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**MONSON**

## Children marvel at 'Meet Your Dragon' library program

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MONSON – On Thursday, July 17, the DeSantis Community Room at the Monson Free Library transformed into a whimsical world of mythical creatures, creativity, and confidence-building as children gathered for the “Meet Your Dragon” workshop. Designed for ages 6 to 12, the event offered an enchanting

blend of storytelling, arts and crafts, and imagination; all led by local artist and educator Carla Germain, affectionately known as “The Dragon Lady.”

The workshop was fully booked in advance, with more than 20 children registered to attend. Germain, who has hosted similar events in senior centers and community spaces, brought

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Turley photo by Abigail McCoy

The pieces of jasper that lay inside the dragon eggs that kids could pick to create a larger lore for their dragon.

**THREE RIVERS**



Turley photo by Abigail McCoy

The Willies play music from the 50's, 60's, 70's and even more popular songs; originally from Belchertown they perform all over western Mass and they are actively booking gigs.

## Divine Mercy holds fundraiser

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THREE RIVERS – A savory mix of food, music, and fellowship brought parishioners and visitors together for the Divine Mercy Parish's annual chicken barbecue fundraiser on Sunday, July 27, from noon to 3 p.m.. The event, held on church grounds, featured grilled favorites, homemade Polish specialties, and a lively performance by the band The Willies; all part of a growing tradition aimed at building community and raising funds

for the parish.

“This is our annual fundraiser,” explained longtime parishioner and event organizer Frederick Orszulak, taking a moment from the bustling crowd to speak about the event's origins and evolution. “We used to run big picnics, but it's hard setting them up, not enough help, too expensive. This works better, and it's been going pretty good.”

The 2024 barbecue marked several firsts and improvements from years past, including an extended runtime, a new outdoor setup, and the addition of a live

band-- a first in the event's history. “We set it up a little differently outside this year,” said Orszulak. “Usually, we had it indoors. This time it's an hour longer, and we've got The Willies playing. Just ramping it up year by year.”

The parish secured a one-day license to operate a makeshift outdoor bar, complete with boxed wine and cold refreshments, and also introduced hamburgers and hot dogs alongside the traditional chicken plates, expanding its offerings to appeal to more tastes.

But for many, the real

draw was the homemade Polish food, including cooked pierogi, frozen cabbage pierogi, and the crowd favorite: kapusta, a traditional cabbage dish. “Everyone was sold out on that,” Orszulak said proudly. “We're doing very good this year.”

In addition to food and music, guests could try their luck at an expanded raffle prize area; another growing feature of the event. Dozens of items, all donated by local businesses, were up for grabs. “They started them last year,

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**MONSON**

## Zoning Board of Appeals approves sign replacement for First Church

By Abigail McCoy  
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MONSON – The Monson Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) met on July 24 for a full agenda that included a straightforward request from the First Church of Monson to replace its aging lawn sign and a far more complex, ongoing hearing for a proposed earth removal project on Staf-

ford Road known as “Equestrian Estates.”

The meeting, called to order by Chair Ron Fussell, opened with a reading of the board's role under state law. “The powers and purpose of the zoning board of appeals is to hold hearings on dimensional and density variances, special permits as required by the Monson zoning bylaws,” Chair Fussell reminded the

board and the audience. The public was informed that member Penny Gustafson, Administrative Assistant for the Zoning Board of Appeals, was on vacation, and another member would assist with drafting meeting minutes.

First Church of Monson Sign Replacement Approved

The first public hearing focused on a special permit request from the First Church

of Monson to replace its deteriorating wooden sign at 5 High Street with a modern carved sign.

The proposed 28-square-foot, double-sided sign, manufactured by Agnoli Signs, will be installed on the church's south lawn. Although the application was submitted under the Central Commercial zoning district, it was noted that the parcel tech-

nically falls under the more restrictive Residential Village zone. Nevertheless, the proposed design met or exceeded all zoning regulations.

The sign, which will stand five feet off the ground, is intended to improve visibility and durability. “We kept painting it, putting white paint and black paint and trying to keep it going,” said Suzanne, a representative of the

church. “Finally, we decided we're going to do it.”

With no opposition from the public nor the board the special permit was approved unanimously, 4-0.

Equestrian Estates Earth Removal Project remains under review

The more contentious and technically demanding

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**PALMER**

## Business and civic groups partner for school supply drive

Staff Report

PALMER – The Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce and the Ware Business & Civic Association and Beyond are sponsoring a school supply drive to benefit the students within the school systems in Palmer, Ware and Monson.

“Barbara Barry, chair of the Palmer City Council, had approached me about the Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce holding a school supply drive over the summer. It was a terrific idea,” said Matt Lemieux, President of the Three Rivers Chamber and also serves as a member of the Palmer Town Council.

“Over the last year, we



Submitted photo

Co Principals Renee Niedziela and Chris Stolar opened the donation location of J Stolar Insurance Agency.

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**PALMER**

## Great Puzzle Race brings the competition

By Abigail McCoy  
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PALMER – The Palmer Public Library held its second-ever Great Puzzle Race on the evening of July 28, bringing together local puzzle enthusiasts in a lighthearted yet competitive event that had teams racing against the clock, and each other, to complete a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle.

Organized by Adult Services Librarian Amy Golenski and Collection Development Librarian Helene O'Connor, the event was a follow-up to the library's inaugural puzzle race held in January. According to the organizers, the original race was so popular that participants immediately asked for it to become a regular pro-



Turley photo by Abigail McCoy

The last piece in the puzzle was placed by one of the members of the winning team One Piece at a Time at 46 minutes after everyone had started.

gram. “We had our first puzzle race in January, and the feedback was incredible. People wanted it monthly, even weekly, but it's a lot to coordinate. So we're excited to bring it back this summer,” said Golenski.

The puzzle race is one

of several creative programs inspired by this year's “Level Up” summer reading theme,

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# Networking event features candidate Kennealy

PALMER – The Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce’s After 5 networking event on Wednesday, Aug. 6 beginning at 5 p.m. at the Monson Free Library will feature an appearance by 2026 Massachusetts gubernatorial candidate, Mike Kennealy (R).

The Chamber’s After 5 networking events allow local business leaders to connect and exchange ideas and opportunities in an informal setting. The August After 5 at the Monson Free Library will include a tour and informa-

tion on Library activities and programs, as well as a meet and greet and Q&A session with Kennealy.

In 2018, Kennealy was appointed by Governor Charlie Baker as Secretary of Housing and Economic Development, a role in which he visited more than 150 cities and towns in Massachusetts and built relationships with local governments and community leaders.

Kennealy joined Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito’s administration as Assistant Secretary

for Business Growth in 2015, playing a key role in shaping the administration’s strategies for business development and job creation. More than 215,000 new jobs were created in Massachusetts during his tenure.

“I’m thrilled to join the dedicated business leaders of the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce. It’s the work of our local entrepreneurs, job creators, and community leaders that truly drives the Commonwealth forward,” said Kennealy. “I look forward to engaging with members of

the business community to discuss how government can be a true partner in fostering economic growth, supporting innovation, and revitalizing our communities. Together, we can build a stronger, more prosperous Massachusetts.”

“The Chamber is proud to welcome Secretary Kennealy to the Quaboag Hills region for this special event. We are thrilled to give our constituents the opportunity to hear directly from the candidate, share concerns, ideas and solutions as business leaders and residents of the

Commonwealth,” said James Przypek, Chief Executive Officer of the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce.

Sponsors of the Chamber’s August After 5 include Monson Savings Bank, Cedarbrook Village at Ware and Superior Plus Propane. Registration to the Chamber’s networking events are open to members and non-members alike at qhma.com. The August After 5 will also include food and refreshments from The Better Bean café in Monson.

About the Quaboag Hills

Chamber of Commerce

Established in 1978 and headquartered in Palmer, the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce’s purpose is to advance economic growth, interests and tourism for our members through policies, programs and development in the Quaboag Hills region, including the 15 towns of Belchertown, Brimfield, Brookfield, East Brookfield, Hardwick, Holland, Monson, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Palmer, Spencer, Wales, Ware, Warren and West Brookfield.

# Opacum Land Trust acquires 28 acres

MONSON – Opacum Land Trust is pleased to announce the acquisition of 28 acres of forestland that will be permanently protected as the Grace M. and Robert S. Fay Woods. The property, located on East Hill Rd in Monson, adds to more than 13,000 acres of nearly contiguous protected lands in this area at the intersection of Monson, Brimfield, and Wales.

The newly conserved property sits less than a quarter-mile from both the Brimfield State Forest and Conant

Brook Dam conservation area, creating an expanded corridor of protected habitat for wildlife and recreational opportunities for the public. It also holds historical significance as the former site of the Munn District schoolhouse, whose foundation can still be seen on the property.

The land was purchased through a generous memorial donation from Candace and Richard Erickson in memory of Candace’s parents, Grace M. and Robert S. Fay. The Fay family maintained deep

roots in Monson for six generations, and both Grace and Robert were active community volunteers and founding members of the Monson Historical Society.

“You can volunteer and give back while you are alive, but very quickly people forget who you were and what you did,” said Candace. “Conserving a property in my parents’ names is a way to keep their memory alive while giving back to the community that they loved.”

The property, which consists of forest, wetlands,

and vernal pools with rocky outcrops and beautiful stone walls, reminds Candace of the forests that she played in as a child growing up in Monson.

Their participation in this project reflects the Erickson’s commitment to environmental stewardship and community service. “Rick and I believe that land conservation is very important,” Candace noted, “and my parents taught me that if you can give back, you should.”

The Grace M. and Robert S. Fay Woods will be

managed by Opacum Land Trust. Opacum plans to open the property to the public once a parking area and trails are constructed.

Opacum Land Trust works to protect the land, water, and wildlife of south-central Massachusetts through land conservation, stewardship, and education. To date, the organization has protected more than 4,000 acres across the region. To learn more or to make a donation to support OLT’s work, visit [www.OpacumLT.org](http://www.OpacumLT.org).

# Food Drive on Aug. 2

LUDLOW – Help fight food insecurity and support our neighbors. On the first Saturday of each even month (August, October, December) at First Church in Ludlow on 859 Center St.

They will be collecting non-perishable foods from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. please drive through the back parking lot.

They will take your donations out of your car & bring them to the Community Survival Center to be distributed to those in need.

## All About Town

PALMER



### Get to Know Your Town Employees: Amy Hersey

1. What is your favorite thing about the town?

I love how we are in a small town, and the community is so close knit. Everyone helps each other out and are kind to each other for the most part.

2. What do you do in your position?

I am the Administrative Assistant at the Highway/Cemetery Department, and I also work part time at Water and Sewer. I do all the administrative duties needed by the Highway Surveyor and employees of the Highway and Cemetery Department. I answer questions from the public, process incoming mail and email, perform accounts payable and receivable functions, payroll, help with reporting, bidding, and many other functions maintained by Highway. At the Water and

Sewer Department I assist with billing, accounts payable and receivable and assisting the public with inquiries and concerns.

3. Describe an average day at the office?

It can be quiet and calm or it can be noisy and busy! It all depends on what the public needs or what project the Highway Employees are working on. Winter can be crazy when it snows! I am always busy between everyday work or some kind of project going on.

4. Tell me a bit about you. Are you a resident? What’s your education?

I was born and raised in Monson. I did move away for a bit but came back to raise my family. I am a graduate of Monson High School.

5. What other departments or committees/boards

do you work closely with?

