon. To register for these events, visit [palmermsp.com/carsandcoffee](http://palmermsp.com/carsandcoffee).

Porsche on the Mountain will be held on Sunday, Oct. 5 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., and features everything Porsche from show cars to track cars, to race cars and project cars. Show car entry is \$35 (pre-registration required) and \$10 general admission.

Proceeds from this event benefit Homes For Our Troops. For more information and to register, visit [www.porscheonthemountain.com](http://www.porscheonthemountain.com).



Bob Desroches of Spencer is shown with his 1949 Chevy vintage gasser racecar.



Ed Caplette of Hampden is shown with his 1968 Jeepster Commando half-cab pickup.



Ed Caplette's 1968 Jeepster Commando features hand painted details by artist Michael Raina.

[porscheonthemountain.com](http://porscheonthemountain.com).

The annual Trunk or Treat Car Show to benefit food pantries in Palmer and Ware will be held on Sunday, Oct. 26 and the popu-



Eric Hubert drove his 1986 Pontiac Trans Am up from Rhode Island to enter in the Great American Muscle Car Show.

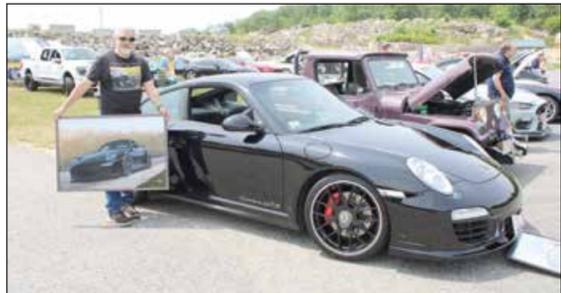
lar Mustangs on the Mountain event is also set to take place in October to benefit the Central New England Equine Rescue.

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American-made vehicles included a variety of Dodge, Ford, Pontiac, GMC and Chevrolet models.



John Collins of Ware holds an oil painting he created of his Porsche 911.



This 1957 Ford Ranch wagon is owned by Richard Birch of Southbridge.

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# Public notices

## Town of Monson Zoning Board of Appeals LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 40A M.G.L. §11, the Monson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Thursday, July 24th, 2025, at 7:05 P.M.** in the Select Board meeting room at the Town Administration Building, 110 Main Street. On the application of First Church of Monson, for a special permit as provided by § 7.3 and §5.3.6 of the Monson Zoning Bylaws. The applicant is seeking a special permit to replace the existing sign with a new 28 sq. ft. sign. The property is zoned Central Commercial, owned by First Church of Monson and is located at 5 High Street, Map 095, Parcel 043. A copy of the application is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, Zoning Board of Appeals and is available for viewing during regular office hours.

Ronald Fussell, Chairman  
07/10, 07/17/2025

## PALMER PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, Sections 9 & 11 M.G.L., the Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Monday, July 28th, 2025, at 7:00 PM** in the Town Administration Building, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA.

The applicant, Lewis Colten, is seeking a Special Permit and Site Plan Approval as allowed under sections 171.28, 171.29 to change the use from a gas station to a medical office. The applicant is also seeking a Special Permit as required by section 171.94 to install one sign larger than permitted by the ordinance in the Village Center District I on the property located at 1411 N. Main St., Palmer. This parcel is also known as Assessor's Map 57, Lot 97.

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

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Palmer Planning Board  
07/10, 07/17/2025

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

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, Sections 10 & 11 M.G.L. the Palmer Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, August 4th, 2025 at 6:00 PM** at the Palmer Town Administration Building, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA.

The applicant, Amanda Pierce, is requesting a variance from §171-35 Dimensional and Density Regulations. The variance request is to allow for the construction of a shed within the rear setback. The property is located at 4061 Main Street, Palmer. This parcel is also known as Assessor's Map 82, Lot 126.

