

SERVING PALMER, MONSON, BRIMFIELD, HOLLAND & WALES

# The Journal Register

A TURLEY PUBLICATION | www.turley.com July 23, 2026 | Vol. CLXXV, No. 26 | \$1.00 www.journalregister.turley.com

BRIMFIELD

## Feline Fun Day to be held at winery

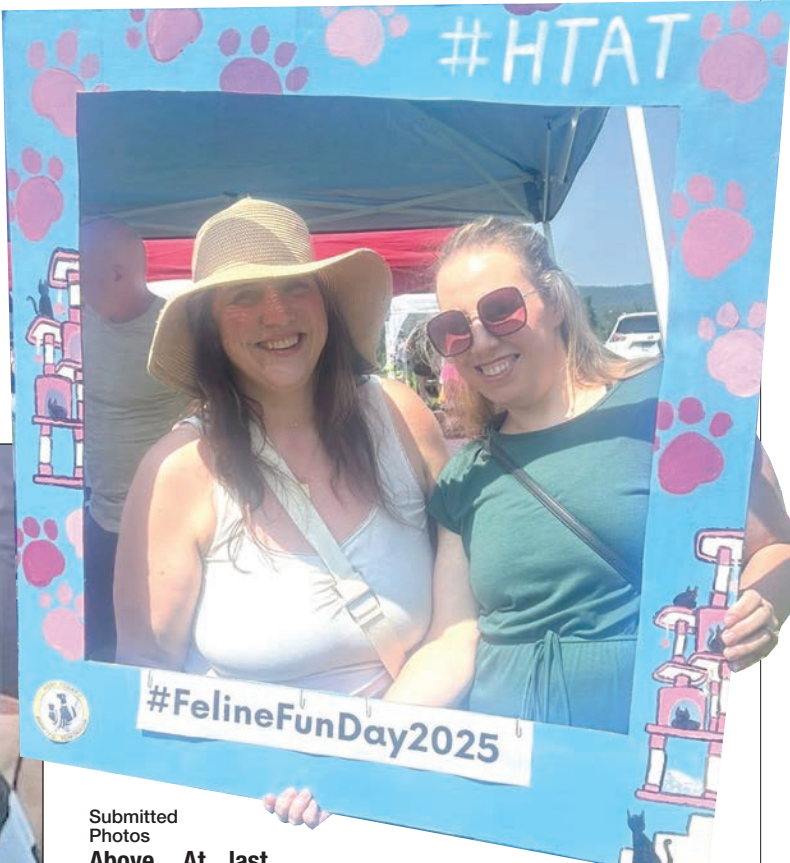
By Marcelo Gusmão  
Staff Writer  
mgusmao@turley.com

BRIMFIELD – It’s almost time for the local animal sanctuary’s annual Feline Fun Day event.

Here Today Adopted Tomorrow’s Feline Fun Day will be held on Saturday, Aug. 1, at the Brimfield Winery. The event is a free, family-friendly community

event featuring local vendors, live music, raffles, food, wine, and kitten cuddling, all to raise funds to support the shelter’s cats and its various community programs.

Rachael Max and her mother, Barbara Horn, came from Utah to start Here Today Adopted Tomorrow as a no-kill,



Submitted Photos  
Above, At last year’s Feline Fun Day, attendees could take a picture with a standee with the hashtag #HTAT. Left, young attendee held a kitten from the animal sanctuary at last year’s Feline Fun Day.

cage-free animal shelter. Max has previously worked with the Ann Arbor Humane Society and the Mosaic Feline Rescue, as well as taking classes at the Best Friends Animal Sanctuary, now known as Best Friends Animal Services, a network which includes Here Today Adopted Tomorrow.

“My mother and I

founded it Dec. 2012,” Max said. “We’d been wanting to do it for quite a while. She had been doing work with dogs, and I had been doing a lot of work with cats, so we ended up taking a workshop on how to start an animal sanctuary.”

Max said that, after

FELINE | page 16



PALMER

## Palmer to host National Night Out

By Marcelo Gusmão  
Staff Writer  
mgusmao@turley.com

PALMER – Coming up on Tuesday, Aug. 3, the Police Department will host its annual National Night Out to connect and engage with members of the community.

Lieutenant Erin Sullivan has been with the department for 35 years, and is responsible for getting National Night Out going every year, including making contacts and running the show with the help of everyone else within the department. Sullivan is heading the event, and intends to make sure it goes off without a hitch.

“It’s a free event to bring the community together with stakeholders and civic groups,” Sullivan said. “It’s a night and evening of fun to have the public come and see officers when there isn’t a crisis occurring, in a more casual setting.”

Sullivan has been collaborating with civic groups and stakeholders within the community to put on National Night Out. The fire department will bring fire trucks, and police officers will be there with police cars as well.

“On the day of, we’ll have numerous officers helping out, participating and meeting the public,” Sullivan said. “Young and old alike will be able to take a look at the police cars and ask questions.”

In addition to the first responders, local Scouting troops will be in attendance as well, with the Boy Scouts offering inflatable archery to attendees. Magician Jonas Cain will be performing, and there will also be food, including hot dogs, donuts, chips, water, sno-cones, and cotton candy, which is being provided by various participants.

“Other agencies will

NIGHT | page 16

PALMER

## ConComm identifies scenic landscapes for OSRP

By Marcelo Gusmão  
Staff Writer  
mgusmao@turley.com

PALMER – At this week’s meeting of the Conservation Commission, the members talked about moving the Open Space and Recreation Plan forward, and potential meetings with a representative from the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

The July 21 meeting began with Conservation Agent Jessica Ladin requesting the commission take some time to prepare something for the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, who is finishing the town’s OSRP, which has been in process since 2021 and is currently awaiting final approval.

“It’s a 10-year plan, from 2021 to 2031, and there’s one thing missing now,” Ladin said. “We need a map that shows Palmer’s scenic landscapes and unique geological features.”

Ladin presented maps of the town to the commission members and asked that they mark it with sites that they think should be included.

CONCOMM | page 16

MONSON

## Fire Chief provides updates on fire station and budget

By Marcelo Gusmão  
Staff Writer  
mgusmao@turley.com

MONSON – At last week’s Select Board meeting, the Fire Chief addressed the delayed opening of the fire station, as well as the department’s concerns over decreased funding.

At the Tuesday, July 14 meeting, as part of a recent directive to department heads to present updates to the Select Board and to the public on developments in each department, Fire Chief Brian Harris went over things of interest that are happening with the department.

“At the forefront is the

Fire Station Project,” Harris said.

“We were told by the contractor on multiple occasions that the town would take over ownership of the property on July 8 and they would be vacated from the property.

“That has not been the case,” Harris continued. “They have quite a few things – small things – to finish up. That is taking them some time, and during some inspections last week with



“Our needs for our department are going up, but the funding keeps going down.”

– Fire Chief Brian Harris

the Building Commissioner, we found a couple issues that need addressing.”

Harris mentioned one such issue being the handicap ramp entering into the building, which was installed with too steep of a slope, and is requiring remediation.

“The simple fix is add-

ing railings, because railings make a ramp compliant with the code, but in its current state, it is not compliant with the code,” Harris said.

Harris went on to describe the architects’ request for the construction company to remove stair treads leading to the upstairs in the scope of

work, while leaving the existing hallway as it was.

“Somehow they omitted putting new stair treads back in, and the building code requires a non-slip surface on the stair treads,” Harris said. “The plywood that is there now is not compliant with the code.”

Harris said that until those items are fixed, the building cannot be opened to the public.

“A majority of the work is done,” Harris continued. “They’re doing clean-up this week. Myself and my administration are working out of the offices, but no other

FIRE | page 12

MONSON

## Driver located in hit and run incident

MONSON – According to the Monson Police Department, on the morning of July 12, it was discovered that the dragon sculpture in front of the Monson Arts Council was struck and damaged by a vehicle.

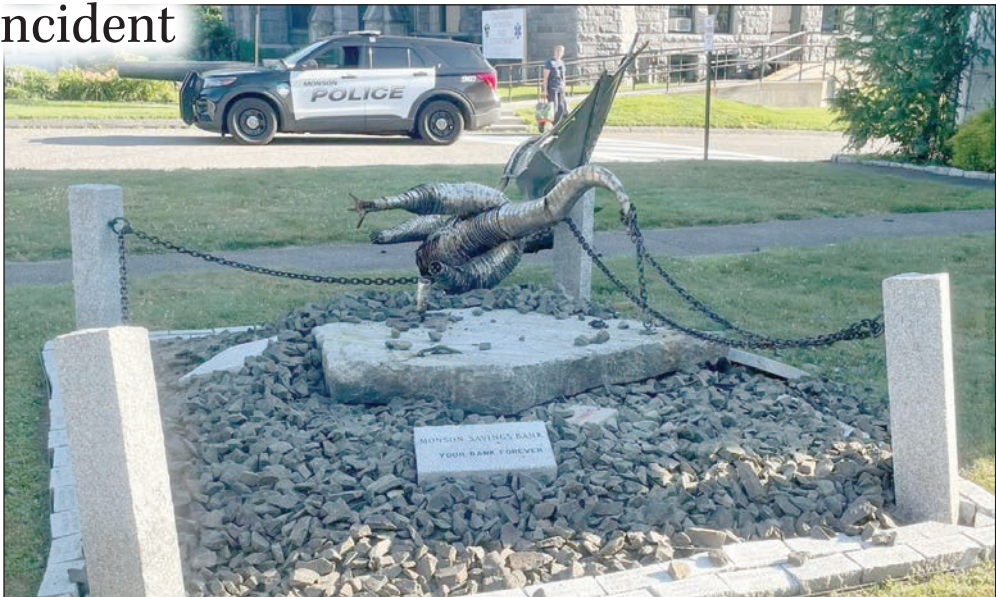
The collision caused significant damage to the artwork, which is a beloved fixture in town and enjoyed by the residents and visitors alike.

Through diligent police work over the course of several days, combined with investigative techniques, the Monson Police Department was able to identify the vehicle involved in the incident.

Detectives were able to

locate and interview an individual. As a result of the investigation, motor vehicle charges have been filed at Palmer District Court for: Leaving the Scene of Property Damage; Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle; Wanton Destruction of Property Over \$1,200.

In a Facebook post on July 21, the Monson Police Department thanked everyone in the community who provided information and assisted with this investigation. The department also recognized its officers for their dedication and persistence in bringing the investigation to a successful conclusion.



Submitted Photo  
“MAC” the dragon sculpture was damaged in a July 12 hit and run incident in front of the Monson Arts Council building.

## Hitchcock’s Summer Concert Series rocks Brimfield Town Common Wednesdays

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

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

August 5 brings the Brimfield debut of The Willies - a popular, community-focused classic rock and Americana band based out of Belchertown. The band performs across the Western Mass region, playing high-energy hits from the 1950s through the 1980s, modern country, and rock standards. Flippin’ the Bird BBQ returns for this concert.

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

Smashing Patties will have their concert series debut this evening.

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

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

Hitchcock Summer Concert Series At-a-Glance:  
Jul 29 Eddie Forman Orchestra  
Polka Band | Off the Hook  
Aug 5 The Willies  
50s, 60s, 70s & more! | Flippin’ the Bird BBQ  
Aug 12 CobbleStone Road  
Country ~ Smashing Patties  
Aug 19 Hard Knox  
Classic sounds of the 70s, 80s, & 90s | BT’s

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

## Keep celebrates the nation Aug. 2

MONSON – As a part of our programming to celebrate our nation’s 250th anniversary, the Keep Homestead Museum will welcome consulting historian Dennis Picard on Sunday, August 2 as he presents his lecture “Dragoon, Musketeer, Prisoner: The Hessians of the Revolutionary War in Western Massachusetts.”

Even though there were no battles in Western Mass. during the American Revolution, there were Hessian soldiers here. Folklore says that these soldiers were mercenaries purchased by King George to fight the rebellious colonies. Hear how these men got to our area, why they were here, who they really were, and why some remained in our regions.

Dennis Picard of Westfield is a living history interpreter who has held key leadership roles at several historic sites including Sturbridge Village and Storowton Village Museum. He continues to educate the public about history doing reenactments, lectures, and craft demonstrations.

The program starts at 1:30 pm in the barn and is open to the public free of charge though donations are welcome. Visitors are welcome to tour the museum from 1 to 3:30 pm to view new patriotic button displays and enjoy refreshments.

For more information about the museum visit [www.keephomesteadmuseum.org](http://www.keephomesteadmuseum.org)

## School supply drive benefits local schools

WARE – The Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce and the Ware Business & Civic and Beyond organizations are hosting a school supply collection drive to benefit local schools.

This year’s school supply drive marks the second year of the collection drive program. Participating locations will serve as a drop off destination for local citizens to donate school supplies to benefit students from the Ware, Palmer and Monson schools districts.

The school supply collection drive runs through Friday, Aug. 21.

Participating drop off locations are found at Cedarbrook Village, Cluett’s Appliance Center, Dhillon Dentistry, Hakim Medical Center, Hanna’s on Main, Monson Savings Bank, Moulton Insurance Agency, Ware Town Hall and Westfield Savings Bank in Ware, Monson Savings Bank, The Better Bean and TJ’s Tavern in Monson, and Palmer Town Hall, Palmer Senior Center, Palmer Library, J. Stolar Insurance Agency, Phriends Coffee, Mustang Seats, Just a Little Craft Store and Nick’s Sporting Goods in Palmer.

## Mary Farm picnic to be held on Aug. 2

PALMER – The Apostolate of the Suffering invites the community to its Annual Mary Farm Picnic on Sunday, August 2, from 12:30 to 4 p.m., rain or shine, at Mary Farm, 1915 Ware Street, Palmer.

Enjoy a delicious lunch featuring hamburgers, hot dogs, side dishes, and homemade desserts. Admission is just \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 10, with tickets available at the door.

Be sure to visit Memorial Hall, the beautifully renovated barn, where you’ll find raffle baskets and the Mary Farm Gift Shop. Memorial Hall is accessible, and restrooms are available for your convenience.

Proceeds benefit the mission and ministries of the Apostolate of the Suffering at Mary Farm.

Mary Farm looks forward to welcoming you for an afternoon of good food and fellowship.

## Annual water quality report available

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

Hard copies are available at Monson Town Hall located at 110 Main Street, Monson Free Library located at 2 High Street, and Monson Senior Center located at 106 Main Street in Monson, Mass.

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

## Kid’s Corner workshop July 25

WARE – The next Kids’ Corner workshop at Ware Grange will be called “Birds” and will take place on Saturday, July 25 at 10 a.m. at the Grange Hall at 297 Belchertown Road in Ware.

Kids’ Corner workshops are led by preschool teacher, Jen McNally, and teach children about nature and the environment through stories, songs and fun activities.

This workshop will explore the world of birds and their life cycles.

Children will learn about many different birds, their songs, and their habitats.

Visit Ware Grange on Facebook or at [waregrange.org](http://waregrange.org) for more information.

## Palmer High School Class of ’76 plans August 28 reunion at Salem Cross Inn

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

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

For the Aug. 28 registration link, which includes payment options online and by post, contact Suzanne Strempek Shea at [sess7@comcast.net](mailto:sess7@comcast.net). RSVP and payment are due no later than Aug. 10.

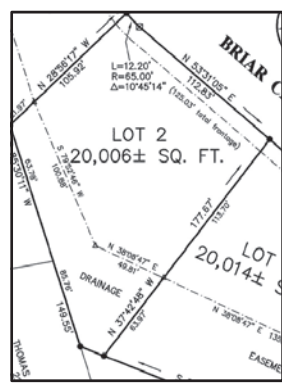
## Palmer and Pathfinder classes of ’76 fall reunion set for Oct. 17

PALMER – The Palmer High School Reunion Committee invites the 1976 graduates of PHS AND the 1976 graduates of Pathfinder Regional High School to a 50th Anniversary Reunion Party on Saturday, October 17, 2026 from 5 to 10 p.m. Faculty is also welcome.

Graduates and guests are invited to eat, drink and be reunited in the outdoor venue at Vanished Valley Brewing Co., 782 Center Street, Ludlow. The cost is \$35 per person, includes entertainment – Kingdom of Jones Band – and a BBQ style buffet with cornbread, salad, BBQ ribs, BBQ chicken, pulled pork, mac n’ cheese, rice and beans and coleslaw.

SAVE THE DATE. SPREAD THE WORD.

Please RSVP by contacting Sue Warner Prosperi at [suewpro@gmail.com](mailto:suewpro@gmail.com). Registration and payment are due no later than September 30, 2026.



**Lot 2 Briar Cr. Ware**  
UPSCALE ESTABLISHED SUBDIVISION  
Cul de sac  
Mother in law / ADU possibilities  
Walking distance to schools  
Town water and sewer  
Underground electric  
*By owner \$94,995*  
413-813-1104

**TOP DOLLAR PAID CARS, TRUCKS & SUVs**

**GOOD OR JUNK**

**“WE COME WITH THE CASH”**

**Nate (413) 636-2929**

**D AND M AUTO**  
1422 Park St.  
Palmer, MA 01069

**STIHL® @Husqvarna**

**PARK SAW SHOP**

**LOGGING • ARBORIST • SAFETY**

**1292 PARK ST. PALMER, MA 01069**

**1-800-232-6132 (413) 544-9027**

Mon-Fri 6:30am-4pm • Sat 7am-Noon

**Shipping Can Be Arranged**

**RENTALS AVAILABLE**

**KEEP YOUR BASEMENT DRY!**

**CALL TODAY!**  
**413-279-9133**

**FREE ESTIMATES!**

**OVER 20 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE**

**DryNest**  
BASEMENT WATERPROOFING

**The Library Loft**

Schoolhouse Commons Historical Center • 1085 Park Street, Palmer

*We are celebrating our 20th year at the Schoolhouse Commons.*

Thanks to our wonderful “friends,” volunteers and patrons.

**HOURS:**  
Tues. 10am - 4pm • Wed. 10am - 4pm  
Thurs. 10am - 4pm • Fri. 10am-4pm • Sat. 10am-2pm

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE**

Book donations will be accepted at the Palmer Public Library or the Library Loft during open hours. Please, no magazines or Reader's Digest Condensed Books. We accept books only in good, clean condition.

For more information call 283-3330 ext. 100

**Proceeds To Benefit the Palmer Public Library**

# Sturbridge Rotary Club honors youth at annual dinner

STURBRIDGE – The Sturbridge Rotary Club hosted its annual Student Recognition Dinner on July 15, at the Public House Historic Inn, bringing together students, educators, Rotarians and local leaders for an evening recognizing exceptional youth achievement and service.