We work closely with all the departments. We always try to help each other out. Cemetery, Park and Rec and Water and Sewer we are always coordinating with on projects and assisting each other.

6. What is the most fulfilling part of your job?

Helping and interacting with people daily.

7. What inspired you to take on the position?

I wanted to be close to home, have a less stressful job and have hours where I could be around more for my son. My job can get busy and stressful at times but not nearly as much as what I did prior.

8. Where is your office located? What are your office hours?

We are at 198 Main Street down by the Fire Station and

Water and Sewer Department.

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

There have only been three Highway Surveyors since 1956 so that shows a long-term commitment to the town and the role in the Highway Department. Our department is on call 24/7 to serve the public to make sure they have safe passage on the roadways.

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

It’s more than just answering phone calls and emails. I did not realize how expensive it can be to fix and maintain the roads until I started working behind the scenes. I have a lot of involvement in projects that go on and always have something that keeps me busy.



Courtesy of the Monson Historical Society, Inc.

Rear view of Merrick & Fay Hat Shop.

### Merrick, Fay & Co. Straw Works Hat Factory history presentation on Aug. 3

MONSON – If you have an interest in Monson history, plan to come to the Keep Homestead Museum on Aug. 3 at 1:30 p.m. to hear Bill Dominick share information on the Merrick, Fay, & Co. Straw Works hat factory.

Bill, a board member of the Monson Historical Society, will present a program explaining the straw hat factory’s history from 1830 – 1927. At one time it employed 2,000 people on its Main St. site where the pres-

ent town offices are located. He will also share information about the 2 families who owned the factory and will have historical photos to view.

All are welcome to this free event in the barn and donations are appreciated. The museum will be open for viewing from 1 to 3:30 p.m. with light refreshments.

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

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# MCPC now accepting project applications

MONSON – The Monson Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is now accepting applications for 2025 projects. If you have a community-based project relating to Historical Preservation, Open Space, Recreation, or Community Housing, we encourage you to apply for funding. The deadline for applications is Aug. 28.

Interested applicants can refer to the town website at [www.monson-ma.gov](http://www.monson-ma.gov) for

the CPC guidelines, the application, and qualifications. Applicants are reminded that prior to submitting their applications they must get approval from the appropriate Town committee for your project. This contact information can be found on the first page of the application.

Although the Committee vets the projects, the residents of the Town of Monson make the ultimate funding decisions regarding CPC funds at the

Town Meeting. The Committee also welcomes voter participation and inquiries during its process of evaluating projects to be voted on at the Town Meeting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to attend a CPC meeting, which normally commences at 5:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the small meeting room of the Town Administration Building at 110 Main Street.

The deadline for applica-

tions is Aug. 28 to have your application considered for the town meeting in November.

The Committee would prefer that an application be e-mailed to us up to two weeks prior to the deadline at [monsoncommunitypreservation@gmail.com](mailto:monsoncommunitypreservation@gmail.com). In addition, 8 copies of the proposal must be mailed to (or dropped off either inside or outside the building). Mail to Monson Community Preservation, 110 Main St., Monson, MA 01057.

# Rocky the 'snowman'



Submitted photo by John Maslon  
John Maslon saw this along the Cedar Swamp roadside in Monson and had to snap a photo.... he named him "Rocky" because of his toughness in weathering the grueling extreme temps of the last few weeks....not even breaking a sweat.

# Crafters wanted for Nov. 8

LUDLOW – Crafters Wanted for the Rosary Sodality's Saint Nicholas Craft Fair and Raffle on Saturday, November 8, at Christ the King Church, 41 Warsaw Avenue, Ludlow, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The cost is a non-refundable \$40.00 fee for an 8-ft table which will be provided by the church. To reserve a table/s or for more information contact Debbie Martell at 413-547-8739 or Lorraine Bernier at 413-519-7658.

# PHS Class of '75 to host reunion

PALMER – Join us for our 50th Class Reunion on Oct. 18, 2025, 6 p.m. to 12 a.m. at Tony and Penny's in Ludlow-enjoy dinner, music, and great company. Tickets are \$60 per person. Please RSVP to [ccolburn172@comcast.net](mailto:ccolburn172@comcast.net) for

yourself and guest by Aug. 9.

The payment deadline is Thursday, Sept. 11, 2025.

Please make checks payable to "PHS 75 Reunion" and mail them to:

PHS 75 Reunion, PO Box 213, Palmer, MA 01069-0213

We would like a recent photo if possible, to add to our slideshow. If you would like to share any other photos from high school days, it would be appreciated. Photos can be e-mailed to Cindy at: [ccolburn172@comcast.net](mailto:ccolburn172@comcast.net).

# National Night Out set for Aug. 5

PALMER – The Palmer Police Department will hold its National Night Out on

Tuesday, August 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Palmer Police Department front parking lot, rain or shine. Come

together with friends, family, and neighbors for our annual national night out. A 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. This event is sponsored by the Palmer Police Department.

# First quarter real estate taxes due Aug. 1

PALMER– The Palmer Town Collector would like to remind all taxpayers Fiscal Year 2026 1st quarter real estate and personal property tax bills are due and payable by August 1, 2025.

The Tax Collector's office is accepting credit and debit card payments for property taxes either on the town website at [www.townofpalmer.com](http://www.townofpalmer.com) or at the tax office. There is a sliding scale fee for each bill paid which is passed on to the taxpayer. The fee structure can be viewed on the town website.

If you are making on-

line payments through your bank (EFT's), please set it up to

have the check mailed directly to our office, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA 01069. Do not use the Woburn lockbox address for this type of payment as no bill that would include a scan line is included for processing.

Please call the Collector's office at (413) 283-2601 with any questions pertaining to tax payments. Office hours are Monday 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday thru Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and closed on Friday.



# Palmer Senior Center

## August activities

with a young journalist.

Aug. 8, "The Zone of Interest" is a 2023 historical drama film written and directed by Jonathan Glazer, coproduced among the United Kingdom, the United States, and Poland. Loosely based on the 2014 novel by Martin Amis, the film focuses on the life of German Auschwitz commandant Rudolf Höss and his wife Hedwig, who live with their family in a home in the "Zone of Interest" next to the German concentration camp.

### Coordinator Choice

Aug. 22, "Beautiful Day in The Neighborhood" with Tom Hanks, is a 2019 American biographical drama film

the center will be open from 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. and every Monday after that. Each month we will post what will be taking place in the newsletter, I hope that you can join us and bring along some new friends.

Annual Picnic, on Friday, September 12th from 11 to 2 p.m. at Pulaski Park. Pick up tickets \$10 at the center a week before the picnic

Boston Harbor Cruise on Oct. 9 - \$110 includes transportation & tips, cruise w/ buffet lunch and three rounds of Bingo, onboard DJ. \$55 due at sign up and \$55 due by Aug. 1. The center has acquired another bus. If interested, please sign up at the center.

Upcoming Events Starting Monday, Sept., 8

# Monson Summer Concert Series begins

MONSON – The Monson Lions Club will be holding its 2nd Summer Concert Series at Dave Grieve Park & Gazebo, Main Street, Monson on Tuesday, August 19, 2025.

Free Admission. "Ul-

traviolet", a local Band from Belchertown will be performing from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Food Truck, Fry'd Guys is available for food offerings starting at 5 p.m.

Please bring your chairs,

along with friends and family. Enjoy a beautiful summer evening of great music and delicious food.

Special appreciation to Monson Savings Bank for supporting this Concert Series.



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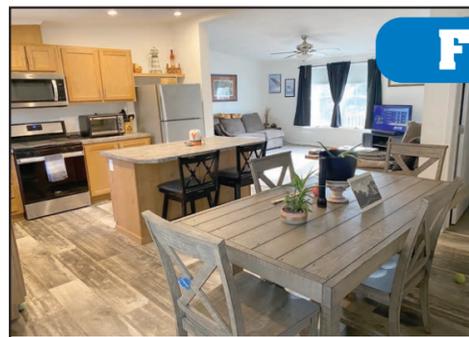
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# Viewpoints

## SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

### I'm turning 70. When should I apply for Social Security?

Dear Rusty:

I have a very simple question: I will turn 70 on Sept. 20 and want to start my Social Security benefits in September.

What month should I file my claim? Have there been delays with the reductions in SSA staff? Thank you for your help.

**Signed: Ready to Claim**

Dear Ready to Claim:

Social Security allows you to submit your application for benefits up to four months prior to the month you wish benefits to start (you will specify your desired benefit-start-month on the application).

Thus, to have your benefits begin in September (the month you turn 70), you can submit your application as early as May 2025. That will give SS plenty of time to get your benefits started on time.

Remember, though, that SS pays benefits in the month following the month earned, so if you start benefits in September, you will receive your first SS payment in October on the third Wednesday.

And, since you will be turning 70 in September you are entitled to full benefits effective from the first of that month. Congratulations on choosing a strategy, which maximizes your monthly payment. By claiming at age 70, your monthly SS benefit will be about 31% more than it would have been at your Full Retirement Age and you will get that higher monthly amount for the rest of your life.

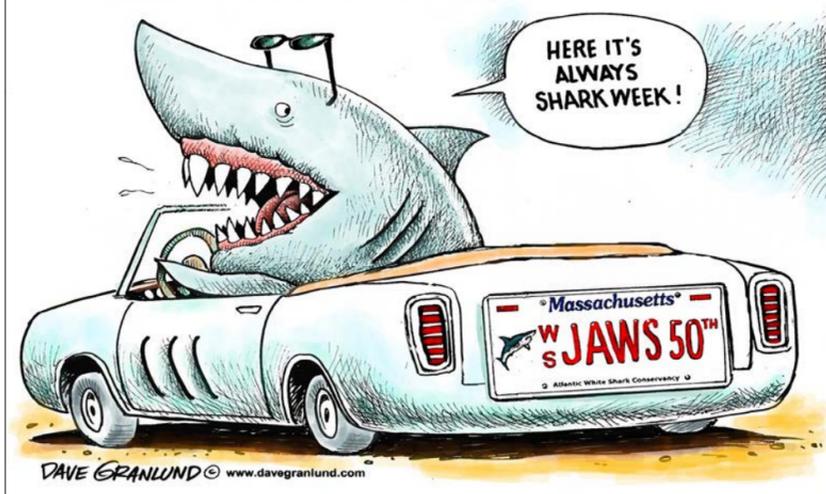
Re your question about possible delays, Social Security staff reductions have not included "front line" agents, those who handle applications, so the SS recent staff adjustments should not likely delay processing your application.

Although some back-office staffing turmoil currently exists at SSA, they have been moving more people to front-line positions to try to improve their service. Just be aware, however, that it normally takes the SSA about two to three months to process new applications, which is why they allow applications up to 4 months in advance. You will specify the month you wish benefits to start on your application. In any case, although your application should be fine if you submit it this month, rest assured that they will pay you starting with the month you requested, even if they must do so retroactively.

FYI, people can apply for Social Security in person by making a telephone appointment to do so at 1-800-772-1213 or they can apply online at [www.ssa.gov/apply](http://www.ssa.gov/apply). To apply online, they need to have first created their "my Social Security" online account at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount). Here is a video which explains the online application process: [www.ssa.gov/hlp/video/iclaim\\_r01.htm](http://www.ssa.gov/hlp/video/iclaim_r01.htm).

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### Massachusetts White Shark lic. plates ...



Male common yellowthroat

### in my BACKYARD

By Ellenor Downer

A Brimfield resident reported a common yellowthroat in his yard.