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Palmer Zoning Board of Appeals  
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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD25P1414EA Estate of: Shirley Maria Ciejka Also known as: Shirley M Ciejka Date of Death: 05/20/2025 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Suzanne J Kokoski**

**ki of Palmer MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Suzanne J Kokoski of Palmer MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: July 08, 2025

**Rosemary A Saccomani**,  
Register of Probate  
07/17/2025

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division Docket No. HD25P1452EA Estate of: Joan Marie Giard Date of Death: April 16, 2025 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

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07/17/2025

### MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Joshua Labarre to "MERS", Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a separate corporation that is acting solely as nominee for PFN Lending Group, Inc., "Lender"; and its successors and assigns dated December 20, 2022 and registered with the Hampden County Registry District of the Land Court, in as Document No. 232,650 and noted on Certificate of Title No. 40100, as assigned by Assignment of Mortgage dated January 5, 2024; registered in Hampden County Registry District of the Land Court, as Document No. 235,630 and noted on Certificate of Title No. 40100, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction at 11:00 AM, on July 24, 2025**, on the premises known as **97 Laurel Road, Palmer, Massachusetts**, the premises described in said mortgage, together with all the rights, easements, and appurtenances

thereto, to wit:

That certain parcel of land situate in Palmer, in the County of Hampden and said Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Westerly by Laurel Road, one hundred thirteen and 12/100 (113.12) feet;

Northerly by Lot 99 as shown on a plan hereinafter mentioned one hundred eighty (180) feet;

Easterly by Lot 106 as shown on said plan one hundred sixty-one and 03/100 (161.03) feet; and

Southerly by Lot 106 and by Lot 101 both as shown on said plan, a total distance of one hundred eighty (180) feet.

Said land being shown as Lot 100 on said plan.

All of said boundaries are determined by the Court to be located as shown upon plan number 30086-I the same being compiled from a plan drawn by Frank A. Meunier, Jr., Surveyor, dated February 9, 1973 and additional data on file with the Land Registration Office, all as modified and approved by the Court, which Plan is filed with Certificate of Title Number 16494.

Terms of Sale: These premises are being sold subject to any and all unpaid real estate taxes, water rates, municipal charges and assessments, condominium charges, expenses, costs, and assessments, if applicable, federal tax liens, partition wall rights, statutes, regulations, zoning, subdivision control, or other municipal ordinances or bylaws respecting land use, configuration, building or approval, or bylaws, statutes or ordinances regarding the presence of lead paint, asbestos or other toxic substances, sanitary codes, housing codes, tenancy, and, to the extent that they are recorded prior to the above mortgage, any easements, rights of way, restrictions, confirmation or other matters of record.

The purchaser shall also bear all state and county deeds excise tax. The deposit of \$10,000.00 is to be paid in cash or bank or certified check at the time and place of the sale, with the balance of the purchase price to be paid by bank or certified check within forty-five (45) days after the date of the sale, to be deposited in escrow with Guaetta and Benson, LLC, at 73 Princeton Street, Suite 208, North Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this No-

tice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder or, thereafter, to the next highest bidders, providing that said bidder shall deposit with said attorney, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within five (5) business days after written notice of the default of the previous highest bidder.

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

Dated: 10:40:27  
Present holder of said mortgage  
NewRez LLC  
d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing  
by its Attorneys  
Guaetta and Benson, LLC  
Peter V. Guaetta, Esquire  
P.O. Box 519  
Chelmsford, MA 01824  
07/03, 07/10, 07/17/2025

## PALMER CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the Wetland Protection Act, MGL c.131 s.40, and the Town of Palmer Wetlands Bylaws, the Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing at **6:40 PM, Tuesday, August 19, 2025** at the Town Administration Building, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA to consider a Notice of Intent application for non-exempt construction activities within the existing 301 transmission line within the Town of Palmer. Activities subject to jurisdiction are proposed within bordering land subject to flooding, 200-foot riverfront area, and the 100-foot buffer zone. Proposed work includes the re-establishment of significantly eroded access roads and establishment level work areas including grading in select locations of the existing right-of-way.