The event took place in Paige Hall during the Club's regular meeting, combining tradition with celebration.

Club President Tim Gresenz opened the meeting and invited Past President Klaus Hachfeld to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and Rotary's Four-Way Test. Special guests included Rotary District 7910 Governor Penny Hamel, and English Teacher and Interact Advisor Amy Willard.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation by Past-President Klaus Hachfeld of Rotary Youth Leadership Awards to Stephen Giaquinto, Norah Hanrahan, Vivian Jaeger, Tamas Jiang, Kaitlyn Kenney, Avery Lanier, Hannah Whittier and Matilda St. Clair.

RYLA is a signature program of Rotary International that brings together young people for a multi-day leadership development experience that helps participants build confidence, develop communication and problem-solving skills, and discover the power of Service Above Self.

This year, the Sturbridge Rotary Club awarded RYLA scholarships to eight local students selected to join over 200 Massachusetts high school sophomores at the RYLA Conference, held at Fitchburg State University in June. Recipients were selected based on demonstrated leadership potential, strong citizenship, and a compelling desire to benefit from the experience, all qualities confirmed through a competitive interview process.

The Club also celebrated the transition of leadership in the Interact Club at Tantasqua, Rotary's youth service organization. Outgoing officers - Emmett Deatte, president; Ethan Zhu, vice president; Evie Spencer, treasurer; Mairaed Fairbrother, secretary and Julie Anne Petersen, publicist - were on hand to formally pass the torch to the incoming board.

The new slate of officers, all rising seniors, includes Madeline Guertin, president; Sophia Bocchicchio, vice-president; Lily Duga, treasurer; Eliza Jaeger, secretary and Bralynn Fenneuff, publicist. District 7910 Governor Penny Hamel officiated the swearing-in ceremony, followed by the presentation of officer pins and gavel.

The Rotary Club of Sturbridge sponsors the Interact Club at Tantasqua, where students collaborate with Rotarians on fundraisers, community events and hands-on service projects.

Interact is Rotary Inter-

national's service club for young people ages 12-18 who want to take action, develop leadership skills, and make a difference in their school and community. Interact members plan and carry out at least two service projects each year - one that serves their local community and one that promotes international understanding.

The centerpiece of the evening was the awarding of eight scholarships totaling \$8,000 presented by Club President Tim Gresenz. Seven scholarships were given through Sturbridge Rotary Club Fundraising efforts, and an additional scholarship was awarded in memory of late Rotarian Dr. Otto Prohaska, from his family. This year's scholarship recipients are:

Willow Anderson of East Brookfield, is the daughter of Eric and Ellen Anderson. Willow will be attending The College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, where she will be studying language in the hopes of someday working as a government interpreter.

Emmett Deatte of Warren, is the son of William and Jennifer Deatte. Emmett served as president of the 2025-2026 Interact Club of Tantasqua, and vice-president of his class. He was also a member of the National Honor Society and the TRHS tennis team. He will be attending Northeastern University, Boston, where he will be studying politics, philosophy and economics.

Logan Oko of Fiskdale, is the son of Jennifer and Matt Oko. He attended RYLA in his sophomore year and was a founding member of Tantasqua Interact. Logan will be attending the University of Massachusetts, Amherst where he will be studying biomedical engineering.

Julie Anne Petersen of Brimfield, is the daughter of Laurie Krusas and Bill Petersen. Julie Anne attended RYLA in her sophomore year, was a founding member of Tantasqua Interact, and served as publicist in her senior year. She will be attending the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, where she will be studying Political Science.

Evelyn Spencer of Sturbridge, is the daughter of David and Jessica Spencer. Evelyn served as treasurer of the 2025-2026 Interact Club of Tantasqua, and was valedictorian of her class. She attended RYLA in her sophomore year, was a member of SAVE Promise, and was varsity captain of the TRHS volleyball team. She will be attending Mt. Holyoke College, South Hadley, where she will be studying biochemistry.

Payton Thompson of Sturbridge, is the son of Meghan Looney and Daniel Thompson. Payton will be attending Western New England University, Springfield, where he will be studying electrical engineering.

Alex Wilson of Sturbridge, is the son of Danielle



Hamel (left) and Tantasqua Interact advisor Amy Willard (right) with 2026-2027 Tantasqua Regional High School Interact officers (front row) Maddie Guertin, president; Eliza Jaeger, secretary, and Bralynn Fenneuff, public relations, and 2025-2026 TRHS Interact officers (back row) Emmett Deates, president; Ethan Zhu, vice-president, Mairead Fairbrother; Evelyn Spencer, treasurer, and Julie Anne Petersen, public relations.

and Mark Wilson. He attended RYLA in his sophomore year and was a founding member of Tantasqua Interact. Alex will be attending the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, where he will be studying biomedical engineering.

Ethan Zhu of Fiskdale, is the son of Alice Kao and Weining Zhu. Ethan served as vice-president of the 2025-2026 Interact Club of Tantasqua, and president of the National Honor Society. He was a finalist in the Massachusetts State swimming competition, a Central Mass. Boys Swimming MVP, and nine-times school record holder in swimming. He will be attending Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, where he will be studying Molecular Biology and Biochemistry.

A Community Appreciation Award was also presented to Tantasqua Regional High School English Teacher Amy Willard. Amy was recognized for her consistent administrative guidance and support of the Interact Club of Tantasqua.

Newly elected Rotary District 7910 Governor Penny Hamel offered her reflections on the values of Rotary and the importance of fostering youth leadership. The meeting concluded with the traditional Rotary toast by President Gresenz: "To Sturbridge USA, Stourbridge UK, and Rotary International. Hear-hear!"

## About the Sturbridge Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Sturbridge, chartered in 1972, is a vibrant service organization serving the communities of Sturbridge, Charlton, Brimfield, Holland and Wales. Members gather in person of the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6 p.m. at the Public House Historic Inn, in Sturbridge.

The club invests in local youth by sponsoring the Interact Club at Tantasqua, funding student attendance at



Submitted Photos

Sturbridge Rotary Club President Tim Gresenz (left) with 2026 scholarship recipients. Front row: Willow Andersen, Evelyn Spencer, and Julie Anne Peterson. Back row: Emmett Deatte, Logan Oko, Ethan Zhu and Alex Wilson. Missing from photo: Payton Thompson.



Immediate Past President Klaus Hachfeld with 2026 Rotary Youth Leadership Award recipients Avery Lanier, Matilda St. Clair and Tamas Jiang. Missing from photo: Stephen Giaquinto, Noah Hanrahan, Vivian Jaeger and Hannah Whittier.

the Rotary Youth Leadership conference, and awarding annual scholarships to Tantasqua Regional High School students.

Beyond youth leadership development, the club addresses local needs such as hunger relief, organizes popular community events, like

the Charity Golf Classic and TREK Sturbridge Halloween 5K, and contributes to global efforts including polio eradication.

**think**  
**OUTSIDE**  
of the  
**BIG BOX**  
SUPPORT  
COMMUNITY  
BUSINESSES

**DEADLINE**

The Journal Register deadline for public submissions to Mondays. To get your submission in for that week's edition space permitting, email Editor at [journalregister@turley.com](mailto:journalregister@turley.com) or call the office at 413-283-8393 by noon on Mondays. We appreciate the cooperation of our readers.

**CORRECTIONS** The Journal Register will gladly correct factual errors that appear in this paper. Corrections or clarifications will always appear on Page 2 or 3. To request a correction, send an email to: [journalregister@turley.com](mailto:journalregister@turley.com), or call (413) 283-8393. Corrections may also be requested in writing at: Journal Register, Attn: Editor, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA, 01069

**Tanya Nikolic**  
Professional Photographer

Product | Commercial | Real Estate/Drone Photography

773.301.8156  
[tanyanikolic.photo@gmail.com](mailto:tanyanikolic.photo@gmail.com)  
[www.tanyanikolic.com](http://www.tanyanikolic.com)

**PALMER'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**  
**Tuesday, August 4th 6-8pm**  
**Palmer Police Department**  
**Front Parking Lot**  
**~ Rain or Shine ~**

**A FUN, FREE EVENT FOR ALL AGES!**  
This community-building evening is all about fostering positive relationships and unity throughout the town. Enjoy an evening of connection, safety awareness, and family-friendly fun. We hope to see you there!

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT NNO 2026**  
**PALMER MASSACHUSETTS POLICE**  
FOUNDED 1718  
POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Viewpoints

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters By Russell Gloor

Can my spouse file at 63 and then get half of mine when I later claim?

Dear Rusty:  
My spouse is 63 and I am 65.  
I am planning to take my Social Security benefits at age 70. Can my lower earning spouse take his own benefits now, and then -when I take my full benefits at age 70, can he then file for 50% of mine instead of the lower benefit he is getting because he claimed at age 63?

Signed:  
Higher Earning Spouse

Dear Higher Earning Spouse:

Yes, your lower-earning spouse can take his benefits based on his personal lifetime earnings record at any time (i.e., age 63) and, when you later claim your own SS at 70, your spouse will be evaluated to determine whether he is eligible for a “spousal boost” based on your Social Security record.

But to be sure you are clear, if you claim at age 70, your spouse will not get 50% of your age 70 benefit amount.

Spousal benefits are always determined by comparing each partners’ Full Retirement Age entitlement and, if your spouse’s FRA entitlement is less than half of your FRA entitlement, your spouse will get a “spousal boost” to bring his monthly SS retirement payment up to what he is entitled to as your spouse.

The amount of the “spousal boost” would be the difference between his FRA entitlement and 50% of your FRA entitlement, which would be added to his own (age 63) SS retirement amount.

And that means that his total benefit amount would be less than half of your age 70 amount (less also than 50% of your FRA amount, because he claimed at age 63).

One caution for your spouse to be aware of: if he is still working and claims at age 63, he will be subject to Social Security’s Annual

Earnings Test, which limits how much he can earn before SS takes away some benefits.

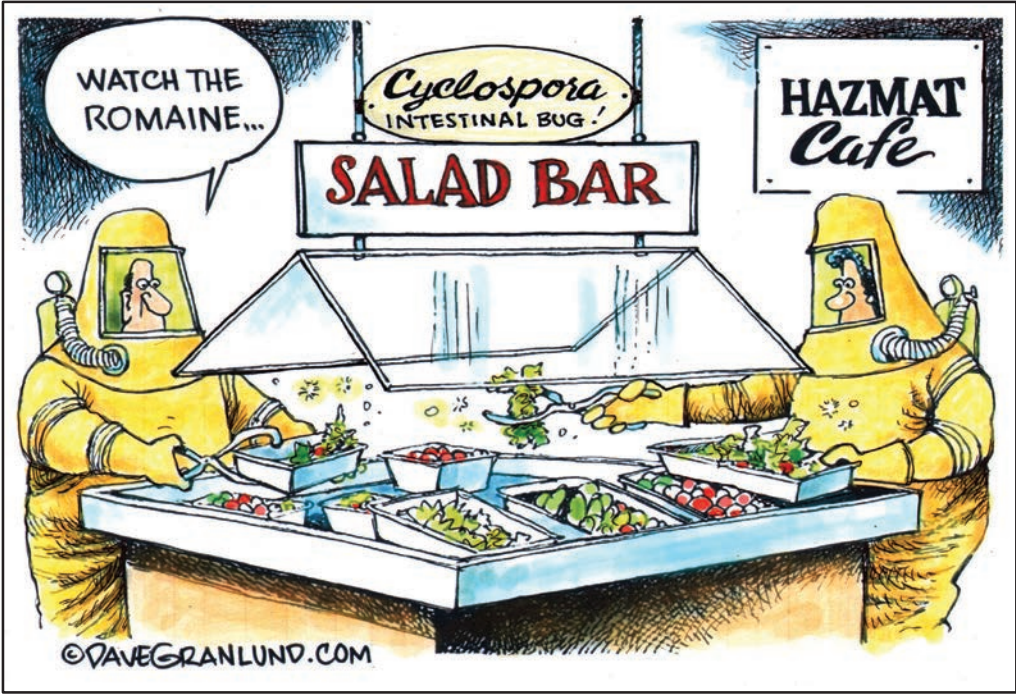
The earnings limit for 2026 is \$24,480 (changes annually) and if that is exceeded, SS will take back \$1 of benefits for every \$2 he is over the limit. FYI, Social Security will “take back” by withholding future benefit payments, so he will not get his benefits for some months if he exceeds the annual earnings limit.

And if the annual earnings limit is significantly exceeded, your spouse could even be temporarily ineligible to receive SS benefits (until he either earns less or reaches his full retirement age, the earnings limit goes away when FRA is reached).

The only way your spouse can avoid both a reduced personal benefit and the annual earnings test limitation is to wait until his own Full Retirement Age to claim Social Security.

However, if he’s not working full time and needs the Social Security money sooner, then claiming at age 63 may be a good choice. In any case, he won’t get half of your age 70 amount.

*The Association Mature Citizens Foundation and its staff are not affiliated with or endorsed by the Social Security Administration or any other governmental entity. This article is intended for information purposes and does not represent legal or financial guidance. It presents the opinions and interpretations of the Association Mature Citizens Foundation’s staff, trained and accredited by the National Social Security Association. To submit a question, visit amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org. Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.*



Washing the elephant

The name Paul Rogers may ring a bell with some of my readers. Paul was a dear friend of mine, a mentor and acclaimed horticulturist who had amazing influence at Old Sturbridge Village, especially early on in my tenure.

He operated Stonehedge Gardens with his wife Barb in Charlton and for many decades wrote a regular column for the Worcester Telegram and Gazette. Paul also had a radio show, a weekly gardening Q&A on WTAG.

It was with his coaxing that I applied for and got this gig as the Garden Lady for Turley Publications over 20 years ago. He was very well known throughout Central Massachusetts, the Boston area and beyond.

Once I was in Bath, Maine, and to my disbelief someone mentioned that they knew Paul Rogers when I was shopping in a kitchen store of all places. But alas, I digress.

Paul and I would meet every other week at the Village unless he was traveling on some horticultural odyssey. Many times he and I would chat before we took our walks around campus to assess my beds.

I learned all about his trips in great detail and he got to know me pretty well, too. He always knew when I was “down in the dumps.”

During those periods, Paul would say, “you’ve got to wash the elephant.”

At first this made little sense to me, but after a bit I understood. When you are not feeling like yourself, you have to tackle a project, a big, elephant-like project, and afterwards you will feel better.

Of course, his projects were, and mine are, typically garden related. So this weekend I tackled the iris and rose bed. Or shall I say the iris, rose and violet bed?

The violets were un-welcomed guests in the garden, as were the borers, but we will get to that in a minute.

You see, I inherited this beautiful patch of blue-purple bearded irises when we moved to this house. For years it bloomed effortlessly. I divided it once a few years back and it was nice for awhile.

But this year blooms were sparse and rose suckers began to show up everywhere within the garden. Violet foliage crowded out the vertical spear-shaped iris leaves.

How was I to tame this mess and do it in the most efficient way possible? My approach may seem unconventional, but if I didn’t do it this way I might still be out-

side squatting in that very garden. I took out the lawn mower and adjusted the height to the tallest I could, six inches. Then I mowed down the garden.

After that I got into the bed with a hand trowel and one scoop at a time, dug up the bed. It was easier than I thought, because the irises were in worse shape than I thought. They came up so easily because they were weakened by a bad iris borer infestation.

I had never seen anything like it. As I unearthed the rhizomes I smelled the rot before I found my first borer. To say it was gross was an understatement.

Each rhizome was lifted, inspected and cut back to healthy tissue. Two inch long borers were collected in a yogurt container for the chickens. They ranged in color from light pink to deep mahogany.

To think that I’ve been gardening for so long and had never seen one before! The violet rhizomes were also dug up and discarded, as were the unwanted rose runners and suckers.

Thinning out the apothecary rose will certainly help to dissuade powdery mildew from taking hold next year. This year it’s pretty bad.

Meanwhile, the irises were moved to a holding bed, also known as the veg-

GARDEN | page 7



Appalachian Trail

By Julie Midura  
Guest Columnist

Seventeen days into our 320-mile walk on the A.T. from North Carolina to Virginia, the sky broke open with unyielding rain, drumming the leaves overhead and turning the trail into a torrent of rushing water. The squish, squish, squish of water-filled shoes became a constant melody for the next eight days as rain drifted through the forest... sometimes in sheets and sometimes in hushed murmurs.



Twenty-four days of mountains, miles & memories

Wet foliage accosted us at every turn, the branches leaning heavily onto the trail from the weight of SO MUCH unrelenting rain.

Every step became methodical. Our eyes looked down rather than ahead, focusing on the individual brushstrokes rather than the

entire painting. Only then were we able to see the tiny little details we likely would not have noticed under sunny skies.

As we continued to walk through ever-present WET, our attention narrowed. We focused our eyes on a much smaller world-the one direct-

ly below our feet.

I crouched down to see a turtle shyly peeking its head out of its bright yellow lacquered shell. I squatted with my elbows on my knees in the middle of the path to watch a snail moving with ceremonial slowness as it crossed the trail on a rotting

log, leaving a trail of silver in its wake. I stooped low to get a closer look at a vivid orange salamander with black speckles dusting its back and golden eyes staring straight into mine. I observed tiny creatures of our earth-who

HIKING | page 4



Submitted photo

The Journal Register

We Want to Hear From You

EDITOR  
journalregister@turley.com

ADVERTISING SALES  
Dan Flynn  
dflynn@turley.com

SPORTS EDITOR  
Greg Scibelli  
sports@turley.com

The Journal Register (USPS 418-940) is published every Thursday by Turley Publications, Inc., 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069. Telephone (413) 283-8393, Fax (413) 289-1977. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Turley Publications, Inc., 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069.

WEB  
journalregister.turley.com

PHONE  
(413) 283-8393

ADDRESS  
24 Water Street  
Palmer, MA 01069

Turley Publications, Inc.  
www.turley.com

Turley Publications, Inc. cannot assume liability for the loss of photographs or other materials submitted for publication. Materials will not be returned except upon specific request when submitted.

Letters to the editor policy

Letters to the editor should be 250 words or less in length, and guest columns between 500-800 words. No unsigned or anonymous opinions will be published. We require that the person submitting the opinion also include his or her town of residence and home telephone number. We must confirm authorship prior to publication. We reserve the right to edit or withhold any submissions deemed to be libelous, unsubstantiated allegations, personal attacks, or defamation of character.