The common yellowthroat as its name implies has a yellow throat. It also has a long tail and round belly. The males have a black mask with a whitish line above, olive upper parts, yellow throat and yellow under its tail. Females are brownish olive above with a yellow throat and breast. They lack the distinct, black mask of the male.

Yellowthroats are small songbirds about 4 to 5 inches long. The males sing a "wichey-wichey-wichey" song. Both sexes give a full sounding "chuck" note. During migration, the yellowthroat is the most common warbler found in fields and along their edges.

These warblers live in open areas with thick, low vegetation ranging from marsh to grassland to pine forests. The females select a nest location, near or on the ground supported by sedge, reeds, cattails, briars and other low plants. Nests in marshy areas are usually higher off the ground where they are safer from flooding. Sometimes the nest has a roof like the ovenbird nests. They are one of the species that cowbirds lay their eggs in their nests.

People may designate an area of dense or tangled low-growing grasses and other vegetation to attract common yellowthroats to their yards. Yellowthroats prefer larger yards of at least half an acre or more.

#### Phoebe nest

I received an email containing a photo of an Eastern phoebe nest filled with phoebe nestlings. Eastern phoebes nest near humans often selecting a spot over a door or in a shed.

#### Wild turkeys

My grandson and I had to stop and wait for several hen turkeys with their poults to move them along a backroad in Barre. The largest hen led the way, walking down the middle of the road. Three other hens took up the rear with the poults walking all over the place. Some even stopped to explore the edge of the road, but then ran to catch up. Finally, they headed into the grass and woods on the edge of the road.

#### More Brimfield birds

The Brimfield resident said he has seen more birds in his yard since his last email. "Baltimore orioles have been seen more often at the birdbath, probably because of the warm weather we have been having." On a recent day he had a robin, three orioles, cardinals, a titmouse, a chipping sparrow, blue jays, catbirds and a common yellowthroat all stopped by the birdbath and a black and white warbler was seen in the yard.

He said he took down the bird feeders because of bears. "We had a bear make a daytime visit. It was not seen, but we discovered that it had cleaned out the feeding station. All the black oil sunflower seed, two suet cakes, a "log" of compressed seeds and fruit and suet pellets were all gone. Fortunately the bear didn't damage anything or steal any of the feeders which they often do."

His wife checks a town Facebook page and has seen many reports of bears in town and many of them are in the daytime so he figured it was time to take the feeders down. He still throws a seed mix around in several places like he always has and only put handfuls of black oil and whole peanuts in a small try hanging from a Shepard's crook.

He said, "I've started to see young of the year around the yard. Several days ago two juveniles were following an adult male red-bellied woodpecker around, two juvenile Baltimore orioles were seen at the bird bath and I also saw a juvenile chipping sparrow take a bath."

#### Bobolinks

He said, "A few years back I took part in a citizen science project monitoring bobolinks at Moore State Park in Paxton. Because the Mass Department of Conservation and Recreation has failed to maintain two large fields at the park for the benefit of grassland species the bobolink population at the park has declined. Milkweed, multi flora rose, bindweed, crown vetch and other non-grass type vegetation is slowing invading the once grass fields. The first year I monitored the park there were 149 bobolinks seen in the largest field in August but unfortunately the numbers declined every subsequent year."

#### Osprey

This Brimfield resident visits a pond in Warren often to check on an osprey nest. He said, "The osprey nest in Warren may have only produced one young this year. The nest has gotten bigger over the years so I hoping that there are more young in the nest that have been unseen because the nest is deeper now."

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

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## The Pemi Loop at 60

By Julie Midura  
Guest Columnist

Last December, I got this harebrained idea to do something crazy for my birthday this June. It would be my way of proving to myself that 60 isn't as old as it sounds in my head.

The Pemi Loop – called "the second hardest day hike in the United States" by Backpacker Magazine – is a 32-mile hike that encircles the largest wilderness area in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.



With 10 summits and 10,500 feet of elevation gain-along with technical climbs and descents-completing this rugged hike in

one day would be the hardest endurance challenge I had ever attempted. As such, it would require significant training.

But in January, just one month after the idea took hold, life took a turn when our 1-year-old granddaughter, Charlotte, was diagnosed with inoperable brain cancer. Three months later, in April, our middle daughter's high risk pregnancy with twins became more serious when both babies were diagnosed with heart issues.

The nail in the coffin came in May, when our 160-mile backpacking trip on the Appalachian Trail through New Jersey and New York – my one and final opportunity to train for



Submitted Photo

Julie Midura celebrated her 60th birthday on the Pemi Loop.

# 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

- WING MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY SHOP**  
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- AUGUST VENDOR SALES**  
August 5 K and H Jewelry  
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### July 31

Southern Rain plays at Brimfield Winery 35, Main Street, Brimfield.

### August 11

**WALES PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER EVENTS.** Summer Reading through Aug. 11. Amazing Magical Potter's Wheel (registration required) Aug. 4 at 2 p.m., Pop-up Story Time Aug. 6 at 10 p.m., Seashell Votives (registration required) Aug. 7 at 4:30 p.m.

### August 19

**THE MONSON LIONS CLUB WILL BE HOLDING ITS 2ND SUMMER CONCERT SERIES** at Dave Grieve Park & Gazebo, Main Street, Monson on Tuesday, August 19. Free Admission. "Ultraviolet", a local Band from Belchertown will be performing from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Food Truck, Fry'd Guys is available for food offerings starting at 5:00 pm. Please bring your chairs, along with friends and family. Enjoy a beautiful summer evening of

great music and delicious food. Special appreciation to Monson Savings Bank for supporting this Concert Series.

## August

**HITCHCOCK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES** For more information, visit [www.hitchcockacademy.org](http://www.hitchcockacademy.org). Hitchcock Academy is a community center located at 2 Brookfield Road in Brimfield.

**Aug. 6:** Pioneer Valley Flamethrowers, Bluegrass | Crust & Confections

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

**Aug. 20:** UnionJack British Invasion Band, British Invasion | Flippin' the Bird BBQ

All concerts will take place 6-8 p.m. on the Brimfield Town Common. Rain dates are Thursdays.

## ONGOING

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

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

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

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

**QUABOAG VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD:** Members

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

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

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

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

## Viewpoints

### Mild or severe, headaches are just that

It's safe to say that pretty much everyone has experienced a headache at one time or another. A study in Denmark showed a lifetime prevalence in men of 93%, and for women it was 99%.

After all, your head has a lot going on: thinking, breathing, hearing, seeing. And it balances on top of the spinal column, which allows us to walk upright, but may create issues with the seven vertebrae that support it.

For most people, headaches are a minor annoyance, which can be addressed with a bit of over-the-counter pain reliever and maybe a nap. For some people, however, they are debilitating. It's these headaches that are the focus of National Migraine and Headache Awareness Month, which is observed each June.

According to Harvard Medical School, there are some 300 kinds of headaches, and causes are known for only about 10% of them. If you work too hard in the yard on a hot day, you may get a heat-related headache. If you're stressed at work, you may get a tension headache. If your sinuses are infected, you'll likely

get a sinus headache. Hormonal fluctuation during menstruation can bring on headache. And let's not forget hangover headaches.

Children are affected by headache just like adults. Their symptoms may not be as severe or last as long, but it's still good to listen to them when they say, "Mommy, my head hurts."

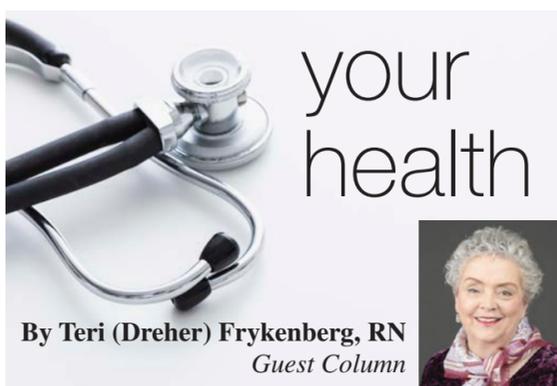
When does a headache become debilitating, and when should you seek medical advice and treatment?

#### Migraine

These painful headaches derive their name from the Latin term *hemicrania*, meaning "half-head" because most migraines are felt on one side of the head. Somewhere between 10% and 15% of the adult population experiences migraine, and they also afflict about 1% of adolescents.

People who have never had a migraine can't really appreciate the intensity of pain. It can make sufferers sensitive to light and cause nausea and vomiting. It can last for hours or days, and the pain may interfere with daily activities.

The reasons for migraine remain something of a mys-



By Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN  
Guest Column

tery. It appears to be some combination of genetic predisposition and environmental factors aggravated by alcohol, hormones, stress, medications and even changes in the weather. You're seeing a lot of commercials for medications that prevent or treat migraines because it's a competitive market with a lot of potential customers: some 40 to 50 million in the U.S. alone.

If you experience a headache that seems to be a migraine, especially if it lasts longer than 72 hours, you should tell your health-care provider. It's helpful to keep a journal of the progression of the head-

your health

ache: where it hurts, what preceded it (sometimes an aura), what you had been eating or drinking, what the weather was, what time of day it was, what particular stresses you were feeling, and how long the headache lasted. These factors will help your doctor diagnose your headache and offer treatment.

The incidence of migraine decreases a lot after menopause, but both women and men seem to experience fewer migraines as they age.

#### When to worry about a headache

Most headaches go away

within a few hours or a day. But some are signs or precursors of serious conditions, including stroke, meningitis, concussion, extreme high blood pressure and aneurysm. Harvard Health says to seek treatment for these:

- Headaches that first develop after age 50
- A major change in the pattern of your headaches
- An unusually severe headache
- Pain that increases with coughing or movement
- Headaches that get steadily worse
- Changes in personality or mental function
- Headaches accompanied by fever, stiff neck, confusion, decreased alertness or memory, or neurological symptoms such as visual disturbances, slurred speech, weakness, numbness, or seizures
- Headaches accompanied by a painful red eye
- Headaches accompanied by pain and tenderness near the temples
- Headaches after a blow to the head
- Headaches that come on abruptly, especially if they wake you up

• Headaches in patients with cancer or impaired immune systems.

A word of caution: Yes, take aspirin, ibuprofen or acetaminophen to treat a minor headache (caffeine can help, too), but don't use them for too long. Overuse of ibuprofen (Motrin) and acetaminophen (Tylenol) is known to cause liver damage.

Finally, if your spouse or partner is a chronic headache sufferer, respect their need for a calming environment and rest. As migraine sufferer Lady Gaga once said, "People need to be more compassionate. Chronic pain is no joke. And it's every day waking up not knowing how you're going to feel."

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the Pemi Loop – ended just six days in. Our youngest daughter had been rushed to the emergency room with a life-threatening pregnancy complication and was forced to deliver the baby five weeks early. (Mom and baby are now doing well.)

Over the last six months, our family has needed us, and my time has been better spent being there for the people I love, rather than spending my weekends training for an epic endurance hike.

So I shelved the idea of a solo, single-day Pemi Loop in favor of completing a 'leisurely' three-day Pemi Loop backpacking trip with my husband instead. After all, we wouldn't really need to train for it...would we?

The short answer, as we discovered last weekend, is

"Yes, you did need to train for it, you fools!"

Although our bodies most definitely took a beating, weary legs and several falls were a small price to pay for admission.

Because I have no desire to carefully preserve this now 60-year-old body. I prefer to use it up until there is nothing left. To wring out every last bit of my youth on adventures and experiences such as this.

You see, although our bodies most assuredly have a shelf life, there are parts of us that will forever remain ageless. And I plan to carry the best parts of my younger self into my older years.