The applicant making the request is New England Power Company. Any interested person wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the time and place designated.

Donald Blais, Jr., Chair,  
Palmer Conservation Commission.  
07/17/2025

# Police/Fire

## Fire logs

### MONSON

The fire log for the Monson Fire Department for the week of 07/07/2025-07/13/2025. The department responded to 23 EMS calls and 6 Fire calls.

**Tuesday, July 8** at 7:16 p.m. the department responded to 232 State Avenue for the illegal burn. The department returned to service at 7:44pm.

**Thursday, July 10** at 3:09 p.m. the department responded to 73 Woodhill Road for the smoke alarm sounding. The department returned to service at 3:40pm.

**Friday, July 11** at 6:15 p.m. the department responded to 73 Woodhill Road for the smoke alarms sounding. The department returned to service at 6:54pm.

**Saturday, July 12** at 1:57 p.m. the department responded to 73 Woodhill Road for the public assistance. The department returned to service at 2:16pm.

**Saturday, July 12** at 5:59 p.m. the department responded to 66 Ely Road for the residential fire alarm. The department returned to service at 6:18pm.

**Saturday, July 12** at 8:59 p.m. the department responded to 225 Palmer Road for the fire alarm sounding. The department returned to service at 9:46pm.

## Monson Police Logs

The Monson Police Department reported 190 incidents and arrests on its logs from Sunday, June 22 through Saturday, July 12.

**Sunday, June 22**  
5:28 a.m. – An officer responded to a medical emergency.  
5:36 a.m. – An officer responded to a medical emergency.  
12:59 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of an animal complaint.  
3:35 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of an outside fire.  
4:24 p.m. – An officer responded to a medical emergency.

**Monday, June 23**  
8:20 a.m. – An officer conducted an investigation/follow-up.  
10:42 a.m. – An officer performed a DART team follow-up.  
12:04 p.m. – An officer responded to a medical emergency.  
2:17 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of harassment/stalking/threat in progress.  
3:36 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a past traffic incident/crash.  
4:35 p.m. – An officer responded to a medical emergency.  
11:36 p.m. – An officer responded to a medical emergency.

**Tuesday, June 24**  
11:27 a.m. – An officer responded to a medical emergency.  
3:29 p.m. – An officer responded to a safety hazard.  
4:52 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of an injured/hunted animal.  
6:15 p.m. – An officer con-

ducting a motor vehicle stop arrested Travis Akaheem Thomas, 34, of 65 Clayton Street, Springfield on a warrant.

**Wednesday, June 25**  
1:31 a.m. – An officer responded to a report of a vehicle fire.  
10:31 a.m. – An officer performed a DART team follow up.  
11:47 a.m. – An officer responded to a report of an outside fire.

1:26 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a safety hazard.  
1:40 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a suspicious person.  
2:33 p.m. – An officer conducted an investigation.  
4:39 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a past traffic violation/hazard.  
8:33 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a medical emergency.  
9:37 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a disturbance.  
11:08 p.m. – An officer responded to a traffic violation/hazard in progress.

**Thursday, June 26**  
12:01 p.m. – An officer responded to an animal complaint.  
1:05 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a suspicious person.  
2:27 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of harassment/stalking/threat in progress.  
7:20 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a suspicious package.

**Friday, June 27**  
2:50 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a disturbance in progress.

2:04 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a dangerous animal incident.  
5:46 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a traffic violation/hazard in progress.  
7:36 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a person trespassing.  
8:19 p.m. – An officer responded to a medical emergency.  
9:29 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a suspicious person.