Please send opinions to:  
The Journal Register  
Letter to the Editor  
24 Water St.  
Palmer MA 01069  
or by e-mail to:  
journalregister@turley.com

The submission deadline for consideration is Monday at noon.

Election letters to the editor welcome

The Journal Register welcomes readers to participate in this year’s election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to The Journal Register, care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to journalregister@turley.com. Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday’s newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

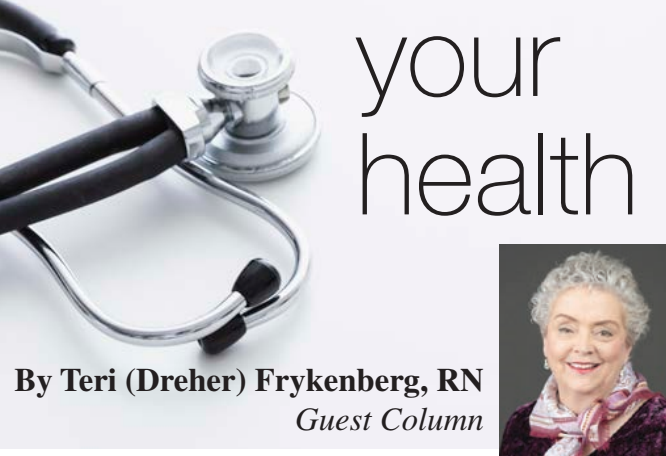
For more information, call the editor at 413-283-8393.

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

Candidates who wish to further publicize their candidacy, beliefs and events may contact advertising, 413-283-8393 about paid advertising in The Journal Register.

# Viewpoints

## The gland guys don't want to talk about it



For something the size of a walnut, the prostate looms large in men's imaginations and concerns as they age. That said, a recently published report said only about 6% of men talk to their doctors about prostate cancer screening.

Now, obviously, I'm not a guy so I have no personal experience. But 40% of men who were surveyed in 2025 said they'd rather stew in traffic or watch their favorite sports team lose than talk about prostate health with their doctors, even though about one in eight men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime.

Some doctors feel that discussions regarding urinary symptoms and sexual health are very personal in nature and can sometimes make patients feel self-conscious.

So, let's demystify this little troublemaker and see if we can encourage greater awareness and conversation.

**Where it is and what it does**

The prostate is tucked below the bladder and is involved in urinary and sexual health. It adds fluid to semen and helps muscle it out of the

urethra. It weighs about an ounce, and, though it starts out small, it tends to get larger as a man ages. This condition is called BPH, benign prostatic hyperplasia, which is believed to be brought on by hormonal changes.

The urinary symptoms that come with BPH are unpleasant: frequent need to urinate, especially at night; an inability to empty the bladder; possible urinary tract infections. So even if the symptoms aren't particularly bothersome, you should still mention them to your doctor and head off more serious complications.

**What about prostate cancer?**

Prostate cancer is the second most common cancer in men, the first being skin cancer. As with most cancers, the earlier it's detected the better the treatment outcomes. There's a 97% survival rate, but treatments like surgery and radiation sometimes result in lifelong complications such as urinary incontinence and erectile dysfunction.

No wonder it's something men don't want to necessarily discuss. However, if you're between the ages of 55

or 69, have a family history of prostate cancer or are African American, it's wise to at least talk to your doctor about it or not brush it off if the doctor brings it up.

Why? Because in its later stages, the cancer can spread to the bones and lymph nodes. At that point, treatment focuses on managing symptoms and maintaining quality of life rather than attempting to cure the disease.

**How it's detected**

Getting screened and treated for prostate cancer involves highly individualized decisions, ones that should be made in conjunction with a urologist rather than a family practitioner. A private patient advocate with medical expertise can help with such decisions because prostate cancer screening is not universally recommended.

The standard blood test, which looks for levels of prostate-specific antigen (PSA), is not a perfect indicator of cancer and can lead to unnecessary procedures, such as biopsies. There are now non-invasive MRI tests for the prostate that may be more reliable than PSA. Researchers are marrying MRI with ultrasound to provide more accurate biopsy results.

Also, many prostate cancers are slow-growing and may never become life-threatening, particularly if a man is 70 or older. In that case, a urologist may recommend active surveillance rather than treatment.

**Treatments are evolving**

As with many cancers, researchers are using hormonal, genetic and immune therapies to treat more advanced cases of prostate cancer. In 2023, the FDA

approved enzalutamide for some men who are at high risk of their cancer spreading but don't show signs that it's come back. Research is ongoing into whether these therapies help men live longer with better quality of life.

On the genetic front, some people inherit factors that limit their body's ability to repair DNA damage. Such tumors can be treated with PARP inhibitors, which "turns off" a specific enzyme. Researchers are also looking into vaccines and other forms of immunotherapy to help the body be more effective at killing prostate cancer cells.

The same things you do for overall health also help your prostate: good diet, exercise, no tobacco. Supplements advertised as supporting prostate health have not been studied extensively, so don't expect much in the way of results.

But I think the most important thing men can do is talk to their doctors -- and to each other -- about prostate health.

*Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, R.N., a registered nurse and board-certified patient advocate, is the founder of [www.NurseAdvocateEntrepreneur.com](http://www.NurseAdvocateEntrepreneur.com), which trains medical professionals to become successful private patient advocates. A Monson, MA resident, she is the author of "How to Be a Healthcare Advocate for Yourself & Your Loved Ones" and her new book, "Advocating Well: Strategies for Finding Strength and Understanding in Health Care," available at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com). Contact her at [Teri@NurseAdvocateEntrepreneur.com](mailto:Teri@NurseAdvocateEntrepreneur.com) to set up a free phone consultation.*

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Preserve local lake

**To the editor,**

Forest Lake is a favorite spot for swimming, fishing, boating, and enjoying nature. The Division of Fish and Wildlife owns a large property on the East shore of the lake that continues beyond their boat ramp. To my shock and horror I learned that a property with a falling down cabin only accessible by the Fish and Wildlife dirt road, is for sale. It isn't a lot of money and in my opinion, there is NO reason the state cannot take that property by eminent domain and add it to their property. I fear having a trophy home that people can access through the property will ruin it forever.

Why are we always ruining our beautiful natural areas? Why doesn't the state and towns buy up properties adjacent to their conservation areas when they become available? Many times, people assumed they were part of the park because the trails went through them only to find them developed and their favorite recreation areas ruined.

This area now is a lovely, serene spot with access to the lake for fishermen, and nature lovers. I can't imagine cars going back and forth, maybe the road paved, and a huge house there ruining this lovely spot forever.

Our natural areas are being whittled down constantly as suburban sprawl takes over our area, as solar arrays destroy our woods, as logging clear cuts our forests including our state forests and wildlife management areas. I've seen too many lovely conservation areas ruined by development, like the Covey WMA with an eyesore trophy home development making former trails inaccessible and much of the Rabbit Railway being taken over for development ruining a right of way for recreation that should never have happened. The States and towns should take over adjacent properties to their public lands when they become available. And don't tell me it's too expensive. Is keeping our area natural and rural for our children, for our endangered wildlife, for the survival of this planet too much to ask?

**Charlotte Burns Palmer**

### POETRY CORNER

## Brimfield at Dawn

*Come, you travellers, where the wild roads running –  
And the dew is on the ground;  
Bring your treasured wares and set up,  
By the open chambers of dawn.*

*Pile it high to the blue skies above –  
For what can be seen, and sold:  
Paintings by near-masters - big city's offer,  
Sometimes soiled, but turn up originals.  
All around a sense of May in the air,  
Tearing from deeper places than these.  
And to get a glimpse of the Brimfield Belle?  
Then what joys can be told.*

*Posters, satchels; and bugles, and drums –  
For drawing in the reluctant kind;  
Some would rally the rich in spirit,  
Given to trust beyond the deal unfolding.  
And down the lane and the fields that ramble –  
Day-dreams take you once more along,  
Where the world was the world, and you had  
Come out here, to leave all the rest behind.*

**– Charles Barnes**

### HIKING | from page 4

remain under cover on hot sunny days-come to life on the surface of the raindrops.

For eight days in a row, we awoke in a tent and pulled on soaking wet socks and shoes. We gripped trekking poles with fingers that turned white and puckered by days end. But we also witnessed magical forest spirits and tiny details we would never have noticed on a clear day.

It rained overnight and was still spitting when we packed up our wet tent on our final day on trail. Before we started walking, we ended our morning prayer with, "And if it be your will, Lord, please let us end this hike under sunny skies."

Several hours later, we reached the end of our journey at the Virginia border, completing our 320-mile walk from Fontana Dam, NC to Damascus, VA! We congratulated each other, snapped a few pictures, then continued hiking the final few miles toward the town of Damascus, where our friends were meeting us to shuttle us back to our car.

As we walked, the clouds finally began to loosen their grip on the sky. Minutes later, golden beams of sunlight spilled between the branches, as if an unseen hand was parting a curtain. The entire forest came alive with a radiance that could not be explained by mere sunlight alone.

I stopped walking, and with my pack on my shoulders, I tilted my face upward as the sun poured rivers of gold through the canopy above me. And suddenly, I was filled with an overwhelming revelation-so powerful that I began to weep uncontrollably.

I wept not because the rain finally stopped. Not because the hike had been so hard. Not because we completed our goal. I cried, because in that sudden moment of awakening, I could feel God's presence to the depths

of my very soul. And I realized we had never walked a single mile alone.

God had carried us through every storm. Through every drop of rain. Every exhausting climb. Every wind-swept ridge. Every stretch of muddy trail. Through every ache and every pain.

He had not been waiting for us at the end. Had not been watching us from a distance. He had been walking right alongside us, filling us with His glory with every step, and carrying us when we could no longer carry ourselves.

My fatigue had concealed it. The rain and clouds had obscured it. My own determination had camouflaged it. But here, in a moment of complete clarity, with the sunlight warming my face, drops of water dripping from the leaves above me, and over three hundred miles behind me, I could see it clearly.

God had been with us in every step.

In the strength when ours failed. In the shelter that ap-

peared when we needed it most. In the strangers who offered kindness. In the moments when we thought we had nothing left, yet somehow continued forward.

I stood among the trees, while beams of golden light streamed through the branches above me in silent testimony. Stripped of my armor, I wept on my husband's shoulder while he held me in his arms. And finally, every raindrop, every ache, every hard climb, every trial, and every mile... made sense.

We completed our goal, not because it was easy, but because we kept putting one foot in front of the other for 24 days.

We embraced a path that humbled us. Carried us. Challenged us. Stripped us down and built us up-physically, mentally and emotionally. Taught us resilience. Showed us that we can sit in discomfort without becoming a casualty of it.

We tasted freedom. We inhaled silence. We knew

peace.

The miles may be finished, but we will carry what they gave us as we step out of this wilderness and re-enter the world we left behind.

Onward!

*Read more about Julie and Tom's wilderness adventures on Instagram @more-thanthemountain.*



Submitted photo



**RICHARD R. GREEN**  
*Insurance Agency, Inc.*

• AUTO • HOME • BUSINESS • LIFE

• Great Locations • Registry Service  
• Quotes Gladly Given • We Make Housecalls

**Please Visit Our Website For an  
Auto, Homeowners, or Life Insurance Quotes**

**Two Locations:**



**128 Main St.  
Monson, MA  
267-3495**



**32 Somers Rd.  
Hampden, MA  
566-0028**

**Fax: 413-267-3496**  
**Email: [richardgreenins@gmail.com](mailto:richardgreenins@gmail.com)**  
**[www.richardgreeninsurance.com](http://www.richardgreeninsurance.com)**



Business

Local business offers a Cosmic Refresh on July 26

By Marcelo Gusmão  
Staff Writer  
mgusmao@turley.com

MONSON – This coming Sunday, a local business will offer a Cosmic Refresh to provide alternative healing practices for local residents.

Danni Kenyon has been involved in alternative healing practices for over a decade, and has brought her experience to a storefront in town.

“I was worn out and dragged down with health issues that western medicine couldn’t help me with,” Kenyon said. “It was bandaids for this, and bandaids for that; western medicine has its place, don’t get me wrong, but yoga and reiki helps me feel myself.”

Kenyon said that after experimenting with yoga and reiki, she thought that these practices could help other people as well.

“That lit a spark in me,” Kenyon said. “I decided I wanted to share with as many people as I could. Then those people decided I should get certified, which led to me opening a space.”

This is how Kenyon started Moonlight Forrest. Her storefront at 130 Main St. provides space for healing sessions, self-discovery, and community, and is full of treasures ranging from crystals, incense, sage, tarot cards, books, and gifts like organic teas and herbs.

From her store, Kenyon offers sound healing sessions, medical astrology, birth chart readings, private Kundalini yoga sessions, tarot readings, Akashic Record readings, meditations, classes, workshops, and more.

“It’s where I go For Rest,” Kenyon said, explaining the spelling of the shop’s name. “I like to shout that from the rooftops, because I get asked about it a lot.”

On Sunday, July 19, Kenyon hosted a Cosmic Refresh, where six people, with ages ranging from 18 to 65, joined together in what Kenyon described as “a sacred space to feel your feelings.”

“I look at what’s going on in astrology that day and I come up with a flow of gentle movement,” Kenyon said. “I like to empower people to heal themselves and make them feel better, and provide a safe place for people to land.”

No previous experience with alternative healing methods is required to participate in the Cosmic Refresh, and there is no pressure and



Danni Kenyon has been practicing alternative healing for over a decade.

no expectations. Moonlit Forrest seeks to provide a warm, casual space to feel good and connect.

“Perhaps your spirit is looking for a gentle space to land before the new week begins,” the website reads. “As we gather in community, Cosmic Refresh invites you to slow down, breathe, and intentionally reset your energy from the inside out in a completely fun, relaxing, and laid-back atmosphere.”

Participants get to explore gentle, fluid movement meant to open the physical body and shake off the week’s tension, self-reiki guidance to connect with one’s own healing and soothe their energetic center, and mantras to quiet the mind and invite a sense of self-love.

“Whether you are looking to clear your mind, ground your energy, or simply hang out and enjoy the good vibes, you’ll leave feeling lighter, realigned, and beautifully refreshed for the days ahead,” the website concluded. “Each flow is created with the current ebb and flow of the day’s specific astrology: As above, so below. As within, so without.”

Kenyon was adamant that she does not see her practice as a replacement for modern medicine, but something to be used in conjunction with it to foster better mental health as well as physical.

“I don’t want to diss western medicine, there’s a time and a place for it,” Kenyon said. “This stuff – breath



Moonlit Forrest provides a sacred space “for rest” on Main Street.

Submitted photos

work, reiki, mantra – they stop the chatter in our brain and disconnect us from static around, to ground us in the moment.

“A lot of places and people are all about the ethereal, they want you to get out of your body have an experience,” Kenyon continued. “I’m the opposite; I think we have to be more embodied, I want to feel safe in my body, and Moonlit Forrest is here to help.”

Kenyon’s shop has been involved in the community for some time now, including participating in the Arts Council’s Craft Fair and in the annual SummerFest celebrations with tarot readings.

“We always have free water, because we don’t want people passing out,” Kenyon said.

Moonlight Forrest also

offers a number of workshops, including Collagen and the Cosmos on Oct. 24, where Kenyon will show people how to use a birth chart and oracle decks to shed light on their life, and Witch Hats, Tarot, and Bats, Oh My on Oct. 3. One event coming up is an overnight women’s camping trip that’s coming up on Aug. 12.

“It’s basically a return to the Earth, with drumming around the circle, and a campfire and stuff,” Kenyon said.

Because Kenyon’s shop is a small, intimate space, she requires pre-registration for all her events, which can be done on her website, TheMoonlitForRest.com.

Another Cosmic Refresh is being held this Sunday, July 25, at 9 a.m. Kenyon shared that she hopes to continue offering them for at least three Sundays out of each month.



Moonlit Forrest offers a space for members of the community to gather and practice self-healing together.



Participants of varying ages lit candles and enjoyed the calm atmosphere at Moonlit Forrest.

Monson Savings Bank donates to Magic for Maddie through giving initiative

MONSON – Monson Savings Bank is proud to support Magic for Maddie with a \$3,000 donation as part of its 2026 Community Giving Initiative, a community-driven program dedicated to supporting local nonprofit organizations making a meaningful difference.

Dan Moriarty, President and CEO of Monson Savings Bank, along with Michael Rouette, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; Aimee Kohn, Business Development Officer; and Paul Shepardson, Assistant Vice President and Digital Systems Officer, recently presented the donation to Nora and Greg Schmidt, founders of Magic for Maddie.

The Schmidts visited the Bank’s Loan and Operations Center in Wilbraham to accept the donation. The contribution reflects the voices of the community, as Magic for Maddie was selected through public voting in the Bank’s annual Community Giving Initiative.

“We are proud to present this donation to Magic for Maddie on behalf of Monson Savings Bank,” said Moriarty.

“The work Magic for Maddie does to support individuals and families in our community is truly inspiring. Through its dedication, compassion, and commitment to making a difference, the organization brings hope and encouragement to those who need it most. We are honored to support its mission and to help further the positive impact it has throughout our region.”

Magic for Maddie is dedicated to honoring the life and legacy of Madeline “Maddie” Schmidt by supporting children and families affected by childhood cancer. Founded following Maddie’s courageous battle with DIPG, a rare and aggressive form of pediatric brain cancer, the organization works to fund critical research, provide assistance to families navigating a childhood cancer diagnosis, and make a meaningful impact throughout the local community.

Through the generosity of donors, volunteers, and community partners, Magic for Maddie continues to bring hope, support, and a little extra sparkle to families facing some of life’s greatest chal-



Submitted Photo

Shown from left are Aimee Kohn, Business Development Officer at Monson Savings Bank; Dan Moriarty, President & CEO of Monson Savings Bank; Greg Schmidt, co-founder of Magic for Maddie; Nora Schmidt, co-founder of Magic for Maddie; Michael Rouette, Monson Savings Bank’s Executive Vice President & COO; and Paul Shepardson, Assistant Vice President Digital Systems Officer at Monson Savings Bank.

lenges. To learn more about their mission, please visit: <https://www.magicformaddie.com/>

“We are incredibly grateful to Monson Savings Bank and everyone in the community who voted for Magic for Maddie,” said Greg Schmidt, co-founder of Magic for Mad-

die. “What began as a way to honor Maddie’s memory has grown into a mission dedicated to supporting local families facing childhood cancer. This generous donation will help us continue providing meaningful assistance and creating moments of hope for those who need it most. We

are thankful for partners like Monson Savings Bank whose commitment to community makes a lasting difference.”