I plan to worry less about "acting my age" and spend more time celebrating it. I plan to scramble up steep rock ledges. Watch the sun rise and set from mountaintops. Sleep in the wilderness.

Slow dance on summits. Kiss...even when someone is watching.

I plan to slide into the next decade, battered, bruised and bandaged, all while yelling, "Dang, what an amazing ride!"

So on our final day of the trip, I was disappointed to hear Tom say, "I hate to tell you this, but this will be my last Pemi Loop."

However, he said the same exact thing two years ago when we completed our fourth Pemi Loop. I'm secretly hoping that hiker amnesia kicks in again in two years when he turns 70. Because don't you agree that there's no better place to become a septuagenarian than on a walk around the largest wilderness area in New Hampshire?

See you in the wild places, my friends.

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## DEADLINE

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**PUZZLE** | from page 1

which emphasizes games, skills, and friendly challenges. The library received puzzle donations from Ravensburger, a well-known puzzle company, adding a surprise twist to the evening: the puzzle design was kept secret in a hidden box until the start time of 6 p.m. to ensure no team had an unfair advantage.

There was no strict time limit for completing the challenge, but organizers aimed to wrap up by 8 p.m. based on January's timing, when the winning team completed their puzzle in just under an hour and a half. This time, the race featured 500-piece puzzles, with each team made up of four members. Due to a few last-minute cancellations, some teams competed with only three members.

"We try to keep the teams at four people, but we had some folks drop last-minute, and we're fitting in new participants where we can," Golenski explained.

What sets this event apart is not just the competitive format, but how seriously some participants are taking it. According to O'Connor, some teams have begun training in advance, borrowing puzzles from the library's free puzzle

exchange area and even developing strategies for fast assembly.

"One of the cool things we've seen is how people are practicing," O'Connor said. "Some teams are coming in regularly to work on puzzles together. They're asking about puzzle-solving techniques...it's really become a social and collaborative experience."

While the atmosphere remained friendly, there was still something to play for. The winning team received miniature trophies; adorably crafted using the library's 3D printer. The small puzzle-shaped trophies are designed to be held in both hands, creating a fun and playful photo opportunity for the victors.

Along with the trophies, small additional prizes were offered for the top team. In the January event, the library recognized both the winner and a runner-up, but this time they focused on awarding just the top finishers. The winning team, One Piece at a Time, won by completing their 500-piece jigsaw puzzle in 46 minutes; very impressive as the winners of January's event took a bit under an hour and a half. The winning team took home their 3D Printed trophies home as well as their choice of Palmer Public Li-

brary merch, and a book of sudoku and crossword puzzles.

From puzzles to origami to dragons and bowling, the Palmer Public Library is making adult summer reading interactive, social, and uniquely engaging. As the Great Puzzle Race demonstrated, learning and community fun can absolutely go hand-in-hand, even one puzzle piece at a time.

The puzzle race is just one in a series of adult summer programs hosted by the Palmer Public Library. Golenski shared that three more events are scheduled before the grand finale in mid-August:

- Origami Workshop with Janet Yelle: Tuesday, Aug. 5, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

A beginner's paper-folding workshop led by local artist Janet Yelle, known for her creative and calming approach to origami.

- Introduction to Dungeons & Dragons: Thursday, Aug. 7, 6 to 8 p.m.

A guided session tailored for adults curious about tabletop roleplaying games, especially those new to D&D.

- Bowling Night Finale at Diamond Junction: Monday, Aug. 11

Two sessions will be held: a family-friendly session earlier in the day, followed by an adults-only (18+) session from 6:45 to 8 p.m.

All events are free, but registration is required. Participants can sign up at [palmerlibrary.org/events](http://palmerlibrary.org/events).



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Members of the winning team One Piece at a Time smile while holding up their mini trophies.



Even with one group finishing the rest continue on in hopes of getting the next best time or beating their own personal best, either way they continue having a fun night out at the library.



The "Jig" is Up team has each member working in sections to combine at the end for a full puzzle.



Three Dog Night (+1) had three players originally, hence the name Three Dog Night, but the two attendees Amy Golenski and Helene O'Connor occasionally stopped by to help them out.



Puzzling Peaces group has two people making the edges while the two others sort out the inner pieces and organize them.



The Missing Piece team brought their own puzzle piece shaped trays to separate pieces into groups in order to keep track of them better.



The Puzzled Quilters (and friend) brought flat white boards to put their pieces on for contrast and to be able to move large parts of the puzzle at one time.



Let's Do This team has each member connecting pieces as they see fit and working as a team.



WCFD's group of ladies just used their first initials to create a group name and is going with the slow and steady strategy, making sure to get the edges out of the way first.



Puzzle Me This focuses on getting the edges built as soon as the pieces are out of the bag.

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## In the classroom

# HBRAWM announces 2025 Trade School Stipend Award recipients

*Supporting the next generation of skilled trades professionals*

REGION – The Home Builders & Remodelers Association of Western Massachusetts (HBRAWM) is proud to announce the recipients of the 2025 Trade School Stipend Awards. Each year, HBRAWM honors outstanding students from local vocational and technical schools with a

\$750 stipend to assist in purchasing the tools they need to succeed in their chosen trade careers.

This year's awardees represent the region's brightest and most dedicated future tradespeople:

- Nathan Kinsey**, Putnam Vocational Technical Academy
- Brent Gallepeau**, Tantasqua Regional High School
- Kyle Krzysztof**, Taconic High School
- Mekellah Jenkins**, Dean Tech High School

**Zachariah Dowd**, Chiscopee Comprehensive High School

**Blake Rahilly**, Pittsfield High School

**Trace Hopkins**, McCann Technical High School

**Cooper Ferguson**, Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School

**Madison Faulconer**, Smith Vocational & Agricultural High School

**Lilly Boucher**, Westfield Technical Academy

"These students have demonstrated outstanding

commitment, craftsmanship, and passion for the trades," said Andrew Crane, Executive Officer of HBRAWM. "We are thrilled to support their journey as they build strong foundations for successful and rewarding careers."

The stipend program is part of HBRAWM's ongoing efforts to promote workforce development in the construction industry by empowering and encouraging young talent across Western Massachusetts.

# HBRAWM announces 2025 Member Scholarship recipients

SPRINGFIELD – The Home Builders & Remodelers Association of Western Massachusetts (HBRAWM) is proud to announce the recipients of its 2025 Member Scholarship Program. Each year, HBRAWM awards eight \$1,000 scholarships to individuals connected to member companies in recognition of their academic achievements, personal commitment, and future potential.

This year's scholarship recipients represent a diverse

group of young individuals with strong ties to the building and remodeling industry. The 2025 awardees and their affiliated member companies are:

- Brittney Ostrander** – L&L Concrete
- Madison Rathbone** – Noonan Energy
- Alexander Dionne** – Fitzpatrick Painting
- Vincent Cristiano Ribeiro** – Ludlow Construction
- Kyle Gamache** – JDR Builders Inc.
- Aaron Gasteyer** –

Kitchen Encounters

**Gabe Bishop** – Modular Building Systems

**Lindsey Bergeron** – NR Bergeron Drywall Contractor Inc.

"These scholarships are a testament to our association's commitment to education, workforce development, and the long-term success of the construction industry," said Andy Crane, Executive Officer of HBRAWM. "We're honored to support these promising individuals and proud of the

member companies that continue to nurture and inspire the next generation."

The HBRAWM Member Scholarship Program is part of the association's ongoing mission to promote professionalism and advancement in the home building and remodeling industries throughout Western Massachusetts.

For more information about the HBRAWM Scholarship Program or to learn how to become a member, visit [www.hbrawm.com](http://www.hbrawm.com).

## Collegenotes

### Matthew Favata named to Dean's List at Georgia Tech

ATLANTA, GA – Matthew Favata of Palmer, MA, made the Dean's List for the Spring 2025 semester at the Georgia Institute of Technology. This designation is awarded to undergraduate students who have earned a 3.0 or higher academic average for the semester.

Learn about Georgia Tech's goal to attract, retain, and inspire more students by visiting Transforming Tomorrow: The Campaign for Georgia Tech, and read more about Georgia Tech's accomplished scholars on Gold Letters: A Spotlight on Student Achievement.

The Georgia Institute of Technology, or Georgia Tech, is one of the top public research universities in the U.S., developing leaders who advance technology and improve the human condition.

### Samantha McGlinchy accepted into ambassador program

MANCHESTER, NH – Anselm College student Samantha McGlinchy from Brimfield, MA, a Politics major and in the class of 2028, has been accepted into the Kevin B. Harrington New Hampshire Institute of Politics (NHIOP) Ambassador Program for the 2025-2026 academic year.

The Kevin B. Harrington NHIOP Student Ambassador Program is a competitive program that offers the students real-world experience and networking opportunities with some of the most influential people in politics and news media. Ambassadors are highly motivated, dedicated students who work closely with the NHIOP staff on public programming and civic engagement work. They assist in event promotion, welcome guests and VIPs, and serve as greeters and ushers. The non-partisan student ambassadors often moderate question-and-answer periods, facilitate book signings, and lead other post-event activities.

Interested students across any major are invited to apply for the program. Through an application and interview process, a new cohort of ambassadors are selected each January. Students can apply at any time during their college career with the interview process taking place in late fall.

## Holyoke Community College to hold Registration Express on Saturday, Aug. 2

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College will hold a special "Registration Express" event for Fall 2025 classes on Saturday, Aug. 2, when prospective students can apply for admission, take the college placement test, meet with an academic adviser, register for classes, and

set up financial aid - all in one day.

HCC's Registration Express event will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first floor of the Campus Center on the main campus at 303 Homestead Ave. and virtually over Zoom.

Fall 2025 classes begin

Tuesday, September 2. HCC also has Flex Start dates on Sept. 15 and Oct. 27.

Registration Express will also be an opportunity for prospective students to learn about MassEducate and MassReconnect, the state's programs for free community college.

"Registration Express at Holyoke Community College provides an opportunity for students to complete the admissions and registration process all in one day and all in one place," said Mark Hudgik, director of admissions and onboarding. "Admissions, financial aid, and advising

counselors will be available to help students get ready for both summer and fall."

Those who can't make it in person can still participate on those days virtually through the Advising Center Zoom link. The Registration Express Zoom link can be accessed through a link on the

Registration Express page on the HCC website: [hcc.edu/re-gexpress](http://hcc.edu/re-gexpress)

For more information, please contact HCC Admissions at 413-552-2321 / [admissions@hcc.edu](mailto:admissions@hcc.edu), visit HCC online at [hcc.edu](http://hcc.edu), or take the next step at [hcc.edu/sign-up-for-classes](http://hcc.edu/sign-up-for-classes).

### 529 education savings plans: More flexible than you think

Planning for your child's education can feel overwhelming, but a 529 education savings plan offers a powerful way to build a financial foundation for their educational future.

One in 4 parents currently invests in a 529 plan, according to 2025 research by Edward Jones and Morning Consult. Perhaps it's because of the tax benefits — earnings are generally tax free if the money is used for qualified educational expenses. Or perhaps it's because of their flexibility.

Types of education. While most people know 529 plans can help cover college and university tuition, these versatile accounts can also pay tuition for vocational and trade schools, making them suitable for students pursuing careers in skilled trades like plumbing, electrical work or culinary arts. Additionally, some apprenticeship programs qualify for these funds. And even K-12 tuition expenses are covered, up to \$10,000 per year for private, public and religious elementary and secondary schools.