11:13 p.m. – Following a motor vehicle stop, Alicia O'Connor, 44, of 221 Main Street, Monson was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of alcohol, speeding and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

**Saturday, June 28**  
1:05 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a past traffic violation/hazard.  
4:42 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a medical emergency.  
8:40 p.m. – An officer responded to a traffic assignment and as a result Nicole Kozlik, 30, of 21 Stebbins Road Monson, was arrested on operating under the influence of alcohol, two counts of child endangerment while operating under the influence, speeding and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.  
10:29 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a suspicious person.  
11:18 p.m. – An officer re-

sponded to a report of a traffic violation/hazard.

**Sunday, June 29**  
5:02 a.m. – An officer responded to a medical emergency.  
6:29 a.m. – An officer responded to a medical emergency.  
9:24 a.m. – An officer responded to a report of damage/vandalism.  
10:23 a.m. – An officer responded to a report of a safety hazard.  
11:49 a.m. – An officer conducted an investigation/follow-up  
12:15 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of trespassing. As a result, Daniel Haggerty, 31, of 233 Palmer Road, Monson, was arrested on charges of trespassing and possession of class B drugs.

Charlie Ricko, 46, of 401 Liberty Street, Springfield, was arrested on charges of carrying a loaded firearm without a license, possession of ammunition without an FID card, resisting arrest, carrying a dangerous weapon, a subsequent offense of possession with intent to distribute cocaine, a subsequent offense of possession of class B drugs, disorderly conduct, interfering with a police officer, a subsequent offense of class E drugs, failing to yield on a bike, operating against traffic/marked lanes on a bike, a bicycle violation of refusing to stop or identify oneself and possession of a firearm.  
1:56 p.m. – An officer responded to a medical emergency.  
6:48 p.m. – An officer conducted an investigation/follow up.  
6:54 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of harassment/

stalking/threat in progress.

**Monday, June 30**  
11:43 a.m. – An officer responded to a medical emergency.  
11:56 a.m. – An officer conducted an investigation/follow up.  
12:17 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a past traffic violation/hazard.  
2:04 p.m. – An officer responded to a medical emergency.  
4:20 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a safety hazard.  
7:28 p.m. – An officer responded to a medical emergency.  
11:10 p.m. – An officer conducted a motor vehicle stop. As a result, Dayana Quishpe, 26, of 70 Montgomery Street, Apt. #2, Indian Orchard, was arrested on charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, speeding and a number plate violation.

**Tuesday, July 1**  
5:49 a.m. – An officer responded to a medical emergency.  
9:06 a.m. – An officer responded to a report of a safety hazard.  
9:33 a.m. – An officer responded to a medical emergency.  
10:09 a.m. – An officer conducted an investigation/follow up.  
11:55 a.m. – An officer responded to a domestic disturbance in progress.  
4:47 p.m. – An officer responded to a medical emergency.  
10:46 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a past damage/vandalism/mischief incident.

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**Wednesday, July 2**

10:08 a.m. – An officer responded to a report of a safety hazard.  
 5:10 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a medical emergency.  
 9:54 p.m. – An officer conducted a motor vehicle stop. As a result, Joan Gagnon, 51, of 330 Main Street, Apt. #A, Monson, was arrested on possession of class A drugs and possession of class B drugs.  
 Scott Gagnon, 51, of 330 Main Street, Apt. #A, Monson, was arrested on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

**Thursday, July 3**

3:49 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a medical emergency.  
 6:46 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a medical emergency.  
 9:23 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a past disturbance.