Nora Schmidt echoed Greg’s sentiment, sharing her gratitude to the community for their support.

“This award reflects the compassion and generosity

that make our community so special,” said Nora Schmidt, co-founder of Magic for Maddie. “Every family we serve reminds us why we started this mission in Maddie’s memory. We are deeply grateful to Monson Savings Bank for recognizing our work helping local families battling childhood cancer and investing in local nonprofits. Together, we can continue bringing comfort, support, and a little bit of magic to families throughout our region.”

Monson Savings Bank’s Community Giving Initiative is an annual program that invites local residents to vote for nonprofit organizations they would like the Bank to support. By incorporating community feedback, the Bank ensures its charitable giving aligns with the needs and priorities of the communities it serves.

To learn more about Monson Savings Bank’s annual Community Giving Initiative, please visit: [www.monsonsavings.bank/connect/our-community/giving-initiative.html](http://www.monsonsavings.bank/connect/our-community/giving-initiative.html).

# Public safety

## Palmer Police Logs

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                               |                                                              |                                                                      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| During the week of July 12-18, the Palmer Police Department responded to 74 building checks, 38 motor vehicle stops, 19 motor vehicle violations, 95 informational calls, one assists to other agency, 42 medical, emergencies, nine well being checks, six animal complaints, 36 calls for officers wanted, nine alarms, three out of jurisdiction calls, 19 silent, accidental, abandoned or hung up 911 calls, 15 investigations and 12 motor vehicle accidents. |                                                                                                                               |                                                              |                                                                      |
| <b>Sunday, July 12</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                               |                                                              |                                                                      |
| 10:51 a.m. 911 Hang Up, West Ware Street                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Emergency, Depot Street                                                                                                       | 8:35 p.m. Fraud, Thorndike Street.                           | Wright Street                                                        |
| 10:59 a.m. 911 Abandoned, Main Street                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 10:39 a.m. 911 Misuse, Wright Street                                                                                          | 8:55 p.m. Firework Complaint, Vicardav Avenue                | 12:39 p.m. Hazard-Other, Main Street                                 |
| 11:09 a.m. Medical Mutual Aid, Palmer Road                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 11:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Stimson Street                                                                             | 9:08 p.m. Firework Complaint, Vicardav Avenue                | 12:48 p.m. Hazard-Other, Breckenridge Street                         |
| 11:13 a.m. Medical Emergency, South Street                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 11:07 a.m. Medical Emergency, South High Street                                                                               | 11:23 p.m. Gathering, Campbell's Bucket O'Balls, Ware Street | 1:41 p.m. Animal Complaint, Thorndike Street                         |
| 11:54 a.m. Medical Mutual Aid, Beebe Road                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 11:52 a.m. Hazard-Road Condition, Shearer Street                                                                              |                                                              | 2:41 p.m. Missing/Runaway, Boston Road                               |
| 2:10 p.m. Medical Emergency, Springfield Street                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 12:13 p.m. Water Leak/Hazard, Glenn Street                                                                                    | <b>Tuesday, July 14</b>                                      | 3:27 p.m. Noise Complaint, West Ware Street                          |
| 2:15 p.m. Medical Mutual Aid, Ware                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 12:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled, Park Street                                                                                | 1:37 a.m. Medical Emergency, Springfield Street              | 3:48 p.m. Medical Emergency, Gay Street                              |
| 2:30 p.m. Animal Complaint, Church Street                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 12:38 p.m. 911 Silent, Flynt Street                                                                                           | 7:16 a.m. Investigation, Wilbraham Street                    | 3:51 p.m. 911 Abandoned, Bennett Street                              |
| 3:35 p.m. Unwanted Person, Wilbraham Street                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 12:44 p.m. Investigation, Wilbraham Street                                                                                    | 8:27 a.m. 911 Accidental, State Street                       | 4:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Pleasant Street and Central Street |
| 4:01 p.m. Medical Emergency, Beacon Drive                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 12:44 p.m. Water Leak/Hazard, Hill Street                                                                                     | 9:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled, Walnut Street              | 4:41 p.m. Investigation, Thorndike Street                            |
| 4:54 p.m. Medical Emergency, South Street                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 12:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Mass Turnpike                                                                              | 9:38 a.m. Investigation, Main Street                         | 6:38 p.m. Vandalism, Crawford Street                                 |
| 5:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Stimson Street                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 12:53 p.m. Animal Complaint, North Main Street                                                                                | 9:40 a.m. Medical Emergency, Quaboag Valley Co-Op            | 6:42 p.m. Fire/Gas Leak/Odor, Main Street                            |
| 5:23 p.m. Medical Emergency, Wright Street                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1:10 p.m. Animal Complaint, North Main Street                                                                                 | 11:42 a.m. Property Return, Ware Street                      | 9:12 p.m. Medical Emergency, Church Street                           |
| 5:47 p.m. Animal Complaint, Church Street                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 2:41 p.m. Investigation, Wright Street                                                                                        | 12:59 p.m. Theft, Main Street                                | 9:21 p.m. Hazard-Other, North Main Street                            |
| 5:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled, Thorndike Street                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2:45 p.m. 911 Abandoned, Main Street                                                                                          | 1:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled, Thorndike Street           | 9:57 p.m. Drug/Narcotics Violation, Main Street                      |
| 8:29 p.m. Medical Emergency, Fletcher Street                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 2:56 p.m. Theft, School Street                                                                                                | 1:12 p.m. Property Return, Main Street                       | 9:59 p.m. Medical Emergency, Dublin Street                           |
| 8:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled, Ware Street                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 2:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violations, North Main Street                                                                         | 1:43 p.m. Missing/Runaway, Flynt Street                      |                                                                      |
| 9:04 p.m. Medical Emergency, Quaboag Valley Co-Op                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Arrest: Reebeka K. Lizak, 35, Thorndike                                                                                       | 1:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Church Street              | <b>Thursday, July 16</b>                                             |
| 10:09 p.m. Assault and Battery, Thorndike Street                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | OUI Liquor or .08%, 2nd Offense; Resist Arrest; Disorderly Conduct; Vandalize Property; Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle | 2:30 p.m. Disturbance, Main Street                           | 2:30 a.m. Medical Emergency, South Street                            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 3:19 p.m. Disturbance, Cleveland Street                                                                                       | 2:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Bridge Street              | 3:09 a.m. Disturbance, Cheney Street                                 |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 3:58 p.m. 911 Accidental, Park Street                                                                                         | 2:39 p.m. Found Property, Bridge Street                      | 3:29 a.m. Alarm/Fire/Smoke/CO, Michael Drive                         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 4:27 p.m. Alarm/Fire/Smoke/CO, Springfield Street                                                                             | 3:36 p.m. Property Return, Main Street                       | 5:55 a.m. Medical Emergency, Central Street                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 4:28 p.m. Medical Emergency, Michael Drive                                                                                    | 4:39 p.m. Medical Mutual Aid, South Street                   | 7:08 a.m. 911 Accidental, Thorndike Street                           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 4:48 p.m. Medical Lift Assist, Wilson Street                                                                                  | 5:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Wright Street              | 7:24 a.m. Suspicious Person, Main Street                             |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 5:11 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Gates Street                                                                        | 6:22 p.m. Hazard/Wire/Pole/Tree, Robinson Street             | 7:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Main Street                        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Arrest: Alyson R. Sapaugh, 39, Thorndike                                                                                      | 7:07 p.m. Animal Complaint, Thorndike Street                 | 9:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled, Ware Street and Old Warren Road    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Warrant                                                                                                                       | 9:01 p.m. Disorderly Conduct, Main Street                    | 10:24 a.m. Fire/Gas Leak/Odor, Mustang Motorcycle Products           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 5:40 p.m. Medical Lift Assist, Overlook Drive                                                                                 | 9:10 p.m. Disorderly Conduct, Park Street                    | 11:42 a.m. 911 Silent, Beacon Drive                                  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 5:47 p.m. Investigation, Thorndike Street                                                                                     | 10:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Park Violation, High Street         | 12:07 p.m. 911 Silent, Main Street                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 6:46 p.m. Property Return, Main Street                                                                                        | <b>Wednesday, July 15</b>                                    | 12:54 p.m. Theft, First Street                                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 7:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled, Stimson Street and Gates Street                                                             | 6:59 a.m. 911 Silent, South Street                           | 1:31 p.m. Paperwork Service-Suspension                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 8:11 p.m. Disturbance, Beacon Drive                                                                                           | 8:09 a.m. Alarm/Fire/Smoke/CO, Shearer Street                | Arrest: Jason M. Kozdronkiewicz, 42, Bondsville                      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 8:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Mass Turnpike Westbound                                                                     | 9:29 a.m. Investigation, Thorndike Street                    | Warrant                                                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 8:27 p.m. Medical Emergency, Beacon Drive                                                                                     | 10:00 a.m. Medical Emergency, High Street                    | 1:56 p.m. 911 Hang Up, Beacon Drive                                  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                               | 10:45 a.m. Investigation, Main Street                        | 3:22 p.m. Alarm/Burglar/Hold-Up/Panic, Fairview Street               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                               | 11:39 a.m. 911 Accidental, Sykes Street                      | 3:31 p.m. Noise Complaint, Main Street                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                               | 12:16 p.m. Investigation,                                    |                                                                      |

## Monson Police Logs

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                   |                                                                         |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| During the week of July 6-12, the Monson Police Department responded to four miscellaneous calls, 43 administrative calls, 19 property checks, 19 traffic assignments, five traffic violations, one disturbance, three motor vehicle accidents, three safety hazards, 11 investigations, two assist other agencies, 39 police vehicle checks, nine animal calls, 18 motor vehicle stops, 10 directed patrols, 22 details/overtimes, 25 phone calls and one general information call. |                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                   |                                                                         |
| <b>Monday, July 6</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                   |                                                                         |
| 12:42 a.m. Safety Hazard                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Wanted                                                                                                                                                              | 4:45 p.m. Animal Complaint                                        | Follow Up                                                               |
| 10:19 a.m. Investigation/                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 2:05 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call                                                                                                                                        |                                                                   | 3:50 p.m. Fraud/Deception                                               |
| Follow Up                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 3:04 p.m. Investigation/                                                                                                                                            | <b>Friday, July 10</b>                                            | 6:55 p.m. Suspicious/Wanted                                             |
| 4:25 p.m. EMS Mutual Aid                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Follow Up                                                                                                                                                           | 12:30 a.m. Assist Other Agency/Non Urgent                         | Arrest: Jonathan C. Brewer, 34, Ellington, Connecticut                  |
| 5:51 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 4:42 p.m. Animal Complaint                                                                                                                                          | 8:04 a.m. Investigation/                                          | Charges: Resist Arrest (Common Law); Miscellaneous Municipal Ordinance/ |
| 7:39 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Follow Up                                                                                                                                                           | Follow Up                                                         | Bylaw Violation                                                         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 5:42 p.m. Investigation/                                                                                                                                            | 8:08 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call                                      |                                                                         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Follow Up                                                                                                                                                           | 9:03 a.m. Investigation/                                          | <b>Sunday, July 12</b>                                                  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 6:05 p.m. Investigation/                                                                                                                                            | Follow Up                                                         | 11:05 a.m. EMS Mutual Aid                                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Follow Up                                                                                                                                                           | 10:28 a.m. Assist Other Agency/Non Urgent                         | 12:04 p.m. Animal/Injured/Hunted                                        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 7:33 p.m. Traffic Violation/Hazard/Complaint                                                                                                                        | 10:47 a.m. Safety Hazard                                          | 1:16 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Arrest: Craig M. Szado, 47, Monson                                                                                                                                  | 1:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Crash/No Injuries                         | 3:17 p.m. Investigation/                                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Charges: OUI Liquor or .08%; Reckless Operation of Motor Vehicle; Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit; Disorderly Conduct; Reckless Endangerment of Child | 2:09 p.m. EMS Mutual Aid                                          | Follow Up                                                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                     | 3:16 p.m. Animal/Injured/Hunted                                   | 3:28 p.m. Investigation/                                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Thursday, July 9</b>                                                                                                                                             | 5:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Crash/Injuries                            | Follow Up                                                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 7:49 a.m. Breaking and Entering/Burglary                                                                                                                            | 7:25 p.m. Disturbance/                                            | 8:03 p.m. Investigation/                                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 9:18 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call                                                                                                                                        | Nuisance                                                          | Follow Up                                                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 10:25 a.m. Theft/Larceny                                                                                                                                            | 9:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Crash                                     | 8:26 p.m. Fire Alarm                                                    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 12:20 p.m. Investigation/                                                                                                                                           | 9:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop                                      |                                                                         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Follow Up                                                                                                                                                           | Arrest: Shawn A. Reniere, 24, Spencer                             |                                                                         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1:28 p.m. Suspicious/Wanted                                                                                                                                         | Charges: Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; OUI-Liquor or .08% |                                                                         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1:47 p.m. Fraud/Deception                                                                                                                                           |                                                                   |                                                                         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1:55 p.m. Fraud/Deception                                                                                                                                           | <b>Saturday, July 11</b>                                          |                                                                         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 2:22 p.m. Animal in Progress/Dangerous                                                                                                                              | 7:35 a.m. Animal Complaint                                        |                                                                         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 3:55 p.m. Animal Complaint                                                                                                                                          | 10:44 a.m. Investigation/                                         |                                                                         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 3:57 p.m. Animal Complaint                                                                                                                                          | Follow Up                                                         |                                                                         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 4:06 p.m. Investigation/                                                                                                                                            | 11:13 a.m. Alarm                                                  |                                                                         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Follow Up                                                                                                                                                           | 11:41 a.m. Investigation/                                         |                                                                         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                     | Follow Up                                                         |                                                                         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                     | 12:13 p.m. Safety Hazard                                          |                                                                         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                     | 12:29 p.m. Investigation/                                         |                                                                         |

## Monson Fire Logs

*Fire log for the Monson Fire Department for the week of July 13 through July 19, 2026. The department responded to 24 EMS calls and 7 Fire calls.*

**On Monday, July 13** at 6:33 p.m. the department responded to 7 Stafford Hollow Road for the outside grill fire. The department returned to service at 7:02 p.m.

**On Tuesday, July 14** at 1:46 p.m. the department responded to 59 Cote Road for the public assist. The department returned to service at 2:15 p.m.

**On Wednesday, July 15** at 10:03 p.m. the department responded to 10 Beebe Road for the alarm sounding. The department returned to service at 10:43 p.m.

**On Thursday, July 16** at 7:03 a.m. the department responded to 253 State Avenue for the water heater fire. The department returned to service at 8:37 a.m.

**On Thursday, July 16** at 3:53 p.m. the department responded to 6A Flynt Avenue for the C.O. Alarm sounding. The department returned to service at 4:25 p.m.

**On Saturday, July 18** at 2:50 p.m. the department responded to 183 Wales Road for the downed wire. The department returned to service at 3:55 p.m.

**On Saturday, July 18** at 4:09 p.m. the department responded to 85 Moulton Hill Road for the alarm sounding. The department returned to service at 4:45 p.m.

---

irises may not bloom next year, but it was then or never.

So now you have my “washing the elephant” story. And you know a little more about an amazing man who I miss so much and think of often, especially when I am in the garden.

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

### GARDEN from page 4

etable garden, while I solarize the area they came from to kill off any violet seeds. I hope. They are notorious at self seeding.

I realize I took this project on a bit later in the season than I should have; my

irises may not bloom next year, but it was then or never.

So now you have my "washing the elephant" story. And you know a little more about an amazing man who I miss so much and think of often, especially when I am in the garden.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge

# 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).

UPCOMING

VENDORS FOR THE BAYSTATE WING HOSPITAL GIFT SHOPPE

August Vendors

- August 3 - In The AM Floral
- August 5 - Heart Arts Crafts
- August 6 - Hobbit Hollow Herbs
- August 11 - Wicked Good Treats
- August 12 - How Charming

WALES PUBLIC LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Friday, July 24

- Wiggles & Wonder (Ages 0-3) - 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 27
- Rock Painting – 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 29
- Wales Tales Story Time - 12:15 p.m. Thursday, July 30
- Wildlife on Wheels by Forest Park Zoo – 1 p.m. Friday, July 31
- Wiggles & Wonder (Ages 0-3) - 10:30 a.m.

AUGUST 1

Feline Fun Day returns to Brimfield Winery - A Day of Cats, Crafts, Music, and Community Fun. Looking for a fun summer outing? Feline Fun Day returns on Saturday, August 1, 2026, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m at Brimfield Winery, and everyone is invited. Hosted by Here Today Adopted Tomorrow (HTAT), a cage-free cat shelter based in Brimfield, Feline Fun Day is a celebration of cats and community with something for all ages. What to expect: Visit friendly shelter kittens (not

available for adoption at the event); Local craft and artisan vendors; Live music throughout the day; Wine and beer in a relaxed outdoor setting; Raffles with fun prizes All proceeds support HTAT's work keeping cats safe, healthy, and supported in our community. Bring your friends, bring your family, and enjoy a relaxed summer day of shopping, music, and feline fun. Learn more at [heretodaysanctuary.org](http://heretodaysanctuary.org).

ONGOING

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

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

THURSDAYS - WESTERN LINE DANCE CLASSES 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. \$10 for one lesson or both. Brimfield Winery at 35 Main Street in Brimfield. Check [brimfieldwinery.com](http://brimfieldwinery.com) for any variations.

CRAFTERNOONS: Drop in 2 to 4 p.m. daily at the Holland Public Library, 23 Sturbridge Road to learn or practice different crafts. There are new crafts every Wednesday. For more information, call 413-245-3607.

KEEP HOMESTEAD MUSEUM: Located at 35 Ely Rd., Monson, nature trails are open daily until dusk for hiking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Trail maps can be found in the parking lot. For more information call 413-267-4137, email [khm@keephomesteadmuseum.org](mailto:khm@keephomesteadmuseum.org) or visit [keephomesteadmuseum.org](http://keephomesteadmuseum.org).

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

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

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

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

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

## Tips on how to stay safe from ticks and mosquitoes

By Quinn Suomala  
Correspondent

As the weather gets warmer there is an increase in the number of ticks and mosquitos as people go about summer activities.

It is important for people to be aware of protection against these insects to prevent illnesses, including West Nile Virus, Lyme disease and Alpha-gal Syndrome.

The Director of Public Health in Wilbraham Ryan Paxton recommends that people check themselves, chil-

dren and pets for ticks after going outdoors.