Beyond tuition. Withdrawals from a 529 plan can move beyond tuition and cover the cost of room and board for students enrolled at least half-time. They can help pay for books, computers and qualified educational supplies. And a big surprise for some: A 529 plan can help with student loan repayment up to \$10,000 per beneficiary.

Who can contribute. Fortunately, 529 plans welcome contributions from anyone — parents, grandparents, other family and friends. Contributions are treated as gifts to the beneficiary, so most contributors will want to stay within the annual nontaxable gifting limit (which for 2025 is \$19,000 for individuals or \$38,000 for married couples filing jointly).

Interestingly, 1 in 5 parents would prefer for their child to receive 529 contributions as gifts from loved ones, making these accounts perfect for birthdays, holidays and other special occasions.

Multiple children. If you have multiple children, you have options in how you structure your 529 savings. You can maintain separate accounts for each child or use one account for all your children.

Unused funds. You may be concerned about what happens if your child doesn't use all the money. Fortunately, these accounts offer numerous penalty-free options. You can easily change the beneficiary to another qualifying family member, including siblings, nieces, nephews, grandchildren or even yourself as the account owner.

You can also roll funds to another family member's existing 529 plan. If your child receives a scholarship, you can withdraw up to the scholarship amount without penalty (though you'll pay income tax on a portion of the money). The IRS allows an option to roll up to \$35,000 into a Roth IRA for the beneficiary if certain requirements are met. You should consult with your tax advisor on this 529/Roth IRA rollover issue.

State options. It's important to note that 529 plans vary from state to state, and you're not limited to your home state's plan. However, it's smart to examine your home state's offerings first, as many provide special incentives like tax breaks for residents.

When comparing plans, consider factors such as tax benefits, fees, investment options and ease of use. A good financial advisor can help you navigate these choices and identify the plan that makes the most sense for your family's specific situation and goals.

529 education savings plans offer flexibility and tax advantages that help make them an excellent tool for education planning. With their expanded uses and multiple options for unused funds, they can help provide families with both security and adaptability in preparing for their children's educational futures.

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this unique dragon-themed experience to the library for the very first time. "This is my first 'Meet Your Dragon' workshop," Germain shared. "I designed everything here just for today's event."

Upon arrival, children were invited to "adopt" a dragon by choosing from more than 60 digital illustrations. The creatures came in a wide variety of elemental types, including fire, wind, water, snow, crystal, magic, desert, and even "friendly and playful" dragons. Each dragon had a unique name, a pronunciation guide, and a brief description to help young adopters make the perfect choice.

Once their dragon was chosen, each participant took the official Dragon Keeper's Oath, handwritten on scrolls that had been hand-burned around the edges for an old-world feel. "I burnt all these edges myself," Germain laughed. "I didn't even set off the fire alarm once."

Children then signed their scrolls, some in cursive thanks to a previous library workshop, and received a symbolic "gift" from their new dragon in the form of a jasper gemstone. "They'll take this home and research what kind of jasper it is," Germain explained. "It adds a layer of mystery and learning."

Next came bracelet making. With black stretch cord, colorful beads, and the help of binder clips to prevent



spills, each child crafted a custom bracelet featuring their dragon's name. Extra materials like card stock and markers were also available for children who wanted to draw their dragons or design their own interpretations of the creatures.

Carla Germain's passion for the arts stems from her experience homeschooling her autistic daughter during the pandemic. With a background in business and an MBA, she never anticipated returning to her creative roots. "I used to get A's in art and forgot how much I loved it," she said. "Crafting with my daughter brought that back."

Now, Germain regularly works with mixed media, digital illustration, and jewelry-making. She studied under East Hampton artist Donna Estabrooks and is exploring future workshop partnerships with the Valley Artisans in the Hadley Mall, where her daughter Faith's handmade

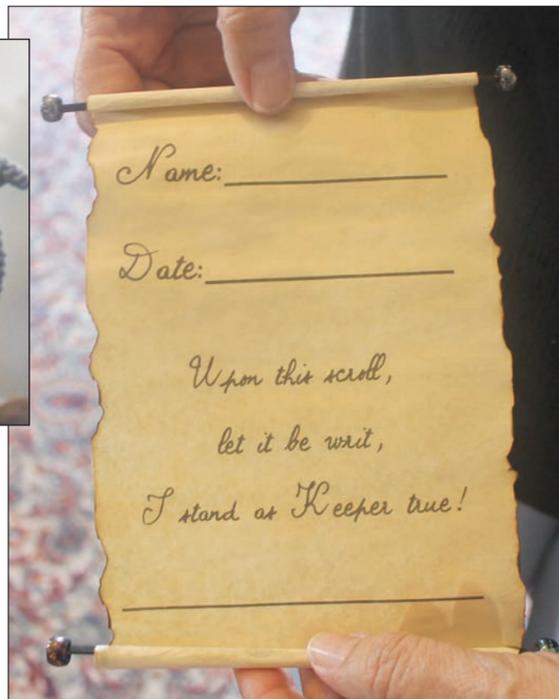
jewelry is on display.

The "Meet Your Dragon" workshop wasn't just about dragons: it was about imagination, self-expression, and the joy of learning through play. And based on the smiling faces and busy hands in the DeSantis Community Room, it was clear that the event struck a chord.

From scrolls and gemstones to dragon names and beads, each child left not just with a handmade creation, but with a story of their own; a story where they are the hero, keeper of a dragon, and brimming with creativity.

As Carla Germain put it, "It's not just about crafts...it's about confidence and imagination. And that's the real magic."

Turley photos by Abigail McCoy  
The dragon eggs and some of the dragons they could choose from.



The homemade Dragon Keeper Oath scrolls Germain made, she even handburnt the edges.



Carla Germain spreads out the various pictures of dragons she acquired for this project.



Carla "The Dragon Lady" Germain explains how they can pick their dragons and find more details on them.



Kids and tweens came from all over town to join in to meet their very own dragon.

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Cedarbrook Village Marketing Director Mary Dembowski accepted a school supply donation from Ware Business & Civic Association Director Dustin Pennington of Pennington Painting.



Submitted photo  
Ellamae Lavalley of TJ's Tavern accepted a school supply donation from American Legion Post Commander Carl Santos

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[the Three River Chamber of Commerce] have been collaborating on events with the Ware Business & Civic Association and Beyond. I reached out to Dan Flynn, President of the organization, to offer a partnership to help students in both of our towns," said Lemieux.

"The WBCA&B accepted our proposal and in further discussions with Flynn, we determined to reach out to Monson based businesses to support their schools," said Lemieux. "The drive would run until Aug. 15 when we would then collect all donations and transport to the central school offices."

Businesses were provided with a poster and sheets of recommended school supplies. Then, a collection box would be placed inside the locations with customers and patrons able to take a list

home for suggested donations.

"Businesses have been very supportive in participating in this drive. We anticipate more joining the effort shortly," said Flynn.

Debbie Campbell, proprietor of TJ's Tavern in Monson was excited to participate.

"Our community reacts strongly to supporting families, this is a wonderful program to support," said Campbell.

Recommended school supply donation

Items include boxes of colored pencils, plastic pencil boxes, erasers, markers, tape, sticky notes, box of crayons (no larger than 24), children's scissors, glue sticks, dry erase markers, single subject notebooks, number 2 pencils, hand held pencil sharpeners, disinfecting wipes, tissues, hand sanitizers and paper towels

Current school supply

drop off locations include Ware locations, Monson Savings Bank, Hakim Medical Center, Dr. Dhillon Family Dentistry, Moulton Insurance, Ware Town Hall and the Ware River News office. Palmer locations include Turley Publications, Just a Little Craft store, J Stolar Insurance Agency and Life's Memories and More. Monson locations include The Better Bean, TJ's Tavern and Monson Savings Bank.

If a business or organization would like to participate as a donation location, contact Lemieux at 413-886-25911 or mnchkn1221@aol.com or Flynn at 413-297-5886 or dflynn@turley.com.

"Our organizations mutual goals include providing support to our local families though the strength of our membership," said Lemieux. "This is one of many ideas we have to continue to engage within our towns."



Monson Savings Bank Branch Manager Shannon Ortona accepted a school supply donation from Ware Business & Civic Association Director Dustin Pennington of Pennington Painting.

# School Supply List

## Suggested School Supply Donations:

- Box of Colored Pencils
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- Thin Set of Crayola Markers
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- 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**  
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 Monson Savings Bank  
 Moulton Insurance  
 Hakim Medical Center  
 Dhillon Family Dentistry  
 Ware Town Hall  
 Ware River News
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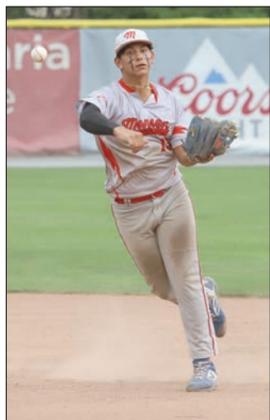
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## BASEBALL



Turley photo by Gregory A. Scibelli Miguel Velasquez makes a throw to first.

## Post 241 beat Falcons

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

WORCESTER – Nate Kaczuwka will be ineligible to play for the Monson Post 241 Legion baseball team in the summer of 2026.

Kaczuwka hurled a three-hitter as Monson stayed alive in the 2025 state playoffs with a 7-1 victory over the Wilbraham Falcons at Fitton Field located on the College of the Holy Cross campus, last Sunday.

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## SOCCER

# Monson posts big win in finale

MONSON – The Monson girls summer soccer team is headed for the B Division playoffs and has the top seed, facing Easthampton in the quarterfinals earlier this week. The Mustangs defeated rival Palmer in their regular season finale last week 8-2. Following this week, the two teams begin preparing for the fall preseason, which starts in late August.



Left, Emma Maziarz looks to navigate away from an opponent. Above, Palmer's Aria Nompleggi goes after the ball.



Adelynn Allard heads up the field.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Audriana Perkins sends a pass forward.



Kaylee Fusco passes away from the traffic.



Anabelle Ladue fights to gain possession.

## BASEBALL

# PeoplesBank advances

HOLYOKE – In a best-of-three games series, the PeoplesBank Tri-County baseball team swept Teddy Bear Pools in two games to advance to the league championship series. St. Joseph's won its series in three games, two games to one, to face PeoplesBank. That championship series was scheduled to begin earlier this week. PeoplesBank defeated Teddy Bear in both games by a final of 7-2.



Rey Rivera gets the out at first for PeoplesBank.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Dave Clark flips a throw to first.



Cam MacDonald sends the ball from third to first.



Seth Allen steals second base.

## BASEBALL

# St. Joseph's heads for finals

PALMER – In a big Tri-County Baseball League Game 3 matchup last week, St. Joseph's defeated Bank-ESB 11-3 to win the semifinal series 2-1 and advance to the

finals. St. Joe's was scheduled to take on rival PeoplesBank in the championship series held earlier this week.



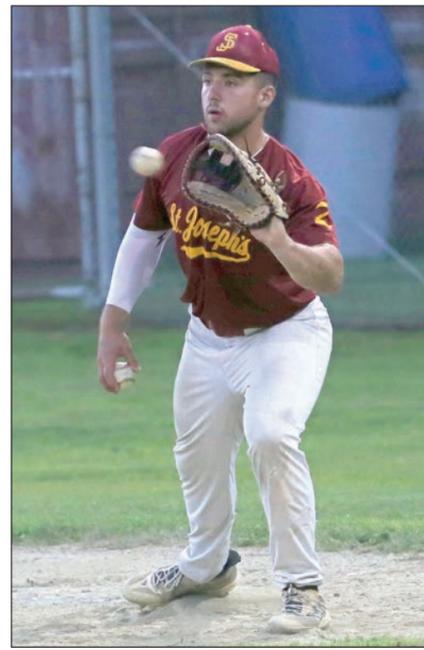
Brandon Magni smothers a grounder.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Jacob Petrin catches a throw down to second.