**Friday, July 4**

12:23 a.m. – An officer responded to a report of a medical emergency.  
 7:38 a.m. – An officer responded to a report of a past traffic violation/hazard.  
 12:11 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a safety hazard.  
 1:47 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a suspicious person.  
 1:58 p.m. – An officer responded to a medical emergency.  
 4:05 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a safety hazard.  
 4:20 p.m. – An officer responded to a medical emergency.  
 4:33 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a domestic disturbance.  
 6:09 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a disturbance.  
 6:43 p.m. – An officer conducted an investigation/follow-up.  
 7:35 p.m. – An officer responded to report of a disturbance.  
 9:17 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of an animal

complaint.  
 9:37 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a disturbance.  
 10:50 p.m. – An officer responded to a medical emergency.  
**Saturday, July 5**  
 12:02 a.m. – An officer responded to a report of a theft/larceny.  
 10:44 a.m. – An officer responded to a report of a medical emergency.  
 12:30 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a safety hazard.  
 2:57 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a medical emergency.  
 6:33 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a medical emergency.  
 8:31 p.m. – An officer conducted a motor vehicle stop and as a result Jason Serrenho, 44, of 56 Dean Pond Road, Brimfield, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of alcohol, speeding and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.  
 11:25 p.m. – An officer re-

sponded to a report of a traffic violation/hazard.  
**Sunday, July 6**  
 2:13 a.m. – An officer responded for an EMS mutual aid incident.  
 8:36 a.m. – An officer responded to a report of a medical emergency.  
 9:33 a.m. – An officer responded to a report of a medical emergency.  
 9:46 a.m. – An officer responded to an in progress traffic violation/hazard.  
 12:09 p.m. – An officer responded to an in progress traffic violation/hazard.  
 5:48 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a safety hazard.  
 7:54 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a medical emergency.  
 8:35 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of harassment/stalking/threat in progress.  
**Monday, July 7**  
 8:52 a.m. – An officer responded to a report of a medical

emergency.  
 2:05 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a medical emergency.  
 2:21 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a medical emergency.  
 9:05 p.m. – An officer conducted a motor vehicle stop. As a result of the stop, Glen Treadwell, 36, of 171 E Longmeadow Road, Wilbraham, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of alcohol, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, unregistered motor vehicle, speeding, no inspection sticker, a marked lanes violation and unlawful possession of fireworks.  
**Tuesday, July 8**  
 3 a.m. – An officer responded to a report of a past traffic violation/hazard. As a result, Anthony Lee Ward, 57, of 224 Main Street Apt. #B, Monson, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of alcohol, negligent operation of a motor vehicle and a marked lanes violation.  
 8:21 a.m. – An officer responded to a report of an animal complaint.  
 5:15 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a past traffic violation/hazard.  
 7:40 p.m. – An office responded to a mutual aid request.

**Thursday, July 10**  
 10:34 a.m. – An officer responded to a report of a medical emergency.  
 1:34 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a safety hazard.  
 1:55 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a past domestic disturbance.  
 1:59 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a past theft/larceny.  
 6:43 p.m. – An office responded to a report of harassment/stalking/threat in progress.  
 6:43 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a past incident of harassment/stalking/threat.  
**Friday, July 11**  
 10:24 a.m. – An officer responded to a report of a past traffic violation/hazard.  
 10:29 a.m. – An officer responded to a report of a medical emergency.  
 11:27 a.m. – An officer responded to a report of a medical emergency.  
 3:46 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a past larceny/theft.  
 4:18 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a medical emergency.  
 4:48 p.m. – An office responded to a mutual aid request.

**Wednesday, July 9**

8:55 a.m. – An office responded to a mutual aid request.  
 12 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of an animal complaint.  
 1:56 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a traffic incident/crash.  
 2:03 p.m. – An office responded to a mutual aid request.  
 2:24 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a past harassment/stalking/threat incident.  
 3:21 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a safety hazard.  
 3:29 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a traffic violation/hazard in progress.

**Saturday, July 12**

12:08 a.m. – An office responded to a mutual aid request.  
 8:25 a.m. – An officer responded to a report of a medical emergency.  
 9:33 a.m. – An officer responded to a report of an animal complaint.  
 10:33 a.m. – An office responded to a mutual aid request.  
 1:28 p.m. – An office responded to a report of a safety hazard.  
 4:43 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a traffic violation/hazard in progress.  
 8:30 p.m. – An office responded to a report of a medical emergency.

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