The key places to check are: inside and behind ears, along the hairline, the back of the neck, the armpits, the groin, the legs, and between the toes.

To remove a tick utilize fine point tweezers and grab the tick as close to the skin as possible. Try to pull straight out, as moving at an angle can leave parts of the tick behind.

Additionally, as is on the website for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, people should avoid apply-

ing kerosene, petroleum jelly, nail polish or a hot match tip to remove a tick, as those methods aren't effective and can result in injury.

The Department of Public Health also recommends noting when the tick was removed and where on the body it was removed from. This information will be helpful if a person or pet needs to go to a doctor for treatment.



A person should go to the doctor if they develop a rash where they were bitten or experience the common symptoms of tick-borne diseases (including fever, headache, fatigue or sore muscles).

Someone should also go to the doctor if they have stomach or intestinal problems (including nausea, vomiting or diarrhea) or symptoms of an allergic reaction within a few hours of eating meat or dairy.

It is also important to be aware of mosquito bites. The West Nile Virus is the most common mosquito-born illness in the United States.

However, this illness has not been reported in humans in Massachusetts this year.

To prevent tick and mosquito bites a person can wear a light-colored long-sleeved shirt with long pants and tuck their pants into their socks. This helps to prevent a tick or mosquito from getting onto a person's skin and can help a person to spot a tick on their clothing.

Avoiding outdoor activities between dusk and dawn during peak mosquito season also greatly lowers the risk of mosquito bites.

The Department of Public Health also recommends removing standing water in yards, as that is where mosquitos breed.

This can include water in garbage cans, flowerpots, bird baths and discarded tires.

Property owners can also utilize mosquito prevention services, including spraying private property with insect repellant to help reduce the amount of insects.

Additionally, people should use bug repellents that contain DEET on their skin. There should be no more than 30-35% DEET in repellents for adults and no more than 10-15% DEET in repellents for children.

## NESCO SALES<sup>INC.</sup>

### COMPLETE AUTO BODY CENTER

We Make It Easy For You!

RS #1688

- Collision Specialists
- Free Estimates (By Appointment)
- We Help with Insurance Claims!
- Expert Color Matching

89 ½ State Street, Bondsville, MA 01009

[www.nescoautobody.com](http://www.nescoautobody.com)

# 413-283-6403



## NOTICE

ERRORS: Each advertiser is requested to check their advertisement the first time it appears. This paper will not be responsible for more than one corrected insertion, nor will be liable for any error in an advertisement to a greater extent than the cost of the space occupied by the item in the advertisement.

## McNeely Tree Service

Insured • References

- Hazardous Tree Removal
- Bobcat Work
- Lot Clearing
- Emergency Services
- Firewood \$285/cord
- 101 ft Aerial Lift Rental POR
- Credit Cards, Cash & Venmo Accepted
- 100% Workers Compensation • 60 Ton Crane

H: 508-867-6119 • C: 978-888-1693



## Now Accepting New Patients

### WHY GO TO URGENT CARE?



**Gary Nielan, M.D.**  
**Kimberly Joyal Martins, M.D.**  
**Amy Kasper, M.D.**  
**Kimberly Dewey, M.D.**  
**Priya Malik, M.D.**  
**Thirza Lareau, M.D.**  
**Melissa Maciborski, M.D.**

**Julia Komatsu, M.D.**  
**Shatabdi Pinky, M.D.**  
**Solmaz Masoudi, P.A.**  
**Rachel McKenna, N.P.**  
**Nicole Santos, LMHC**  
**Rachel Kluk, LMHC**

2 Convenient Locations!

2207 Boston Road, Wilbraham • 35 Turkey Hill Road, Suite 205, Belchertown  
(413) 599-1201 • Fax: (413) 596-2940 • [www.pamcares.com](http://www.pamcares.com)

Most Insurances Accepted



# ROBINSON

TREE SERVICE LLC

## Professional - Reliable - Fully Insured

Tree Trimming and Removal  
Emergency Tree Work • Stump Grinding  
Crane Service • Firewood Delivery

All Major Credit Cards Accepted  
100% Financing Available

162 Sturbridge Road, Brimfield, MA 01010  
508-641-5249 • [office@robinsontreeservice.net](mailto:office@robinsontreeservice.net)  
[www.robinsontreeservice.net](http://www.robinsontreeservice.net)

# SPORTS

A TURLEY PUBLICATION | www.turley.com

SEND US YOUR SUBMISSIONS

www.sports.turley.com

SOCCER



## Monson defeats Falcons B

MONSON – Last Friday evening, Monson girls summer soccer defeated Wilbraham B 6-3 in PVSSL B Division action. Both teams have just two wins on the summer as regular season play wraps up this week.

Jordi Szado eyes a teammate up the field.

Chelsea Hull looks to pass the ball up the field.



BASEBALL

## PeoplesBank defeats Teddy Bear

WILBRAHAM – Last Thursday night at Spec Pond in Wilbraham, Jake Jachym pitched PeoplesBank to a 7-5 win over Teddy Bear Pools.

The Bankers got a save from Johnny Gegetsas to se-

cure the win. The Bankers lead the Tri-County League with a 15-3-1 record and 31 points. The regular season is about to wrap up with the playoffs beginning shortly after.



Alex Gochinski cleanly fields a grounder.



Robert Ninotti fires a throw across the diamond.



Jake Jachym sends a pitch home.



Ray Toth gets the grounder to short.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com  
Darien Rosado is safe as he slides home.



Mason Barcomb pitches for Teddy Bear Pools.

Grace Berry is pressured by an opposing player.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com  
Mia Cancel makes her way up the field.



Lucy Maziarz fights to keep the ball.



Audrey Gregoire plays the ball off her shoulder.

12U BASEBALL

## Sturbridge advances in Little League playoffs

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

NORTH OXFORD – Had a few key moments swung their way, the Sturbridge 12U Little League All-Star baseball team might have rolled through the round robin portion of the District 5 Major Division round robin with an

undefeated record. However, Sturbridge advanced into the single-elimination bracket as the No. 8 seed with a 1-2 mark. Their only win in round robin play was a 4-3 walk off victory against Westborough at Town Barn

@turleysports

www.turleysports.com

facebook.com/turleysports

# Turleysports



## Athlete of the Week

### Audrey Gregoire

Monson

Gregoire is a member of this year's Monson girls summer soccer team, which is playing in the B Division in PVSSL this year.

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

## MOULTON

Insurance Agency

A Trucredia Business

HOME – AUTO – BUSINESS – LIFE

# CONGRATULATIONS ATHLETE!

Very Competitive Rates • Experienced Professional Staff  
99% Claim Satisfaction Rate • On-site Registry Processing

143 West Street  
Ware, MA 01082

45 North Main Street  
Belchertown, MA 01007

www.moultoninsurance.com

413-967-3327

 **Safety Insurance®**  
AUTO • HOME • BUSINESS

PLAYOFFS | from page 9

Field, which is hosting the annual Connie Mack Baseball Tournament this week.

Sturbridge lost a pair of 3-1 games to Auburn and Shrewsbury, who wound up winning the District 5 championship game.

“There were a couple of very good teams in our pool,” said Sturbridge 12U All-Star manager Sarah Ryan. “We lost both of our pool games in the sixth inning.”

The players listed on the 2026 Sturbridge 12U All-Star roster are Davin Kenton, Carter Bucenec, Hunter Ryan, Jayce Ryan, Chris Davidson, Aiden Peterson, Andrew Choquet, Cam Thomas, Kade Scheffler, Rory Muenzberg, and Ryan Schwerin.

The two assistant coaches are Marissa Brunell, and Cole Scheffler.

Sturbridge, who gave up the third fewest runs of the twelve teams in pool play, upset top-seeded Algonquin, 4-2, in a quarterfinal game held at Casey Field in Northborough on July 13.

“The quarterfinal game was a very exciting win for us,” said Sarah Ryan, who has been a little league baseball coach for the past five years. “We had our ace pitcher on the mound, and I think they underestimated us a little bit.”

Hunter Ryan, who’s a right-hander, allowed two runs on just three hits against

Algonquin. He racked up 11 strikeouts and issued only one walk.

Keaton, who was Sturbridge’s leadoff hitter, went 2-for-2 against Algonquin. Davidson went 1-for-2 and drove home two runs.

Two days after their upset victory against Algonquin, the Sturbridge players made a shorter trip to Stanley Johnson Field in North Oxford where they battled fourth-seeded Millbury in the semifinals.

It was another very close game from start to finish, but Sturbridge’s dreams of playing in the Little League World Series in Williamsport Pennsylvania came to an end following a 4-3 loss.

“We had the bases loaded several times and we failed to take the lead,” Sarah Ryan said. “It’s another frustrating loss, but these boys have had a lot of success on the baseball diamond. We didn’t make any errors and I’m very proud of them.”

Sturbridge won the pregame coin toss and were the home team in the semifinal game.

Millbury, who went 2-1 in pool play, took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning.

Cam Curran, who was Millbury’s starting pitcher against Sturbridge, contributed with an RBI single up the middle into center field. Biaggio Cesaitis followed with a sacrifice fly.

Sturbridge put together a rally in the bottom half of the

opening frame.

Keaton leadoff with a hard ground ball single into center field and Bucenec, who was the starting pitcher, drew a walk. It set the stage for Hunter Ryan’s RBI single into right field cutting the deficit in half.

Sturbridge wound up leaving the bases loaded.

They also loaded the bases again in the second inning, but the score didn’t change on the left field scoreboard.

The duo of Curran and Cesaitis had RBI singles with one out in the third inning, which gave Millbury a 4-1 lead. That inning ended with a nifty 6-2-3 double play.

Hunter Ryan, who started at shortstop, had a total of six assists against Millbury.

With one out in the bottom of the fifth inning, Schwerin was safe at first base following a bunt hit. He crossed the plate on a wild pitch.

Petersen, who walked leading off the sixth inning, also scored on a wild pitch making the score 4-3.

Scheffler also walked with two outs, but the next batter hit a ground ball to the pitcher ending Sturbridge’s run in the District 5 All-Star Tournament.

Millbury and Sturbridge were scheduled to face each other again during pool play in the Connie Mack Tournament.

Sadie Mathis winds up for a long shot.

## Mutiny finishes up first dual league season

LUDLOW – Earlier this month, the New England Mutiny, which features soccer players from all over the region as well as some players from out of state, finished up their season, unfortunately failing to reach any postseason play despite playing in two leagues this season. The Mutiny participated in both the USL as well as the UWS, nearly doubling its number of games this season. The Mutiny hope to have better luck next season with the added schedule.

Trinity Clark dribbles toward the goal.

Addyson Earl hustles after the loose ball.

Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com  
Laci Lewis fights to keep possession.

## St. Joe’s suffers late-season loss

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

THORNDIKE – In what might’ve been a preview of a TriCountry League playoff matchup, Teddy Bear Pools and Spas broke open the final meeting of the regular season against St. Joseph’s by scoring nine runs across the fifth and sixth innings, rolling to an 11-1 victory at St. Joe’s Field in Thorndike, last Friday night.

“We split with St. Joe’s during the regular season, and we’ll probably be seeing them again in the play-

offs,” said Teddy Bear Pools player/manager Ryan Magini. “The first three innings of tonight’s game was almost like a playoff game. Then we were able to break it open against their relief pitchers.

Even though Friday’s makeup game was played at St. Joe’s Field, Teddy Bear Pools served as the home team because their own field was unavailable. The game ended with two outs in the bottom of the sixth inning due to the ten-run mercy rule.

Teddy Bear Pools en-

tered the final week of the regular season sitting in third place in the league standings with a 13-5-1 record one point behind second place St. Joseph’s. The Saints had a 14-4 overall record.

Peoples Bank (15-3-1), who are looking to capture the league championship title for the 13th consecutive season, was sitting in first place.

Teddy Bear Pools could move into second place with a win against BankESB

ST. JOE’S | page 11



## Prime Rib & Fresh Seafood Best Pizza In Town!



# Ladd's

## RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

64 Barre-Paxton Road, Route 122, Rutland

Daily \$14.99 Home Cooked Specials!

6 Big Screen TVs To Watch!

508-886-4771

KENO

CATERING & EVENT AVAILABLE  
BOOK YOUR PARTY NOW!!!  
Check Out Our Specials at  
www.laddsrestaurant.net

WED & THURS 4:00-9:00 PM; FRI 2:00-9:00 PM; SAT 11:30 AM-9:30 PM; SUN 11:30 AM-9:00 PM

WE KEEP IT SIMPLE.  
Great Food, Great Drinks,  
Great Service & Great People!

RESTAURANT & LOUNGE HOURS:

# Valley Blue Sox fails to complete doubleheader sweep

BRISTOL, CT – The Valley Blue Sox couldn't complete a doubleheader sweep Friday night, surrendering a four-run lead in a 5-4 walk-off loss to the Bristol Blues in the second game at Muzzy Field.

After opening the evening with a 7-1 victory, marking the Blue Sox's first win over Bristol this season, Valley (13-18-1) looked to carry that momentum into a sweep. But the Blues (16-18) had other plans, erasing a four-run deficit with five unanswered runs over the final three innings to split the seven-inning doubleheader.

"I thought we were playing really well," head coach John Raiola said. "I thought those were some of the best swings that we took in a game all year. They beat us at the end, and that's how it goes."

Bristol completed its come-from-behind victory in the bottom of the seventh, giving it the walkoff win.

Christopher DiPrima (Yale) opened the inning with a single before Nicholas Francuzenko reached to put two runners aboard. With one out, Cal Chance (UMass Lowell) lined a single into right field, allowing DiPrima to score the winning run and

hand the Blue Sox a walk-off defeat.

While the latter innings decided the contest, Valley struck first and early.

Anthony Tirado (Penn State) reached base to begin the game before stealing third and eventually scoring on a throwing error by Chance. Moments later, Chris Cancel (UConn) tagged and advanced to third before crossing the plate on Jacob Dilley's (UNC Greensboro) sacrifice fly to right, giving the Blue Sox a 2-0 advantage after just one inning.

Making his Blue Sox debut, right-hander Justin Mas-

teralexis (UMass) kept Bristol off the scoreboard early. The UMass product, making his first appearance since April, allowed no hits across 1 2/3 innings while striking out three.

"[It is] great for [Masteralexis], having him be able to get back out there," Raiola said. "It went as well as I'm sure he would've hoped."

Nick Tomasetto (Seton Hall) singled to put a runner aboard before Chris Carson (Stony Brook) turned on a pitch and sent it just inside the right-field foul pole for a two-run home run. Carson's first long ball of the season

extended Valley's lead to 4-0 and marked the Blue Sox's 10th home run of the summer.

"Chris works hard," Raiola said. "That was part of a bunch of really good swings today from a lot of guys."

Bristol answered immediately in the bottom half of the inning when Nick Flores (VCU) lifted a sacrifice fly to left, trimming the deficit to three.

After loading the bases, Sean Britt (St. Johns) lined a two-run double into the left-center field gap to bring Bristol within one. Just two batters later, Evan Menzel

(UConn) followed with an RBI single to center, tying the contest at 4-4.

Once the Blues got hot, the Blue Sox were unable to answer offensively. Valley finished with six hits and struck out 12 times, managing just one baserunner over the final two innings.

Despite the result, Raiola said he was encouraged by the quality of his team's play throughout the doubleheader.

"I thought the energy was really good," Raiola said. "Our guys were taking really good swings. Sometimes that's baseball. They beat us at the end."

## Monadnock Speedway hosting open modified race with prize

WINCHESTER, N.H. – The stakes will be higher than ever when the Open Modifieds return to Monadnock Speedway on Saturday, Aug. 1, for the thrilling Dash for the Cash 100.

The special event will feature 100 laps of intense, wheel-to-wheel Open Modified competition on the high banks, with an impressive \$10,000 awaiting the race winner. Some of the region's top Modified competitors are expected to battle for one of the biggest paydays of the season.

Adding even more excitement, the Dash for the Cash 100 will serve as the final event of the Open Modified Tri-Race Championship Series. At the conclusion of the night, one driver will be crowned the series champion and collect a \$5,000 championship bonus.

With the race victory and championship both on the line, every position and every lap will matter.

One Track. One Winner. One Champion Crowned.

The Dash for the Cash 100 promises to deliver ev-

erything race fans love about Open Modified competition—high speeds, close racing, bold moves and nonstop action from the drop of the green flag to the final charge toward the checkered flag.

Racing is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 1. The rain date, if needed, is Sunday, Aug. 2.

Fans will not want to miss this championship showdown as the Open Modified stars compete for big money, bragging rights and the honor of being crowned the 2026 Tri-Race Champion.

### ST. JOE'S I from page 10

on Thursday night and if St. Joe's losses their final two regular season games.

The Saints had the opportunity to move into first place if they defeated the DOC Spartans on Monday and Peoples Bank on Wednesday.

The top two finishers in the league standings earn a first round bye and the first place team will get home field advantage throughout the playoffs, which are all best of three series.

Teddy Bear Pools rightlander Matt Drobiak, who graduated from South Hadley High School, was the winning pitcher in last Friday's game. He went the distance, allowing one run on just one base hit with three walks and two strikeouts.

"My defense made the plays behind me in tonight's game," said Drobiak. "This is a big win for us, and it feels great. We're hoping to play them again in the playoffs."

Teddy Bear Pools took a 1-0 lead against St. Joe's with two outs in the bottom of the third inning.

Magni, who started in centerfield, drew a lead-off walk. Then St. Joe's lefthander Jackson Hayes retired the next two batters before catcher Michael Toth hit a flyball which the centerfielder lost in the twilight. Toth, who graduated from Granby High School, wound up at second base with a double and Magni scored on the play.

St. Joe's tied the score in the fourth inning.

Designated hitter Mark Jodoin singled leading off the frame before stealing second. He scored the tying run when right fielder Ryan O'Leary hit a sacrifice fly.

Drobiak then retired seven of the final eight batters that he faced.

"We just didn't hit the ball very well in tonight's game," said St. Joe's manager Paul Marcinek. "You can't beat many teams by scoring

only one run."

Prior to the start of the bottom of the fourth inning, righty Jack Feltovic replaced Hayes on the mound.

Teddy Bear Pools retook the lead with two outs in that inning when designated hitter Bailey Griggs hit a ground ball single up the middle into centerfield scoring shortstop Ray Toth (walk).

Teddy Bear Pools scored three more runs in the fifth inning. Two of the runs crossed the break on RBI singles from Ray Toth and right fielder Sean Rosemond. The other run scored following a throwing error by the catcher.