Jack Feltovic throws a pitch home for the Saints



Joe DeMichele catches an out at first.

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## Athlete of the Week

**Audriana Perkins**  
Monson High School

Perkins was part of a Monson girls soccer team that defeated rival Palmer 8-2 in summer action en route to a top seed in the B Division playoffs.

*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](mailto:gscibelli@turley.com).*

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## Candlepin League News

By Ryan Drago  
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### Summer Edition

**EAST BROOKFIELD** – It is week 12 as the Wednesday Mixed Summer League at Bogey Lanes nears the end of the season.

With only two weeks left, Sophia's Raiders have a comfortable lead in first place with a record of 73-23. Kristen's Squad move into second place with a record of 54-42. The Gutter Dolls are in third place with a record of 53-43.

During week 12, Sophia's Raiders bowled against Team No Shows. In game one, Sophia's Raiders won against No Shows by a score of 454-425. Trevor Kenneson bowled a 112 in game one.

In game two, No Shows got the victory by a score of 472-442. Ryan Drago of No Shows bowled a 121 and Pete Swistak bowled a 104.

In game three, Sophia's Raiders won the last game

by a score of 426-401. Phil Clough of Sophia's Raiders finished the match with a 107 and Swistak finished with a 106. The final score was 1322-1298 in favor of Sophia's Raiders.

Kristen's Squad bowled against Rolling Stones this past week. In game one, Kristen's Squad bowled well and won by a score of 483-419. Emily Black of Kristen's Squad bowled well over her average with a 107 and her teammate Bob Button bowled a 126.

In game two, Rolling Stones won by a score of 424-411. In game three, Kristen's Squad won by a score of 413-404. The final score was 1307-1247 in favor of Kristen's Squad, who are now in second place.

Gutter Fingers bowled against Gutter Dolls in week 12. In game one, Gutter Fingers won by a score of 444-422. In game two, Gutter Fingers won again by a score of 450-422. In game three, Gutter Fingers won by a score of 439-434 to sweep the Gutter Dolls. The final

score was 1333-1278 in favor of Gutter Fingers.

The Gutter Snipes bowled against their average in week 12 and won two points. Marc Vinciulla had a good game during game one with a 129. The Gutter Snipes are currently in eighth place with a record of 44-52.

Straight Shooters bowled against Clock Barn this past week. In game one, Clock Barn tied with Straight Shooters by a score of 452-452. In game two, Clock Barn won a close game by a score of 432-426.

In game three, Clock Barn won another close game by a score of 423-420. Clock Barn received seven points as they won total pinfall by a final score of 1307-1298. Clock Barn has a record of 28-68 after twelve weeks of bowling.

With a comfortable lead, it looks like Sophia's Raiders have clinched first place to win this year's summer league on Wednesday nights at Bogey Lanes. The league will end in a couple weeks followed by a banquet.

## Blue Sox score win over Bristol

**HOLYOKE** – The Valley Blue Sox hosted the Bristol Blues in what was a phenomenal game. Bristol (25-17) scored two runs in the top of the second. Blues' Dean Oneill singled, which was then followed by a Thomas Ahlers single. The first baseman Trevor Hansen smacked a double into left to score Oneill and Ahlers. The Blues were in business up 2-0.

Valley (19-21) responded in the bottom of the fourth inning. Second baseman Sean Darnell singled into left for the Blue Sox's first hit of the night.

An E4 by Bristol's Danny Infante allowed Michael Elko to advance to first. John LaFleur then came up to the plate. He doubled off the right field wall to score Darnell and advance Elko to third. Tim Ford hit a sac-fly to right, which

scored Elko and advanced LaFleur to third. Valley's Catcher, Hayden Perry singled, scoring LaFleur to give the Blue Sox the lead 3-2 after four innings.

The Blues found their offensive footing in the top of the fifth. Tyler Benick reached first on a walk. Blue Sox's Starting Pitcher Conor Wolf got replaced by Jake Andrews with one out in the inning. Andrews struck out the first batter he faced, that being Infante. Kristopher Giangreco walked to

put another runner on base for Bristol. The three-hole hitter, Gianni Merlonghi, ripped a single into shallow right field, scoring Benick to tie the game at 3-3. Valley's relief pitcher Andrews, got out of the inning by striking out

Oneill to limit the damage to one run.

In the bottom of the sixth the Blue Sox's First Baseman Elko blasted a homer into right field as the crowd roared in cheers. Valley was now up 4-3 after the go ahead homer by Elko. Blue Sox Head Coach Endy Morales was hyped after the homer. "He's unbelievable. Off the field he's a high character guy and on the field he does all the little things right." Ford then lined a single in the gap into left but then got caught on a pickoff by Bristol's Pitcher Mason Glickman. The Blue Sox were not able to score more runs after the homerun but reclaimed the lead to end the inning.

No more runs were scored and the game ended 4-3 in favor of Valley. Morales gave his thoughts on the game. "I thought we pitched really well. We got ahead of a bunch of hitters and that makes a big difference when you're getting ahead."



## QVBL set to host second league

Following up on the resounding success of its inaugural campaign, the Quabbin Valley Baseball League, an over-28 adult baseball league will hold its second Fall League this September and October.

Seeking to create a similar competition environment to its spring/summer league, Quabbin Valley, with contributions from the Valley Wheel Over-28 Baseball League, created a four-team fall league last year featur-

ing the Braves, Dodgers, Cardinals, and Twins.

Those same four teams are set to return and each team tends to have openings on them. Additionally, the league is open to welcoming more teams in to the league if it finds enough interest.

While the fall league schedule is still under construction, it will mostly feature Sunday morning games played with wood-bat only, which is customary for fall baseball.

The cost to play will likely range from \$40 to \$60 for the eight-game schedule. Players from outside the Quabbin League may also pay a small fee for insurance as well. To express interest in the league, you can email the coordinators of the league at either [GScibelli22@yahoo.com](mailto:GScibelli22@yahoo.com) or [ikhandfield@gmail.com](mailto:ikhandfield@gmail.com). Scheduled and team placement for unaffiliated players will be finalized in mid-to-late August. Please join in the fun this fall.

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"Unless we can make a heck of a run in the state playoffs, this was the last start of my legion career," Kaczuwka said. "Being the winning pitcher in my final start is a great way to go out."

Monson, who finished the regular season with a 7-6 record, began the playoffs with a 7-1 loss to Shrewsbury Post 297, who were the top-seeded and host team in the Region 3 pod.

The Wilbraham Falcons (7-6), who finished tied with Monson in the District 3 standings, lost 5-4 to Lowell Post 87 in the opening round game.

At the start of the regular season, the Falcons squeaked out an 8-7 home win against Monson.

"We lost a close game to Wilbraham at the beginning of the season," said Monson

manager Steve Tripp. "We had some timely hits, and we broke the game open after the rain delay in the sixth inning."

Monson held a slim 2-1 lead when it began raining with one-out in the sixth inning. The members of the grounds crew began rolling out the tarp in left field before the home plate umpire stopped the game.

When play resumed 30 minutes later, Wilbraham righty Anthony Ardolino, who played baseball at Pope Francis, recorded his seventh strikeout which was the second out of the frame.

Monson would send six more batters to the plate before the final out of the inning was made.

"We just stayed focused in the dugout during the rain delay," said Monson catcher Kyle Kaczuwka. "We managed to pull away after that."

Monson third baseman Brayden Mega kept the in-

ning alive with a line-drive single to right field. Then Dylan Holbrook, who had been a pinch hitter two innings earlier, was safe at first base following a throwing error by the third baseman.

Centerfielder Zack Youngberg, who attends Worcester Academy, greeted relief pitcher Robert Bouchard by hitting a hard ground-ball single into left field scoring the first run of the inning. Two more runs crossed the plate when Kyle Kaczuwka (3-for-4) blasted a triple that bounced off the center field fence.

"Kyle is our best hitter," Tripp said. "He was our starting catcher in today's game, but he can also play any in-field position. He just loves playing baseball."

Second baseman Miguel Velasquez continued Monson's rally with an RBI single to right field, which gave Monson a 6-1 advantage.

Then Nate Kaczuwka, who was the ninth batter of the inning, also hit a triple down the rightfield line scoring another run.

The righthander then kept Wilbraham off the scoreboard during the final two innings finishing his complete game performance.

Monson took a 1-0 lead with no-outs in the top of the second inning.

Velasquez, who hit a leadoff single, scored the first run of the game when Nate Kaczuwka doubled to left. It could've been a much bigger inning for Monson, as they left the bases loaded.

Wilbraham tied the score in the bottom half of the frame.

Bouchard, who began the game in centerfield, drew a walk before advancing to second base following a wild pitch. After the next batter flied out to right, leftfielder Ethan Steigmeyer drove

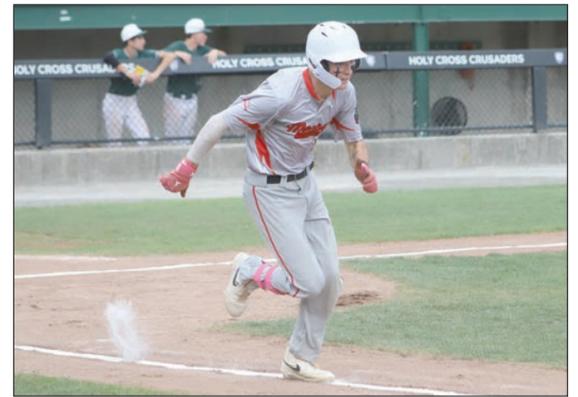
home Bouchard with a single.

Wilbraham's other two base hits were by shortstop Luke Stejna and first baseman Liam Howe.

Monson quickly retook the lead in the next inning with an unearned run. Kyle Kaczuwka knocked home the go-ahead run with a single to left.

Post 241 made another trip to Worcester less than twenty four hours later and played another elimination game.

"My older brother pitched a great game, and it feels great winning our first playoff game," Kyle Kaczuwka said. "We just need to take it one day at a time."



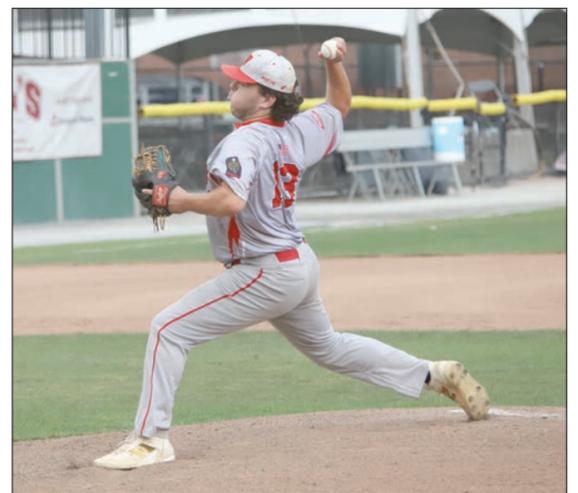
Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli  
**Shane Szado hustles down the first base line.**



**Hunter Sherman takes a swing.**



**Matt Santos ranges left to field a grounder.**



**Nathan Kaczuwka throws a pitch home.**

# Ron Silk conquers Monadnock Speedway

WINCHESTER, New Hampshire – After a series record eight different to open the year, Sunday's Cheshire County Clash 200 at Monadnock Speedway yielded the first repeat winner of the 2025 NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour season.

Ron Silk would be the one to snap the streak, earning his first Monadnock victory with the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour in the process. The triumph did not come without drama for Silk, who collided with race leader Patrick Emerling in Turn 3 with

30 laps remaining, sending the latter for a spin.

Silk attributed the collision to two drivers going for the win. Although he was disappointed to see Emerling spin after the contact, Silk was more than satisfied to finally visit Victory Lane at Monadnock in his 15th appearance.

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Matt Hirschman celebrates after claiming the Whelen Short Track Cup for the second time during the Cheshire County Clash 200 for the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour at Monadnock Speedway in Winchester, New Hampshire on July 20, 2025. (Photo: Jaiden Tripi/NASCAR)

Bonsignore held on to finish second while Hirschman secured third, which enabled him to claim his second Whelen Short Track Cup. Hirschman endured an odys-

sey just to reach the top five, as a mistake in qualifying relegated him to 20th on the starting grid.

By utilizing strategy and persevering with a car not to his liking, Hirschman narrowly edged out his Mud Lane neighbor Austin Beers for the Whelen Short Track Cup and a \$3,500 bonus courtesy of JDV Productions.

"I did not think this was possible," Hirschman said. "I do think we gave it away last night, but we ended up with a third place finish with a car that felt like it was on six or

seven cylinders. My guys worked hard, nobody knows what the problem is, but it's nobody's fault. The Cup wouldn't have even been a contest if we finished remotely close to where we should have last night.

"I feel like I drove my rear end off today with what I had."

Anthony Nocella and Trevor Catalano made up the rest of the top five. Rounding out the top 10 at Monadnock were Joey Cipriano III, Luke Baldwin, Emerling, Beers and Tommy Catalano.



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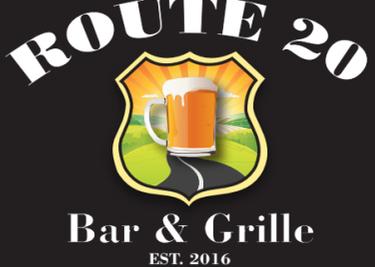
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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS HAMPDEN SUPERIOR COURT**  
**Docket No. 2579CV00303**  
**FRANCES BENOIT, et al.**  
 v.  
**BEECHSTONE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, Q2022, LLC, ELIEZER SINGER A/K/A ELLIOT SINGER, CHARLES SHEMANO A/K/A CHAIM SHEMANO, AKIVA FEINSOD and RAYMON SHEPPARD**  
 v.  
**QUINEBAUG COVE CAMPGROUND COOPERATIVE, INC.**  
**TO: RAYMON SHEPPARD**  
 (now or formerly of Brimfield, Massachusetts, East Hampton, New York, Glens Falls, New York, Saratoga, New York or Noth Carolina) and all other persons interested;

**You are being sued.** The Plaintiff(s) named above has started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiff's Complaint filed against you has been filed in the HAMPDEN SUPERIOR COURT. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Court's public records at <https://www.masscourts.org/eservices/home.page.6> or from Plaintiff's Attorney at the address below.

**YOU MUST ACT PROMPTLY TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS**

**1. You must respond to this lawsuit in writing.** If you do not respond, the Court may decide the case against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the Complaint. You will also lose the opportunity to tell your side of the story. You must respond to this lawsuit even if you expect to resolve this matter with the Plaintiff. If you need more time to respond, you may request an extension from the Court.

**2. How to Respond.** To respond to this lawsuit, you or your attorney must file a written response with the Court and mail a copy to the Plaintiff's Attorney. You can do this by:

a) Filing your signed original response with the Clerk's Office for Civil Business, Hampden Superior Court, PO Box 559, Springfield, MA 01102, by

mail, in person, or electronically through the web portal [www.eFilema.com](http://www.eFilema.com) AND

b) Delivering or mailing a copy of your response to the Plaintiff's Attorney at the following address: Christopher M. Hennessey, Cohen Kinne Valicenti & Cook LLP, 66 West Street, Suite 201, Pittsfield, MA 01201, [chenhennessey@cohenkinne.com](mailto:chenhennessey@cohenkinne.com) before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the 1st day of October, 2025.

**3. What to Include in Your Response:** An "Answer" is one type of response to a Complaint. Your Answer must state whether you agree or disagree with the fact(s) alleged in each paragraph of the Complaint. Some defenses, called affirmative defenses, must be stated in your Answer or you may lose your right to use them in Court. If you have any claims against the Plaintiff (referred to as "counterclaims") that are based on the same facts or transaction described in the Complaint, then you must include those claims in your Answer. Otherwise, you may lose your right to sue the Plaintiff about anything related to this lawsuit. If you want to have your case heard by a jury, you must specifically request a jury trial in your Court no more than 10 days after sending your Answer.

Another way to respond to a Complaint is by filing a "Motion to Dismiss," if you believe that the Complaint is legally invalid or legally insufficient. A Motion to Dismiss must be based on one of the legal deficiencies or reasons listed under **Rule 12 of the Massachusetts Rules of Civil Procedure**. If you are filing a Motion to Dismiss, you must follow the filing rules for "Civil Motions in Superior Court," available at:

[www.mass.gov/law-library/massachusetts-superior-court-rules](http://www.mass.gov/law-library/massachusetts-superior-court-rules)

**4. Legal Assistance.** You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you cannot get legal help, some basic information for people who represent themselves is available at [www.mass.gov/courts/selfhelp](http://www.mass.gov/courts/selfhelp).

**5. Required Information on All Filings.** The "Civil Docket No." appearing at the top of this notice is the case number

assigned to this case and must appear on the front of your Answer or Motion to Dismiss. You should refer to yourself as the "Defendant."

WITNESS, Hon. Michael D. Ricciuti, Chief Justice, on 7/23/2025

Laura S. Gentile, Clerk of Courts  
 Attorney for Plaintiffs:  
 Christopher M. Hennessey  
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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampshire Division Docket No. HS25P0404EA Estate of: Louise Mae Dickinson Date of Death: April 28, 2025 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Carol MacGillivray of Holland, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate. **Carol MacGillivray of Holland, MA**

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 07/31/2025

**Town of Monson Planning Board PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 5, the Monson Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, August 19th, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.** in the **Auditorium of Granite Valley School 29 Thompson Street, Monson.** It is proposed to amend § 6.23 Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Photovoltaic Installations, amend existing §1.7 Definition and add definitions as needed as it relates to Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Photovoltaic Installations. A copy of the complete text of the proposed bylaw amendments are on file with the Monson Town Clerk, the Planning Board, and is available on the Town website. Craig Sweitzer, Chairman Monson Planning Board 07/31, 08/07/2025

**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. HD25C0236CA In the matter of: Matthew Russell Kenyon CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**  
 A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by **Matthew Russell Kenyon of Monson, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**Matthew Russell Burke IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
 Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/22/2025.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
 Date: July 23, 2025  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**  
 Register of Probate  
 07/31/2025

**Section 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT TO BID MGL c.30 §39M Over \$50K**

The **MONSON HOUSING AUTHORITY**, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the Parking Improvements at State Aided Development: Colonial Village (667-1) in Monson, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by **GRAVES ENGINEERING, INC.**

The Project consists of but not limited to: Construction of new parking area with associated walkways and stormwater management features.

The work is estimated to cost **\$192,500.00.**

All bidding Requests for Information (RFIs) shall be submitted online by 08/01/2025 at 5:00PM EDT for general bids.

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.30§39M and to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §26 to 27H inclusive.

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**General Bids will be received until 13 August 2025 at 1:00PM EDT and publicly opened online, forthwith.**

General bids and sub-bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (including all alternates) and made payable to the **MONSON HOUSING AUTHORITY**. Note: A bid deposit is not required for Projects advertised under \$50,000.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for review at [biddocs.com](http://biddocs.com) (may be viewed and downloaded electronically at no cost).

The Contractor and all sub-contractors (collectively referred to as "the Contractor") agree to strive to achieve minority and women workforce participation. The Workforce Participation benchmark is set at 6.9% for

women and 15.3% for minorities. The Workforce benchmark percentages are a statutory requirement under MGL c. 149 § 44A(2)(G).

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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS BONDSVILLE FIRE & WATER DISTRICT BONDSVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS STATE STREET WATERLINE EXTENSION PROJECT**

Sealed Bids for the construction of the State Street Waterline Extension Project Contract No. 2025-01 will be received, by the Bondsville Fire and Water District, at the office of the Bondsville Fire and Water District, 3174 Main Street, Bondsville, MA 01009, until **2:00 PM local time on Wednesday, August 27, 2025**, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project consists of connecting into the existing 12-inch watermain on High Street. Installation of approximately 5,000 linear feet of 12-inch and 16-inch waterline along State Street to the intersection with Jim Ash Street where it will be constructed to the entrance of the access road for the proposed new water tank. The project includes all the associated valves, hydrants, connecting the existing customers to the new watermain as well as installing 23 new service lines to the curb stops to the properties with existing homes on them. Final restoration shall include permanent trench pavement and loaming and seeding.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis. Bidders must meet the minimum experience requirements set forth in Article 3 of the Instructions to Bidders (Section C-200) in the contract documents. MassDOT prequalification of contractors with the class of work as Sewer & Water for the project with an estimated value of \$2,631,025 will be required. The Project is funded by the USDA Rural Development. The Project has an expected duration of 180 days.

A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on **Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 2:00 PM at Bondsville Fire & Water District Office, 3174 Main Street, Bondsville, MA 01009.** All prospective bidders are encouraged to attend. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or reject any or all bids. A bid which includes, for any item, a unit cost that is abnormally low or high may be rejected as unbalanced. The right is also reserved to accept any bid deemed to be best for the interest of the Bondsville Fire and Water District.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: McClure Engineering, Inc. 119 Worcester Road, Charlton MA 01507. Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

Contract Documents may be obtained electronically at [www.accentblueprints.com](http://www.accentblueprints.com). Hard copies may be obtained for a fee by completing an order online or

by calling 978.362.8038. Completed orders may be picked up at the office of Accent Printing located at 99 Chelmsford Road, North Billerica, MA 01862 (978.362.8038), from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Offices will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of the Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office or Accent Printing.

Section 746 of Title VII of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 (Division A -Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017) and subsequent statutes mandating domestic preference applies an American Iron and Steel requirement to this project. All listed iron and steel products used in this project must be produced in the United States. The term "iron and steel products" means the following products made primarily of iron or steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and construction materials. The minimis and minor components waiver apply to this contract.