Holding a 5-1 lead, Teddy Bear Pools scored six more runs in the sixth.

Left fielder Josh Frometa and Magni knocked home a pair of runs with RBI singles, while second baseman Ramon Jomenez added a run scoring ground rule double to center. Griggs also drew a bases loaded walk during that frame.



## Team Mass Boys & Girls AAU Basketball Tryouts

**Serving Central & Western MA for over 25 years!**

**Cost: \$30** Covers both tryouts (players get t-shirt)  
**AAU membership needed \$28**  
(purchase on our website, well pull them)

**Tryout # 1: Friday, July 31, 2026**

**Location: Oxford High School**  
100 Carbuncle Dr., Oxford, MA

- **Boys & Girls Grades 4th-6th** 5:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
(3rd grade can try out with 4th grade)
- **Boys & Girls Grades 7th & 8th** 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
- **Boys & Girls Grades 9th-12th** 7:45 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**Tryout # 2: Thursday, August 6, 2026**

**Location: North Brookfield High School**  
10 New School Dr., North Brookfield, MA

- **Boys & Girls Grades 4th-6th** 5:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
(3rd grade can try out with 4th grade)
- **Boys & Girls Grades 7th & 8th** 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
- **Boys & Girls Grades 9th-12th** 7:45 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Pre Register/pay on website: [teammassbasketball.com](http://teammassbasketball.com)  
Questions Email: [teammassbasketball@gmail.com](mailto:teammassbasketball@gmail.com)  
or call 413-539-1548

*AAU affiliated club for over 25 years!*

**NEW PROGRAMS**  
**Fall 2026**



**Select Teams**  
**Boys & Girls**  
**8th-Varsity**  
**(12th)**



**Little Ballers**  
**Grades K-3**  
*Please check website for details.*



## TUTORING AVAILABLE

*Meet Your Professional & Educational Goals*

### Introduction to Strategic Planning for Nonprofits

Get your feet wet with key points for building a strategic plan and why it's essential to your success / winning grants. Handouts will be available.

**Tuesday, August 4th 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**  
**\$10 per person**

**Palmer Public Library**  
**1455 N Main St, Palmer – Third Floor**  
**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**  
**Call Lori 413-682-5070**

- **Basic Computer Use**
- **Resumé Building & Updating**
- **English Language Learning**
- **GED/HiSET Preparation**
- **Reading, Writing, Math**
- **Citizenship Exam**
- **SAT, TOEFL, etc. Test Prep**

### TUTOR INFORMATION SESSION

Want to be a tutor? Curious about requirements or commitments? Join us on Thursday, September 17th at 6:30 p.m. for "punch & cookies" and a brief presentation. Third Floor of the Palmer Public Library (*take the elevator*)

**Contact Us For More Information**

**NEW PHONE NUMBER**

**413-544-6600**

**email: [director@topfloorlearning.org](mailto:director@topfloorlearning.org)**

**<https://topfloorlearning.org/>**

**Attention all PALMER, MONSON, HOLLAND, WALES, BRIMFIELD businesses!**

We're promoting the HISTORY of LOCAL BUSINESSES in our

*Established*  
**EDITION**

**of The Journal Register**

We are inviting all of our community businesses to participate by purchasing an ad proudly displaying the year the business was established.  
Ads will run in order from the oldest to most recently established.

*Whether its been 100 years, 50 years or just 5 years, your business is a vital part of our community. Don't miss out on this special issue.*

★ **AD CHOICES** ★  
**3.476"x 3" ad \$70**  
**3.476"x 5" ad \$95**

**AD DEADLINE: AUGUST 5**

**CONTACT DAN FLYNN**  
**AT 413-297-5886**  
**[dflynn@turley.com](mailto:dflynn@turley.com)**

**PUBLISHES AUGUST 11, 2026**

**Turley Publications, Inc.**  
— A TURLEY PUBLICATION —  
[WWW.TURLEY.COM](http://WWW.TURLEY.COM)

# Second Chance receives \$150,000 grant from the ASPCA

EAST BROOKFIELD – Second Chance Animal Services has been awarded a \$150,000 grant from the ASPCA® (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) to support the purchase of a new Community Support Vehicle, a mobile veterinary unit that will expand access to care for pets and families who may otherwise face barriers to receiving veterinary services.

The grant will help Second Chance Animal Services fund this important capacity-building initiative, allowing veterinary teams to bring preventive and basic veterinary care directly into more communities, assisting pet owners, and supporting programs that help keep pets healthy, at home, and out of shelters. The mobile veterinary unit will extend the reach of Second Chance’s community programs, serving pets and families across the region.

“Access to veterinary care should never depend on a family’s ability to travel or overcome transportation barriers,” said Sheryl Blancato, Chief Executive Officer of Second Chance Animal Services. “We are incredibly grateful to the ASPCA for this generous investment. This Community Support Vehicle will allow us to provide basic veterinary care on the road and connect pets needing more advanced treatment to our hospitals. Together, these services help keep pets healthy, with the families who love them, and out of shelters.”

“Lack of access to affordable veterinary care is among the top reasons families are forced to make the heartbreaking decision to relinquish their pet to a shelter,” said Karen Walsh, vice president of animal relocation at the ASPCA. “The ASPCA is honored to provide Second Chance Animal Services with grant funding for a new mobile veterinary vehicle to expand their lifesaving work providing critical veterinary care to the community and helping to keep animals healthy and in loving homes.”

For more than 16 years, Second Chance Animal Services has been meeting pets and families where they are through community outreach programs designed to remove barriers to veterinary care. The new mobile veterinary unit will build upon those efforts by tripling the capacity to bring clinics directly into underserved neighborhoods, assisting pet owners who may not be able to travel to veterinary hospitals, and supporting community-based programs that help prevent unnecessary pet surrender.

The vehicle will be on the road at low-cost vaccine clinics across the state. In addition, it will be instrumental in the nonprofit’s Homebound to the Rescue program which brings veterinary care at low-cost or no-cost to senior and low-income communities. By intervening early and providing resources before a crisis occurs, the organization can help keep pets healthy and safely in their homes.

The need for these services is evident in stories like those of seniors and individuals with disabilities who deeply love their pets but struggle to care for them. Through its community programs, Second Chance has helped pet owners access veterinary services that allowed them to keep beloved companions by their side. The new Community Support Vehicle will make it possible to reach even more families with the support they need before difficult circumstances force them to consider surrendering a pet.

For more information about Second Chance Animal Services, please visit [www.secondchanceanimals.org](http://www.secondchanceanimals.org).

Since 2001, the ASPCA has provided more than \$250 million in grant funding to thousands of animal shelters, municipal and government agencies, rescue groups and other organizations nationwide. Grants are just one example of how the ASPCA is helping animals and communities in need, with funds supporting a variety of programs ranging from increasing pet adoptions to helping communities build strong programs to rescue, shelter, transport, and support animals during natural disasters, improving access to veterinary care, and advancing research that either directly or systemically benefits animals. For more information about the ASPCA’s grant-making and current initiatives, visit [www.aspcapro.org/grants](http://www.aspcapro.org/grants).



## Kids ON TRACK held at Union Station

REGION – On August 1 & 2, the Amherst Railway Society, CTrail, and Springfield Union Station are jointly sponsoring Kids ON TRACK at Union Station in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Area model railroad clubs will have operating model railroads set up in the Union Station concourse, and children (of all ages) will have a chance to run trains. Model railroads are fascinating to watch. But, the real thrill is getting a chance to run your own train. And, that’s what Kids ON TRACK is all about.

CTrail is offering \$5 round-trip train rides between Springfield and Hartford both mornings, August 1 & 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

And, Maggie the Railroad Clown will be at the event performing magic tricks, juggling, and creating balloon wizardry. Maggie is a graduate of the prestigious Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Clown College. She spent four years traveling with the Greatest Show On Earth.

Kids ON TRACK is a national effort by the model railroad industry to encourage young modelers, and link model railroading to STEM education.

There is no charge for this event and the Union Station parking garage, located on Main Street, will be offering a special \$2 event parking fee.

For more on Kids ON TRACK, visit: [amherstrail.org/kids-on-track/](http://amherstrail.org/kids-on-track/).

## FIRE from page 1

staff is in there. They’re still working out of Memorial Hall.”

The department’s servers were moved to the fire station ahead of the intended reopening date, so in order to conduct business, the chief and his staff have had to work out of the building.

Select Board Member John Morrell asked about improvements to the fire station’s roof, which was just replaced in 2010. Harris said that since then, a number of events damaged it, and so a new roof was overlaid over the old roof.

“There was a new overlay membrane on it,” Harris said. “We have some areas of concern that we’re pointing out to the architect, and they will be adjusting them.”

Following the discussion of the fire station, Harris went on to describe an increase in “larger scale incidents” this year.

“We’ve had the fire on Silver Street, the fire on Lower Hampden Road, the recent search and rescue,” Harris said. “All these types of calls, obviously, take resources.”

Harris said the department is ordering the full-time staff to cover extra shifts, as well as on-call staff coming in more, which has played a role in the department’s budget.

“For fire calls and rescue type instances on our full-time side, we only have \$10,000 allotted for overtime for the year,” Harris said, adding that the on-call side was reduced this year. “Between the two, we overspent them by just over \$1,000 this year.”

“If calls continue to trend like this, we’re probably going to overspend both of those line items again,” Harris said. “We don’t have much of a choice; we have to respond to calls.”

Harris promised to keep the Select Board and the public informed as the year plays out to see where the department ends up, but said the budget was “obviously a concern.”

The week of the meeting was a particularly tough week for the department in terms of its shifts, according to the chief, between two staff vacations and an injury that happened to one staff member while off-duty that will put them out for at least a week. The department has contacted its on-call staff and the chief is personally covering some shifts to fill in the gaps. Harris said that this, too, will affect the budget.

“We can’t predict injuries or sick leave,” Harris said. “We have an overtime budget, but it’s built into their schedule. As far as additional hours, we have a zero budget for overtime. That’s been the case for years and years, and it’s not a good practice to run that way, it’s just the way it is.”

Harris said that for the first time since 2019, the department could not cover all of its costs in its regular operating budget.

“This is a result of reduced line items year after year to fit the operating budget of the town,” Harris said, noting that in fiscal year 2026, the department needed an additional \$15,000 to make up shortfalls in the budget.

“Continued lack of funding ultimately is going to affect the service delivery we can provide to the residents of the town,” Harris said. “Our call volume is historically growing, we are not in a position to cut any services.”

Harris shared an anecdote of stumbling on some grant application paperwork from 10-12 years ago, which listed 800 ambulance calls for the year. He compared it with today, when the department floats between 1,300 and 1,500 calls per year, between ambulance and fire.

“Last year we had 1,200 ambulance calls, or just under,” Harris said. “That doesn’t include inspections, code enforcement, public education, and all the other stuff that comes along with the job.”

“Our needs for our department are going up, but the funding keeps going down,” Harris said.

Harris also mentioned that the department will need to start looking at replacing its next ambulance

“Everybody’s going to say we just got a new one,” Harris said. “It took three and a half years to get that ambulance. Our older one right now is a 2018, it currently has 110,000 miles on it.”

Harris said that the ambulances are supposed to be kept for 10 years, with a cycle of replacing one every five years, but the wait for the previous ambulance threw that cycle off.

“If we don’t start preparing for a new ambulance now, we’re going to end up finding ourselves in a few years when we have one that’s always broken down and in a bad position,” Harris said. “It would be my recommendation to try to push that out a year or a year and a half farther than we normally do, just to try to get that cycle back.”

Harris said that, in his conversations with other ambulance companies, a three-year wait seems to be the standard prediction. Morrell hoped that the town could do some Capital Planning in that area, and Town Manager Jennifer Wolowicz agreed.

Harris also announced that the department will be resuming blood pressure clinics at the Senior Center, starting on Aug. 4 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

“This is something we’ve been doing for quite a few years,” Harris said. “I’ve talked to the director over there, and we’re going to start picking that up in August.”

Once Harris completed his presentation, Select Board Chair Pat Oney noted the department’s budget issues, and asked that the board be updated before Town Meeting in the fall.

# In the classroom

## CAMPUS NOTES

### UMass Amherst announces Dean’s List

AMHERST – The following students were named to the Spring 2026 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**

Broderick Dalton Custance, Brooke Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Ella Marie Kozyra, Ella Victoria Petersen, Elizabeth Rose Shaw, Abigail Kathryn Stattenfield, Malahny Yanay Wedderburn

**Holland**

Abigail S Grillo

**Monson**

Nicholas Thomas DeCasse, Madison Amber Farquhar, Jennifer Gralia, Joshua Granger, Dante Rashaad Jones, Margaret Elizabeth Menard, Victoria Jane Miller, Ciara Marie Monaghan, Kayla Ashlyn Murphy, Elizabeth Walsh, Alison Mei Jie Weber

**Palmer**

Zackary Joseph Andre, Sara-Mae Fosberg, Daniele Freitas, Grace Callan Kaiser, Keyshla Nannett Lorenzo, Brooke Mikayla Nareau, Sharon Dinara Newton, Tiye Tiako Ngachoko, Sara O’Connor, Lindsay A Thomson

**Wales**

May Marie Adams

### Chechile named to the Dean’s List at Tufts Univ.

MEDFORD – Arielle Checchile, Class of 2028 of Palmer, was named to the dean’s list at Tufts University for the spring 2026 semester. Dean’s list honors at Tufts University require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater.



**Units & Sizes Available:**  
Climate Controlled 5x10/10x10  
Regular Units 5x10/10x10/10x15/10x20/10x30



**Climate Controlled Units Available**



**Outside Parking Spaces Also Available for Boats, RVs, Trailers, Etc.**

**COMPLETE STORAGE**

**COMPLETESTORAGEDBA.COM**

**413-308-6904**

**148 Carmelinas Circle Ludlow, MA**



**FIVE ISLANDS**

Georgetown, Maine

2 Bedrooms, 2 Bathroom

Washer/Dryer, Fully Equipped

- Walk to Five Islands Wharf and Ledgewood Preserve Beach
- Close to Reid State Park



**\$1200/week**

**207-607-9333**

**HANNOUSH JEWELERS**  
CHICOPEE  
“A Family Business You Can Trust”  
704 Memorial Dr., Chicopee  
413-377-1433

**Turn Your Gold Into Cash!**



We Buy Gold in Any Condition

**GOLD Is At An All-Time High!**

**10% Extra Cash**  
When Cashing In  
Your **GOLD**

**25% Extra**  
When You Use Your **GOLD**  
Towards A New Purchase

**10% Off Jewellery Repairs** expires 9/30/26

**Offers Valid at Hannoush Jewelers Chicopee ONLY**  
**www.hannoushma.com**

# Obituaries

## Dustin J. Wright, Jr.

1985-2026

WARE – Dustin J. Wright Jr., 31, passed away as the result of a motor vehicle accident on July 9, 2026.

Born on January 2, 1995, Dustin was the son of Candida L. Lesperance and Craig S. Felice. He attended Pathfinder Regional High School, where he was enrolled in the automotive program. Dustin worked for area mechanics and as a laborer at the Brimfield Flea Market.

Dustin enjoyed fishing on the Swift River, spending time outdoors with friends, four-wheeling with his father, and doing a “good burnout.”

He leaves his father, Craig S. Felice; his longtime

companion, Tabatha Groux; his sister, Jaelynn Felice; his aunt, Kimberly Wright; his uncle, Derrick Bates; his great-uncles, Jim Russo and David Russo; and his grandmothers, Darlene Russo and Wendy Marier. In addition to his mother, Candida L. Lesperance, he was predeceased by his grandfathers, Russell Marier and Edward Felice and uncle, Steven Wright.

Lombard Funeral Home, 3 Bridge St., Monson, has been entrusted with the arrangements. Visiting hours will be held Tuesday, July 28, 2026, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home. For online condolences, please visit [www.lombardfuneralhome.com](http://www.lombardfuneralhome.com).

1935-2026

MONSON – Gabriel R. “Gabe” Lecours, 91, passed away at home on July 19, 2026. Born on January 11, 1935, in Hardwick, Vermont, he was the son of the late Eloi and Marie R. (Castonguay) Lecours. Gabe was a graduate of Monson High School and remained a lifelong resident of Monson.

Gabe enjoyed any job that involved driving. Throughout his working years, he was employed by Cushman Bakery and Stateline Potato Chips and also delivered newspapers. He later owned and operated L. Trash Removal for several years and was a licensed Realtor with Landmark Realty for

many years.

In his free time, Gabe enjoyed gardening, deer hunting, deep-sea fishing, crossword puzzles, and playing Scrabble. He also served for a time on the Monson Conservation Commission. Gabe was well known for his punctuality—a trait that reflected his dependable nature and was appreciated by all who knew him.

Gabe is predeceased by his first wife Judy (Watson) Lecours. He leaves his wife Debra (Smith) Messina; his children, Peter Lecours, Catherine Partelo, Theresa Fimognari, Annette Partelo, Jeanette Gordon and Angela Demetriou along with their families; twelve grandchil-

dren, nine great grandchildren; sisters; Cecelia Watson and Marie T. Anderson and their families.

He also leaves his stepchildren; Angela Doyle, Nicole Messina, Ashley Messina and Jamie Messina along with their families.

He was blessed with the friendship of his longtime neighbors, Bobby and Patti Mastroianni whose kindness, unwavering support, and years of companionship meant more than words can express. He also leaves close friends, including Billy Davis.

Gabe is predeceased by



his parents and siblings, Gerard, Jean Marie, Joseph and Eugene.

A Funeral Mass will be held Saturday, July 25, 2026, at 10 a.m. in St. Patrick's Church 22 Green St. in Monson, Mass. Burial will follow at Bethany Cemetery also in Monson. Please gather directly at the church. There are no visiting hours.

Lombard Funeral Home of Monson has been entrusted with the arrangements. For online condolences please visit [www.lombardfuneralhome.com](http://www.lombardfuneralhome.com).

## Joanne F. Greany

1947-2026

THREE RIVERS – Joanne F. Greany, 79, passed away on July 18, 2026 surrounded by her loving family. She was born June 1, 1947 in Montpelier, VT to the late Joseph and Christine (Emerson) Jacobs. Joanne was a graduate of Palmer High School and later worked as a staffing coordinator for the Monson Developmental Center for many years before retiring. Joanne shared a very special bond with her pets and dearly loved her dog, Sassy, and her late dog, Precious. She enjoyed playing BINGO, going to tag sales, and taking daily trips to Big

Y. Joanne showed her love by making special dinners for everyone, and she deeply loved and cherished her family.

Besides her parents, Joanne was preceded in death by her beloved husband, William W. Greany Jr., and her sister, Cathy Jacobs-Clark. She will be dearly missed by her daughters, Laurie Fernandes of Palmer and Lynn Greany of Three Rivers; her two grandchildren, Mark Fernandes and wife Lauren of Belchertown and Amber Cote and husband Tom of



New Hampshire; as well as her two great-grandchildren, Emilia and Madelyn Cote. She also leaves her sister Sandy Bedard of Warren, brother-in-law Richard Clark of Thorndike, sister-in-law Kathy Freunscht and husband Bob of Chittanooga, NY,

brother-in-law Marty Greany and wife Barb of Palmer, and many extended family members and friends. Services will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, donations in Joanne's memory can be made to a charity of one's choice.

## The Journal Register OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$275, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice (with a word limit of up to 500 words) and may include a photograph. **Death Notices & Paid Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: [obits@turley.com](mailto:obits@turley.com).

*Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.*

## DEATH NOTICES

**Joanne F. Greany**

Died July 18, 2026  
Services are private  
Beers & Story Funeral Home

**Gabriel R. Lecours**

Died July 19, 2026  
Services July 25, 2026  
Lombard Funeral Home

**Dustin J. Wright, Jr.**

Died July 9, 2026  
Services July 28, 2026  
Lombard Funeral Home

## NURSES: TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR CAREER & MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

- ✓ Become a Private Patient Advocate
- ✓ High Pay | Rewarding Work | Flexible Schedule
- ✓ Online Training & Mentorship with Expert Guidance
- ✓ Help Patients Navigate the Healthcare System



BOOK A CALL TODAY  
WITH TERI FRYKENBERG

[www.NurseAdvocateEntrepreneur.com](http://www.NurseAdvocateEntrepreneur.com)

**Haluch's**  
MEMORIALS  
[haluchsmemorials.com](http://haluchsmemorials.com)

**Cemetery Memorials • Markers  
Granite Benches  
Religious Statuary • Outdoor Display**

**RAY HALUCH INC.**

1014 Center St • Ludlow, MA • 583-6508

Visit us at  
[www.turley.com](http://www.turley.com)

**ADVERTISING  
SALES**  
**HELP  
WANTED**

- ▶ Do you want to work in your community helping local businesses connect with their customers?
- ▶ Do you want a career supporting local journalism, which tells the unique stories of our communities?
- ▶ If so, then join our team! Turley Publications is looking for an outgoing, energetic person interested in selling advertising for our community newspapers. The right candidate will assume an established territory with a portfolio of customers.

You must be a self-starter with excellent communication and organizational skills. Basic computer skills are required. Previous print sales experience is preferred but we will train the right candidate.

We are a locally owned family business, offers a competitive commission structure, 401k, and health plan.

**Turley**  
Publications, Inc.

Send resume & cover letter to:  
Jamie Joslyn  
24 Water Street  
Palmer, MA 01069  
Email: [jamie@turley.com](mailto:jamie@turley.com)

**Saturday, July 25th  
7pm-11pm**

**Caboodle**

EVERY FRIDAY  
**Karaoke**

EVERY WEDNESDAY  
**Wise Guys  
MUSICAL BINGO**  
7:30-9pm

EVERY SUNDAY  
**DARTS**  
LUCK OF THE DRAW  
5:30pm • All Welcome

Upcoming  
**Saturday, September 12th  
7pm-11pm**

**Pure Country**

948 Main Street, Warren, MA • 413-436-8491

Are you having difficulty communicating with your partner, struggling with boundaries, and healthy relationships?

We invite you to join us  
Friday afternoons from 1-2:30 pm  
to explore these topics and more.

This group will be held in zoom, is educational, confidential, and free.

Please contact **Pat James 413-726-8661**.



**Clean Out Solutions**

Basement, Attic, Shed & Whole House Cleanouts

Shed, Pool & Hot Tub Removals  
Arthur "Skip" Gervais  
(774)397-6500

**LOWER PRICES TO BOOST YOUR BUDGET!**

**INFLATION PRICE BUSTERS**

**PRICES IN RED ARE AT OR BELOW LAST YEAR'S PRICES!**

|                                                                            |           |                                                             |           |                                                                        |           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| USDA INSP. FRESH PORK SPARE RIBS TWIN PAK ...                              | \$2.69 lb | USDA INSP. FRESH BONELESS BEEF STRIPLOIN CUT FREE           | \$9.88 lb | USDA INSP. FRESH BONELESS & SKINLESS CHICKEN TENDERLOINS 10 LB. BAG    | \$1.87 lb |
| USDA INSP. FROZEN BONELESS CENTER CUT PORK LOIN .....                      | \$1.99 lb | USDA INSP. FRESH BONELESS EYE ROUND WHOLE                   | \$4.99 lb | USDA INSP. FROZEN WHOLE CHICKEN .....                                  | 89¢ lb    |
| USDA INSP. FRESH BONELESS PORK BUTT STRIPS .....                           | \$2.99 lb | USDA INSP. STOREMADE ALL VARIETIES ITALIAN SAUSAGE .....    | \$2.77 lb | USDA INSP. BROTHER'S BAKERY MINI DONUTS POWDER OR CINAMMON 13 OZ....   | \$1.99 ea |
| <b>SLICED IN OUR DELI</b>                                                  |           | USDA INSP. DOMESTIC HAM .....                               | \$3.99 lb | USDA INSP. CHICKEN OF THE SEA SHRIMP SCAMPI GARLIC & BUTTER 10 OZ..... | \$2.99 ea |
| USDA INSP. SWISS CHEESE .....                                              | \$4.44 lb | <b>GREAT ON THE GRILL</b>                                   |           | USDA INSP. IQF FROZEN COOKED SHRIMP 51/60 CT 1 LB. BAG .....           | \$4.99 lb |
| USDA INSP. STOREMADE BONELESS CAROLINA GOLD MARINATED CHICKEN THIGHS ..... | \$3.69 lb | USDA INSP. GROUND FRESH DAILY 80% LEAN GROUND BEEF 7 LB BAG | \$4.28 lb |                                                                        |           |

SALE DATES: 7/23-7/29/26

**90 Meat Outlet**  
f 90 Meat Outlet  
HOURS: Mon. - Wed. 8-4  
Thurs. 8-6 • Fri. 8-6 • Sat. 8-3  
413-737-1288  
[www.90meat.com](http://www.90meat.com)  
We reserve the right to limit quantities.

BUY DIRECT FOR SAVINGS • SELECTION • SERVICE

# Classifieds

12 WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS | SERVING 50 LOCAL COMMUNITIES

A TURLEY PUBLICATION | [www.turley.com](http://www.turley.com)

COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE

Call us at 413.283.8393

## FOR SALE

### FIREWOOD

**FIREWOOD**  
Fresh cut & split \$240.00  
Seasoned cut & split \$375.00  
All hardwood.  
Tree length available  
\*Also have seasoned softwood for outdoor  
boilers (Cheap). Quality & volumes **guaranteed!!** New England Forest Products  
(413)477-0083

**MORE HEAT LESS WOOD.** Central Boiler Classic Edge HDX Outdoor Wood Furnace. EPA Certified. Titanium Stainless Steel. \$2K Tax Credit. Call (508)882-0178

## PRAYERS ANSWERED

**THANK YOU ST. JUDE** for your intercession and prayers answered. In gratitude publication promised. **BLC**

## WANTED

### WANTED! CASH for:

- Machinist tools, power tools & Snap on.
  - Electronics & Audio Equipment.
  - Sports Cards.
  - 70s/80s/90s Toys.
  - Antiques & Collectibles.
- Much, much more!

Call/Text Sam  
413-531-5381

## WANTED TO BUY

### ALL ANTIQUES AND OLD STUFF WANTED.

**BUYING** Bottles, Cocks, Jugs, Pottery, Costume Jewelry, Toys, Games, coins, sterling, Glassware, Silver-plated items, watches, Musical instruments, typewriters, sewing machines, tools, radios, clocks, lanterns, lamps, kitchenware, cookware, knives, military, automotive, fire department, masonic, license plates, beer cans, barware, books, oil cans, advertising tins, hunting, fishing, signs, and more.

Donald Roy (860) 874-8396

### ALWAYS BUYING ALL ANTIQUES:

Musical instruments, guitars, horns, keyboards, vintage electronics, jewelry, coins, watches, military cameras, sports memorabilia, art, sterling, signs, automotive, hunting, advertising, radios, ham radio equipment, audio equipment, toys, one item or entire estate.

Call Paul 413-206-8688

## JUNK REMOVAL

### ARA JUNK FURNITURE REMOVAL

Full house cleanouts, attics, basements, garages, pools, hot tubs, sheds, decks. Same day service. 8am-9pm. Credit cards accepted. Free estimates on phone.  
*Fully insured.*  
Call Pete 413-433-0356.

### A Call We Haul FAST REMOVAL

Junk, Appliance, Cleanouts.  
We load it & take it.  
**413-531-1936**  
CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

## SERVICES



### A B Hauling and Removal Service

**2\*\*\*\*\*A & B HOUSEHOLD REMOVAL SERVICE\*\*\*\*\***  
Cellars, attics, garages cleaned, yard debris. Barns & sheds demolished. Swimming pools removed. Cheaper than dumpster fees and we do all the work. Lowest rates. Fully insured. (413)283-6512, cell (413)222-8868.

**DRYWALL, PAINTING AND CEILINGS,** plaster repair. Drywall hanging. Taping & complete finishing. All ceiling textures. Fully insured. Jason at Great Walls. (413)563-0487

## ELECTRICIAN

### PJ's Electrical MASTER ELECTRICIAN • Licensed & Insured •

Providing safe, reliable electrical services for residential and commercial projects.

### NOW OFFERING FREE CONSULTATIONS.

Call today to schedule your appointment.  
**(413) 366-1703**  
(Lic. #24046-A)

### DANNY'S ELECTRICAL SERVICES LLC

I offer good quality electrical work, no project too small, free estimates, service upgrades, pools, budget friendly, committed to satisfaction, dependable & insured. Master Lic. #20773-A, Business Lic. #9310-A1. Text or call Daniel at **413-218-3301** or visit my website at [dannyelectrical.com](http://dannyelectrical.com) to fill an online work request

### GAGNON ELECTRIC

All types of electrical work. Fully insured. All work fully guaranteed. Free estimates. Lic. #14960A. **413-533-8867**

## SERVICES

**ZEN ELECTRIC COMPANY LLC**  
Fully licensed and insured; Master Electrician on staff. Call for all your electrical needs. No job too small. Senior citizen and Veteran Discount. A veteran owned company. MA License #8101A1.

## HOME IMPROVEMENT

**HOME IMPROVEMENTS. REMODELING** Kitchens, baths. Ceramic tile, windows, painting, wallpapering, siding, decks. Insurance work. Fully insured. Free estimates. (413)246-2783 Ron.

### HOME IMPROVEMENT SPECIALIST

Decks, porches, repair service, roofing and siding contractor.  
Tim **413-563-2229**. Licensed/insured. 35 year construction supervisor.

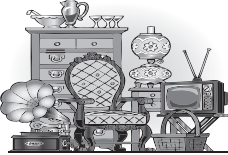
## CHAMELEON PAINTING & REMODELING

### INTERIOR/EXTERIOR Remodeling & Deck Specialists

Residential/Commercial  
Fully Insured • Free Estimates

**413-351-1147**

## Buying? Selling?



Our Classifieds Get Results!

## HOME IMPROVEMENT

Licensed & Insured

**Walker**  
Home Improvement

Finish Carpentry • Framing • Drywall • Painting • & more!

(413) 687-5552

Handyman Services

## SERVICES

### LANDSCAPING

#### A+ ROZELL'S LANDSCAPING & BOBCAT SERVICE

Excavator Services  
Overgrown property?  
Extreme Brush Cutting!  
Shrub, Stump, Tree Removal  
Lawn/Arborvitae Installed  
Loam, Stone, Mulch, Sand  
Storm Clean-up  
Small Demolition/ Junk Removal  
Insured  
Josh Rozell 413-636-5957

**\*\*ALL SEASON\*\*** Specializing in shrub trimming, pruning, design, deliveries, loader, backhoe, insured. Professional. Please call Bob (413)537-5789.

## LAWN & GARDEN

### HEADS UP LAWN SPRINKLERS LLC.

Need sprinkler repairs or complete system check? We fix leaks, replace heads, troubleshoot problems, and add zones/upgrade existing systems. Fast reliable service without big company prices.

Call 413-279-4122 to set up an appointment.

## MASONRY

### STOP WET BASEMENTS

#### ABC MASONRY & BASEMENT WATERPROOFING

All brick, block, stone, concrete. Hatchway doors, basement windows, chimneys rebuilt & repaired, foundations repaired, basement waterproofing systems, sump pumps. BBB+ rating. Free estimates. Lic #14790. Call (413)569-1611, (413)374-5377

Find archives of this local newspaper at [www.newspapers.turley.com](http://www.newspapers.turley.com)

## SERVICES

### PLUMBING

**GREG LAFOUNTAIN PLUMBING & HEATING** Lic #19196 Repairs & Replacement of fixtures, water heater installations, steam/HW boiler replacement. Kitchen & Bath remodeling. 30 years experience. Fully insured. \$10 Gift Card With Work Performed. Call Greg (413)592-1505

## RUBBISH REMOVAL

**BOB ROBILLARD'S RUBBISH REMOVAL** Attics, Cellars, Garages cleaned, Pools/Hot Tubs Removed. Family owned/operated since 1950 (413)537-5090

## TREE WORK

**AAA-TROM'S TREE SERVICE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE. Residential removal of trees.** Free estimates, Fully insured W/Workman's Comp. Remove them before the wind takes them down. Cordwood, stump grinding. Call **413-283-6374/cell 413-237-9881**.

**AFFORDABLE STUMP GRINDING** Fast, dependable service. Free estimates. Fully insured. Call Joe Sablack **413-436-9821, Cell 413-537-7994**

### DL & G TREE SERVICE

Everything from tree pruning, tree removal, stump grinding, storm damage and brush chipping. Honest and Dependable. Fully insured. Now offering a Senior Citizen and Veteran discount. Call today for free estimate (413)478-4212

### H & H TREE SERVICE

All phases of tree care.  
Call Dave **413-668-6560** day/night.

## STUMP GRINDING

**DL & G STUMP GRINDING** Grinding stumps of all sizes, insured & certified. Senior discounts. Call Dave **413-478-4212**

## PETS

**AKC REGISTERED MINIATURE DACHSHUNDS.** BLACK/TAN PUPPIES READY MID AUGUST. VET CHECKED FIRST VACCINATION. WELL SOCIALIZED. APPROXIMATELY 12 LBS WHEN FULL GROWN. **413-596-8190**

## HELP WANTED

**RUSSELL PUBLIC LIBRARY SEEKS CIRCULATION ASSISTANT;** 8+ hours weekly. Strong public service skills and solid computer literacy required. Detailed description at [russellmapubliclibrary.com](http://russellmapubliclibrary.com), and on our Facebook and Instagram pages. Send resume to **RPL, PO Box 438, Russell MA 01071** or email [rpldirector162@gmail.com](mailto:rpldirector162@gmail.com)

### SERVERS WANTED

Inquire at *Grilly's Grill*,  
1315 Park St., Palmer, MA 01069  
or call **413-284-0005**.

The Town of Huntington is seeking a **FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER.**

\$27.40 to \$32.21 per hour based on qualifications.

Application and complete job description are available online at

[www.huntingtonma.us](http://www.huntingtonma.us) or by emailing

[admin@huntingtonma.us](mailto:admin@huntingtonma.us)

Deadline to apply is 8/6/2026 .  
Town of Huntington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

The Town of Huntington is seeking a **PART-TIME CHIEF OF POLICE.**

\$37,500 - \$50,000 yearly salary based on qualifications.

Application and complete job description are available online at

[www.huntingtonma.us](http://www.huntingtonma.us) or by emailing

[admin@huntingtonma.us](mailto:admin@huntingtonma.us).

Deadline to apply is 8/6/2026.  
Town of Huntington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## REAL ESTATE

### FOR RENT



EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

**ALL REAL ESTATE** advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation, or discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination." We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

## FOR RENT



All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status (number of children and or pregnancy), national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, or any intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination.

This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate that is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertising in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain about discrimination call The Department of Housing and Urban Development "HUD" toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. For the N.E. area, call HUD at 617-565-5308. The toll free number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.



**STAY ON TOP OF IT ALL!**

Subscribe Today!

**Turley** Publications, Inc.

12 HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

413.283.8393

[www.turley.com](http://www.turley.com)

24 Water Street  
Palmer, MA 01069

## FILL OUT AND MAIL THIS MONEY MAKER

MAIL TO: Classifieds, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069  
or call: 413-283-8393

DEADLINES: FRIDAY AT NOON

| CATEGORY: |    |    |    |
|-----------|----|----|----|
| 1         | 2  | 3  | 4  |
| 5         | 6  | 7  | 8  |
| 9         | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13        | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17        | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21        | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25        | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29        | 30 | 31 | 32 |
| 33        | 34 | 35 | 36 |
| 37        | 38 | 39 | 40 |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

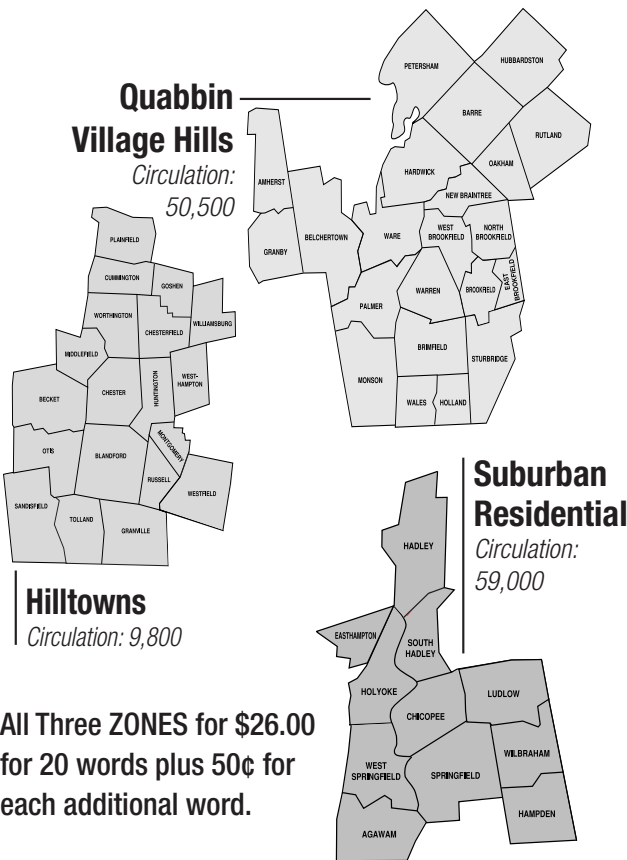
Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Weeks: \_\_\_\_\_ X per week rate = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card: ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA ☐ Discover ☐ Cash ☐ Check# \_\_\_\_\_

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of charge: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



All Three ZONES for \$26.00 for 20 words plus 50¢ for each additional word.

**GREAT VALUE!**  
ALL 3 ZONES NOW FOR THE PRICE OF ONE!

Make checks payable to Turley Publications

OUR CLASSIFIEDS REACH 50 COMMUNITIES EVERY WEEK!

# Public notices

## TOWN OF BRIMFIELD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Select Board will hold a public hearing on **Monday, August 10, 2026 beginning at 6:00 P.M.** in the cafeteria of the Brimfield Elementary School, 22 Wales Road, Brimfield, MA to hear a complaint filed by Caroline and Jerry Degon of 36 East Hill Road regarding an ongoing dog nuisance, concerning three female and one male Belgian Tervuren owned and/or kept at the property located at 28 East Hill Road, Brimfield, MA as required by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 140, Section 157 and Chapter 7 Sections 5.1-5.2 of the General Bylaws of the Town of Brimfield. If you have an interest in this hearing, you are requested to attend said hearing at the aforementioned date and time.

Martin J. Kelly,  
Select Board Chair  
Town of Brimfield  
23 Main Street  
Brimfield, MA 01010  
07/16, 07/23/2026

## TOWN OF BRIMFIELD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Select Board will hold a public hearing on **Monday, August 3, 2026 beginning at 6:00 P.M.** in the cafeteria of the Brimfield Elementary School, 22 Wales Road, Brimfield, MA to hear a complaint filed by Jamin Benson of 73 Old Palmer Road regarding an ongoing dog nuisance, concerning six Great Pyrenees (four female, two male), two male mixed breeds, and one female chihuahua owned and/or kept at the property located at 76 Old Palmer Road, Brimfield, MA as required by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 140, Section 157 and Chapter 7 Sections 5.1-5.2 of the General Bylaws of the Town of Brimfield. If you have an interest in this hearing, you are requested to attend said hearing at the aforementioned date and time.

Martin J. Kelly,  
Select Board Chair  
Town of Brimfield  
23 Main Street  
Brimfield, MA 01010  
07/16, 07/23/2026

## TOWN OF PALMER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Palmer Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, August 10, 2026, at 6:40 PM** at the Palmer Town Building, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA, on the proposed Amendment the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Palmer, Chapter 171, Sections 5 and 89, relating to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). Anyone interested in being heard should appear at the time and place so designated.

Palmer Town Council  
07/23/2026

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Robin L. Fell to World Savings Bank, FSB, dated May 25, 2007 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 16736, Page 514, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., s/b/m Wells Fargo Bank SouthWest, N.A., f/k/a Wachovia Mortgage, FSB, f/k/a World Savings Bank, FSB to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, as owner Trustee on behalf of CSMC 2018-RPL8 Trust, recorded on December 20, 2018, in Book No. 22492, at Page 463 Wilmington Savings

Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, as owner Trustee on behalf of CSMC 2018-RPL8 Trust to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner Trustee of CSMC 2021-RPL1 Trust, recorded on June 30, 2025, in Book No. 25924, at Page 324 Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner Trustee of CSMC 2021-RPL1 Trust to Rocket Mortgage, LLC successor by merger to Nationstar Mortgage LLC, recorded on March 13, 2026, in Book No. 26250, at Page 453 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 AM on **August 3, 2026**, on the mortgaged premises located at 2055 High Street a/k/a 2053 High Street, Palmer, Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT: A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated on the southerly side of High Street in Three Rivers, said Palmer, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a rod on the southerly side of said High Street, said rod being sixty-nine and 80/100 (69.80) feet easterly from a stone bound at the intersection of the southerly line of High Street with the easterly line of Kelly Street;

thence South 21° 47' E. one hundred sixty-four and 65/100 (164.65) feet along land now or formerly of Otis Company to a bolt in stone;

thence North 66° 30' E. one hundred twenty-one and 95/100 (121.95) feet along land now or formerly of said Otis Company and of the union Evangelical Church to a bolt in stone;

thence North 24° 30' W. eleven and 55/100 (11.55) feet along land of said Union Evangelical Church to a drill hole in bolder;

thence North 66° 30' E. sixty and 92/100 (60.92) feet along land of said Union Evangelical Church to a bolt in stone;

thence North 24° 30' W. one hundred fifty-one and 60/100 (151.60) feet along land now or formerly of one Geer through a stone bound distant eight (8) feet more or less from the Southerly side of High Street to said High Street;

thence South 66° 30' W. along the southerly line of said High Street one hundred seventy-five and 7/100 (175.07) feet to the place of beginning.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 10584, Page 588. These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30)

days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

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

ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC  
S/B/M  
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC  
Present holder of said mortgage  
By its Attorneys,  
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.  
150 California St.  
Newton, MA 02458  
(617)558-0500  
26765  
07/09, 07/16, 07/23/2026

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Estate of John Frances Ferris of: Palmer, MA Date of Death: March 02, 2026

All claims against the above estate, duly verified by statutory declaration and with particulars and valuation of security held, if any, must be sent to the undersigned before the 1st day of September, 2026

Joshua R. Ferris  
749 River St.  
Palmer, MA 01069  
(413)455-9492  
07/16, 07/23/2026

## 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. HD26P1565EA Estate of: Bernard Frank Grabowski Date of Death: 12/15/2025 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 Jason Parker of Wales, 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 Jason Parker of Wales, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/17/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

## UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and

may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Claudine T. Stoudemire, First Justice of this Court.

Date: July 17, 2026  
Rosemary A Saccomani,  
Register of Probate  
07/23/2026

## 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. HD26P1554EA Estate of: Carol Ann Sears Also known as: Carol A Sears Date of Death: 05/23/2026 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Suzanne M Sears of Lexington, 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 M Sears of Lexington, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/13/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and

objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

## UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

WITNESS, Hon. Claudine T. Stoudemire, First Justice of this Court.

Date: July 16, 2026  
Rosemary A Saccomani,  
Register of Probate  
07/23/2026

## TOWN OF PALMER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Palmer Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, August 10, 2026, at 6:45 PM** at the Palmer Town Building, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA, on the proposed Amendment the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Palmer, Chapter 171, Article XVII, § 171-94, Signs.

Anyone interested in being heard should appear at the time and place so designated.

Palmer Town Council  
07/23/2026

## TOWN OF PALMER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Palmer Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, August 10, 2026, at 6:35 PM** at the Palmer Town Building, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA, on the proposed Amendment to the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Palmer, Chapter 171, §-5, Table of Use Regulations, and to amend and reconfigure six articles of Chapter 171

— Articles VII through XII.

Anyone interested in being heard should appear at the time and place so designated.

Palmer Town Council  
07/23/2026

## 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. HD25P1235EA Estate of: Lewis Walter Valle Also known as: Lewis W Valle Date of Death: 05/04/2025 CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Sandra J Spalding of Morrisville, VT requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/18/2026.

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

WITNESS, Hon. Claudine T. Stoudemire, First Justice of this Court.

Date: July 14, 2026  
Rosemary A. Saccomani  
Register of Probate  
07/23/2026

# Job Connection

## HELPING YOU FIND HELP

If you have job postings to fill, get them the exposure they need.

Join us in highlighting what positions you have available in our Job Connection!

Each week this available jobs section will run in your community newspapers.

**5.25" x 4"**  
**\$150 for three papers**  
\$40 for each additional paper

**5.25" x 8"**  
**\$300 for three papers**  
\$80 for each additional paper

**10.75" x 8"**  
**\$600 for three papers**  
\$160 for each additional paper

**10.75" x 15.75"**  
**\$1,200 for three papers**  
\$320 for each additional paper

**Choice of any three papers**  
**Buy two weeks,**  
**get the third week FREE**

**12 Weekly Newspapers Serving The Local Communities**  
Agawam Advertiser News • Barre Gazette • Chicopee Register • Country Journal  
The Journal Register • Quabog Current • The Register • Sentinel  
The Holyoke Sun • Town Reminder • Ware River News • The Wilbraham-Hampden Times

**Turley Publications, Inc.**  
[www.turley.com](http://www.turley.com)

**Call Dan today 413.297.5886 or 413.283.8393**

## PUBLIC NOTICES ARE NOW ONLINE

- 1 Email all notices to [notices@turley.com](mailto:notices@turley.com)
- 2 Access archives and digital tear sheets by newspaper title.
- 3 Find a quick link to the state of Massachusetts' public notice web site to search all notices in Massachusetts newspapers.

**Public notice deadlines are Friday at 3 p.m.**

**visit [www.publicnotices.turley.com](http://www.publicnotices.turley.com)**

## HELP WANTED

- Produce news and/or feature stories of local interest for various towns and cities.
- Must be dependable, professional and able to meet strict deadlines.
- Salary based on a flat rate by story and photo.

## FREELANCE WRITERS & JOURNALISTS

**Turley Publications, Inc.**  
[www.turley.com](http://www.turley.com)

## Send writing samples with resume to:

PAULA OUIMETTE  
24 Water Street  
Palmer, MA 01069  
**or email directly to:**  
[pouimette@turley.com](mailto:pouimette@turley.com)



FELINE | from page 1

working in other animal sanctuaries in Michigan, she thought she could do a better job of caring for and housing the animals. After she and her mother moved to Western Massachusetts to be closer to her in-laws, they bought a piece of land and started Here Today, Adopted Tomorrow.

“At the time, cats were the biggest issue,” Max said, “so we opened this cage-free shelter for cats, took a look around, and got a lot of programs started.”

Max said that one of the programs HTAT started with was a spay-neuter program, to help with the overpopulation of feral cats in the area.

“From there, a lot more things grew,” Max said. “We started programs for special needs animals, and have since then added on a pet food pantry, behavioral health programs, and more things to keep cats out of shelters and in homes.”

This year, Feline Fun Day will be held at the Brimfield Winery. It will feature a big vendor fair, with raffles and music, as well as kittens for people to visit and cuddle with.

“There will be wine there, and all the normal stuff you see at the winery,” Max said, “and hopefully we can enjoy the weather.”

Max said that the event will be a great time to support local vendors, as well as fundraising for the animal sanctuary. She highlighted that Baystate Wings will have a food truck there, and Red Collar Mobile Dog Grooming will be there as well, and that, despite being cat-focused, the event also welcomes dogs.

Here Today Adopted Tomorrow has been hosting an annual Feline Fun Day for several years, dating back as far as 2018, though they skipped a year due to the pandemic.

“We’d been wanting to do something like this and were looking for a good sum-

mer fundraiser,” Max said. “We always wanted to do a vendor fair. Then the idea came together, and a lot of vendors responded. People like to come out for the cats, and it’s a fun day overall.”

To host the event at the winery, Max has been collaborating with owners Rusty and Katy Corriveau, who she was very grateful for. She said that the kind, friendly staff at the winery are part of what makes the event fun, and gives the public reasons to attend.

“Rusty is so great, he always helps us around the fair,” Max said. “He’s just a good community guy, really good at giving back, and really easy to work with. He’s always really nice to everybody, they’ve been great to work with.”

Here Today Adopted Tomorrow’s Feline Fun Day will be held on Saturday, Aug. 1, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, go to HereTodaySanctuary.org/Feline-Fun-Day.

NIGHT | from page 1

also be there to help if people have questions,” Sullivan said. “The Domestic Violence Task Force will be there so if people want information, they can get it. There will be various substance abuse organizations to help people if they’re struggling, if they desire to get involved with that.”

Another attraction will be a restored farm truck that will be available for view. Other area businesses will have booths and tables to hand out trinkets and a local dance business will be putting on a show with young



dancers.

“National Night Out helps us engage with the community,” Sullivan said. “Oftentimes, people see us in the worst moments of their life, and oftentimes police are judged based on that incident. This, hopefully, breaks down barriers, if there are any, and helps people see officers as humans in a better light.”

“Unfortunately, officers have to make arrests, and that affects youth,” Sullivan continued. “No child likes to see their parents being arrested, but unfortunately officers are put in that spot, and that’s the only engagement some kids have with the police. Seeing these officers in an uplifting

and hopefully fun environment might take away some of that stigma against police officers that people might have, and help them see us as human.”

Sullivan said that, since the department started putting on National Night Out, it’s only gotten bigger.

“We have more and more people asking to participate, it’s going to be bigger as more stakeholders want to participate,” Sullivan said. “We’re just hoping people that want to come out have a good time and enjoy a free night out. They can save themselves from having to cook dinner.”

In addition to the various town departments and stakeholders that will be in attendance, Sullivan thanked Chief Christopher Burns, his secretary Tessa Gurney, Catherine Costa, and the men and women of the department for their support.

National Night Out will be held at the Police Department on Tuesday, Aug. 3, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

# School Supply List

Suggested School Supply Donations:

Box of Colored Pencils

Plastic Pencil Box *(Unlabeled)*

Erasers *(Not Pencil Top)*

Thin Set of Crayola Markers

Thick Set of Crayola Markers

Scotch Tape

Pack of Post-It Notes

Box of 24 Crayons *(No Larger)*

Colored Pencils

Children’s Scissors

Elmer’s Glue Sticks

Expo Markers

Single Subject Notebooks *(Any Color)*

Erasers *(Pencil Top Style)*

Lots of Pencils *(Ideally Ticonderoga)*

Pencil Case/Box/Bag

Cm/Inch Ruler

Hand-Held Pencil Sharpener

Items For Sharing With The Class:

Lysol/Clorox Wipes

Tissues

Hand Sanitizer

Expo Markers

Paper Towels

Drop Off Locations:

WARE

Cedarbrook Village

Cluetts Appliance Center

Dhillon Dentistry

Hakim Medical Center

Hanna’s on Main

Monson Savings Bank

Moulton Insurance

Ware Town Hall

Westfield Bank

PALMER

Palmer Town Hall

Phriends Coffee shop

Mustang Seats

Palmer Senior Center

J. Stolar Insurance Agency

Just A Little Craft Store

Nicks Sports Shop

Palmer Library

MONSON

Monson Savings Bank

The Better Bean

TJ’s Tavern

WB&CA  
Ware Business & Civic Association

Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce  
Established 1940

MONSON TOGETHER  
\* ROOTED IN COMMUNITY \*

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT:

DIANE VADNAIS413-233-8113  
dianevadnaisrealtor@gmail.com

KAREN DAVIS  
admin@monsontogether.com

DAN FLYNN413-297-5886  
dflynn@turley.com

CONCOMM | from page 1

“Scenic landscapes would be, if you’re sitting at a spot and you’re looking out and you think, ‘wow, this is a beautiful spot,’” Ladin said, mentioning to Acting Chair Elizabeth O’Connor a previously mentioned area where the sunset is nicely visible.

Ladin also described geological features as things like kettle ponds, or things created during glaciation.

“They just need our input,” Ladin said. “They’ll do some research and figure out the rest.”

Ladin said that the compiled map will be included in a section of the OSRP, and will serve as a guide for people who want to go exploring or hiking, and will be helpful for developers to know locations that the community hopes to preserve.

The commission then addressed the Request for Determination for Quaboag River, which had been continued for several meetings.

“The applicant, Jeff Zabo, has submitted a Request for Determination for activities associated with bank stabilization to prevent further erosion,” O’Connor said.

O’Connor noted that at the previous meeting, the commission had agreed that if representatives didn’t attend, the commission would close the hearing and give them an opportunity to reopen the hearing later. As representatives were not present, the commission voted unanimously to close the hearing.

As the commission waited to open its next hearing, Commissioner Member Nicholas Zeo praised the town’s conservation events. Zeo mentioned a conversation with fellow Commission Member David Cotter about an event through the Department of Conservation and Recreation that discussed dealing with invasive plants.

“For the most part, people reach out to the Conser-

vation Commission, but in terms of us aligning even more support, it’s difficult from one meeting to another, especially in the summer,” said Zeo. “It’s nice that folks are doing conservation-type events and they don’t always necessarily need the amount of support that perhaps we could give them – we certainly can’t be in all those places at once – but it was great they had a few events.”

O’Connor suggested reaching out to the DCR representative to ask about invasive plant lectures.

“It’s a big thing, and we’ve got somebody who’s passionate about it,” O’Connor said. “You can learn more and share some of your knowledge.”

Zeo said that there would be further benefits to contacting DCR, besides just finding ways to handle invasive plants, particularly in the trail areas.

“We have a good amount of state land in town,” Zeo said. “Separate from them basically giving a presentation, it would be nice to talk to them about our individual shared consequences of invasive plants.”

Ladin mentioned that the commission should contact the state forester to do a walk to start the process to come up with goals. She then mentioned an increase in violations, which she attributed to people doing yard work during the nice weather.

“There might be some lack of education happening,” Ladin said. “There’s a need for more education as people move into town and don’t really know what our regulations are.”

Ladin said that the commission should look for creative ways to make sure the community has a way of accessing the town’s conservation regulations beyond just making the information available on the website.

The commission then moved on to the hearing for a Notice of Intent for BT Commercial, LLC, which was held during the meeting.

Send Us Your Community Autumn Events

Turley Publications will print your Summer event FREE OF CHARGE in our Autumn Fest Supplement which will be published September 9, 2026. Total circulation of 85,000 which reaches over 200,000 readers in the Pioneer Valley. Event Should Be Non-Profit & Open to the Public

FREE Calendar Listings Reaching over 200,000 Readers in the Pioneer Valley!!

Deadline for Calendar submissions is August 19.

MAIL YOUR LISTING INFORMATION TO: Turley Publications, Attn: Jamie Joslyn, 24 Water Street, Palmer, MA 01069 or email\* them to: jamie@turley.com \*Be sure to indicate “Summer Event” in the subject line of your email.

Event Name

Date/Time

Location

Description

Cost

Contact name & phone number for more information

Please specify if you would like your name and number printed in the paper.