OWNER: Bondsville Fire and Water District  
 Date: July 30, 2025  
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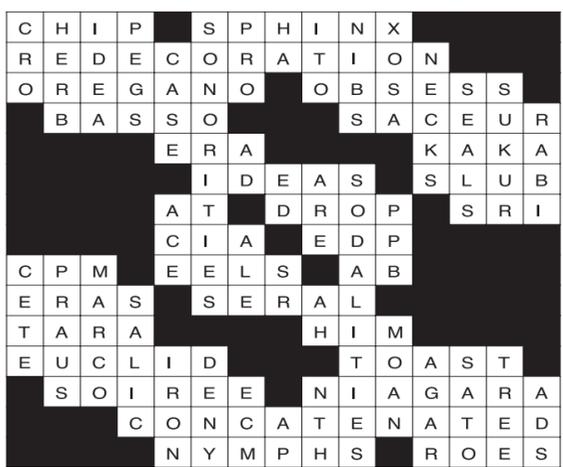
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# Obituary

## Olive M. Kapinos

1926 - 2025

BONDSDVILLE – July 3, 2025 Olive went home to be with the Lord, her beloved husband Lewis along with family and friends who have passed from this life before her. Born September 15, 1926, in Ft. Myers, Florida to Mark and Almena Bateman. She grew up and lived on the family farm. She worked at a gas station during World War II. That is where she met the love of her life, Lewis Kapinos, who was stationed at the Army base, Buckingham Field. He would hang around the gas station until she was off duty. They married in 1946 and moved to Bondsville, Massachusetts where Lewis's family resided. They had five children: Linda, Stanley, Mary, Anne and Pauline. Mom was a very gracious southern lady, and her family was what she lived for. She loved Sunday drives and

Sunday suppers with the whole family. She loved cooking and baking and made the best decorated cakes for our birthdays and holidays. Her favorite television show was Perry Mason which unfortunately was on at the same time she was cooking supper! What's burning mom? Always ready to travel the United States she would have a suitcase ready at a moment's notice. She would be happiest if they were traveling to see family. She loved playing games with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, teaching all how to play different card games, especially canasta. Jigsaw puzzles were another favorite to enjoy with the family. She enjoyed the Wednesday night canasta games with her friends, Anna Belisle, Mary Fautex, Vi Pietras, and Adele Gaudette.

Bowling was Sunday night and ceramics was a weekly outing. She had a sense of humor and once poured a glass of water down Lewis's back when he was being a wise guy. She loved it when her girls joined her to gang up on her son for a snowball fight. If the family was around, she was happy. However, if she used your middle name, you knew you were in trouble. She is predeceased by her husband Lewis Kapinos, her son Stanley Mark Kapinos, her sister-in-law Pauly Kapinos. All her siblings: Jeanne Perry and husband Frank, Vivian Styles and Roger, Charles Bateman and wife Dorothy, Mark G. Bateman and his wife Shirley Richmond Bateman. Her nephews Jeffrey Clay and



Mark James Nytko and husband Damon Nytko. Great grandchildren: Ashley and John Satkowski, Nathaniel, Patrick and Owen Levia, Lauren Gassnola, Ryan and Ryleigh Nytko, Jackie Davis, and Reagan and Sloan Kapinos, Emily Kozuh. Nieces and nephews: Lila Perry Sleeper and husband Chuck, Jane Perry, Clint Bateman and wife Robin. A Visitation Period will take place on Monday, Oct. 6, 2025, from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. in Motyka Funeral Home, 2186 Main St., Three Rivers. A Funeral Mass will be offered on Monday, Oct. 6, 2025, at 10 a.m. in Divine Mercy Parish, 2267 Main St., Three Rivers. Olive will be laid to rest in St. Anne's Cemetery in Three Rivers following the mass. For more information and an online guest book, please visit: www.cebulafuneralhome.com.

Pauline Kozuh and Chuck Burr, Anne Morin and Tom Hendy and daughter in law Virginia Kapinos. Grandchildren: Christopher Satkowski and wife Saki, Sara Morin Levia and husband Del, Caroline Morin, Vicki Kapinos Davis and husband Tomas, Steven Kapinos and wife Christine, Pamela Kapinos Hogan and husband Chris, Jason Kozuh and wife Alison, Beth Russell

### DEATH NOTICES

**Kapinos, Olive M.**  
Died July 3, 2025  
Services Oct. 6  
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part of the evening centered on a continued public hearing for a proposed gravel removal and grading project at Stafford Road, part of the so-called Equestrian Estates development.

Attorney Josh Levine and civil engineer Jeff Labeaux of Sherman & Frederick presented updated plans for the site, joined by the property owner, Bob. The proposal involves removing and grading approximately 5.9 acres to accommodate a future single-family home and horse barn. The site would see up to 43 feet of cut near the proposed barn and as much as 13 feet of fill in the driveway area, which would climb in grade from 2% to 14% in segments.

Drainage plans include catch basins, benches, and

anti-tracking pads. However, environmental and safety concerns dominated the discussion.

Glenn Colburn of the Conservation Commission raised red flags over erosion controls, the capacity of silt sacks, and the potential for stormwater to impact downstream properties. "This is a gravel removal operation in a rural residential area... I think this is a heck of a lot of work to accomplish what we're doing here," Colburn remarked.

Traffic was another point of concern. The applicant had estimated truck traffic at fewer than three per hour, roughly 27 trips per day, but Colburn emphasized that this figure must be doubled to account for both inbound and outbound trips, raising the count to 54.

The board discussed the need for a potential peer re-

view, bonding requirements, and additional input from town counsel regarding the scope of zoning bylaws.

The proposed work week would run Monday through Friday, with no Saturday work except for minor equipment maintenance. Questions were also raised about the timing and storage of loam removal, and it was confirmed that an EPA notice of intent has not yet been filed; a necessary step under the general construction permit.

The ZBA opted not to vote on the matter. Instead, they agreed to conduct a full site visit before the next meeting and to seek legal and technical guidance. "We're carefully going through this. We've been here before. You've been here before... We're going to find our way through this and make the best decision we can on it," said Chair Fussell.



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# Business

## Local artisans shine at tent sale

By Abigail McCoy  
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PALMER – At the corner of creativity and sustainability sits The Mermaid and the Mariner, a charming artisan cottage nestled in Palmer, Massachusetts. On a recent July afternoon, the little cottage buzzed with activity as shoppers explored the popular July Tent Sale, a seasonal event hosted by owners Elaine and Mark Fuller. With more than 37 local vendors represented, the cottage showcased everything from repurposed furniture to handmade children's clothing; each item bearing the unique signature of a local maker.

"We've been doing the business since 2015, but we opened the brick-and-mortar cottage in 2021," said Elaine Fuller, who co-owns the business with her husband, Mark. "We pride ourselves in refashioning, repurposing, and upcycling...so it's great for the environment, and the talent here is just endless."

Walking into The Mermaid and the Mariner is like stepping into an ever-evolving treasure chest. The shop boasts an eclectic collection of handmade goods; no single style dominates, and that's the point. Fuller emphasized the diversity of the offerings: "I like to show people a slice of what we have, because there's no one style. It's an eclectic mix."

Much of the work is grounded in sustainability. Mark Fuller, a skilled woodworker, began the couple's business by crafting benches out of vintage headboards; reclaiming solid wood otherwise headed for the dump. He also makes coat racks and refines

discarded furniture into statement pieces.

"We don't take cheap or fake wood...it's got to be solid," said Elaine. "It's a win-win situation. You're helping the environment and getting something that lasts."

The Fullers, both retired, now run the shop together, making it a true labor of love.

Held four times a year, the tent sales are a major highlight for the business and the community. The July event served as both a summer clearance and an opportunity to introduce newly featured vendors.

"Right now we have a special: if someone buys a place setting, they get a free silverware ornament," Elaine said. That kind of creative recycling is standard here. Five different vendors make jewelry from antique silverware; turning spoons and forks into rings, bracelets, and even Christmas ornaments.

Some vendors specialize in textiles. One such artisan, Debbie Nacewicz, repurposes men's shirts into aprons and fashionable women's tops, adding frills and flair to each creation.

"I've been doing this for about four or five years," Nacewicz said, proudly showing off one of her handmade aprons. "It's fun and it gives these old shirts a new life."

Nancy Roy, another vendor at the sale, partners with her friend Janet to run Handmade for Kids, a business dedicated to children's clothing and accessories.

"We do things all the way from doll clothes to items for babies and young kids," said Roy. "Most of our clothing fits infants up to about size 6 or 8."



Sister duo, Donna Tapply and Karen Lajoie, craft handmade bowls and ceramic inserts to be used as bread warmers or decorative centerpieces.

Their colorful fabric book pillows are a hit with families, especially since they can be personalized with a child's name; making them ideal gifts for birthdays or baby showers.

Sisters Donna Tapply and Karen Lajoie brought a unique blend of mixed media to the event. Donna creates handmade woven bowls, while Karen crafts ceramic inserts that fit perfectly inside them, transforming each piece into a functional and beautiful bread warmer.

"We have joint items and separate items," said Donna. "But we love to collaborate. It's a fun process."

The pair have their own craft businesses but craft together more often than not, and their pottery-and-fiber fusion drew plenty of attention from curious shoppers looking for something truly one-of-a-kind.

Elaine noted that The Mermaid and the Mariner has



Debbie Nacewicz upcycles men's shirts into women's tops and aprons, blending rustic and whimsical fashion.

long supported local artisans and is proud to partner with publications like the Journal Register.

"We've advertised with the paper for a long time," she said. "It's great to see that



Turley photos by Abigail McCoy  
The Mermaid and The Mariner stands as a very eccentric cottage at 245 Palmer Rd, Monson.



Elaine Fuller, one of the owners of The Mermaid and the Mariner, specializes in repurposed furniture, including benches made by her husband from vintage headboards and coat racks that she sources.

come full circle with coverage like this."

The shop is open Thursday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and is located at 245 Palmer Rd, Monson. With its focus on handcrafted, environmentally conscious goods, the shop continues to serve as a hub for makers and mindful shoppers alike.

"It really is better," said

Elaine, referring to the quality of upcycled goods. "Better for the environment, better for local business...and it just holds up better."

If you missed the July Tent Sale, don't worry: The Mermaid and the Mariner will host its next event this September, highlighting autumn-themed pieces and fresh seasonal designs.

## River Hollow Family Golf reopens under new ownership

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MONSON – River Hollow Family Golf in Monson is officially back in business; and under new ownership, it's not just reopening, it's being reimagined. After a period of uncertainty, the much-loved local mini golf course and driving range has been purchased, renovated, and revitalized by two families with deep roots in the community and a shared vision for building something lasting.

The property was officially acquired on May 15 by Marcel and Jodie Nunes and Lou and Shannon Teixeira, the men being longtime friends and Jodie and Shannon are business partners who also co-own a bar in Ludlow. The idea had been quietly in the works for about a year, beginning with conversations between Marcel Nunes and Tony Goncalves, the previous owner. "We were talking to Tony before he passed away," Nunes explained. "We didn't know he was terminally ill. He passed away in early May, and then his wife reached out to us because she still wanted to sell it. So we did."

Though the circumstances were somber, the new owners stepped in with purpose. Almost immediately after taking possession, the two couples

began cleaning, restoring, and updating the facility. "We've done quite a bit of work," said Jodie. "We remodeled the mini golf course, painted everything, installed new decking; it used to be very dark brown, and now it's bright and colorful. We wanted to make it feel fresh and welcoming."

River Hollow held a soft opening on June 7 to test the waters and begin reintroducing the venue to the public. After weeks of final touches and fine-tuning, the official grand opening was held on July 26. The celebration included live music by The Blaires and local teen band Ultraviolet, known for their performances around the region at events like Belchertown Pride and Monson Summerfest. It marked a joyful return for the property, welcoming both longtime fans and first-time visitors.

The new owners are committed to making River Hollow a place where families, neighbors, and friends can gather. "It's not just a business for us," said Shannon. "It's a family thing. It's a community thing. We want people to feel like this is a place they belong."

That spirit of family is evident everywhere; from the staff, which includes the owners' children, nieces, nephews, and siblings, to the approach

they've taken to their business model. "It's me and my wife and another couple," said Marcel. "We all got kids. We're all involved. It's a full family operation."

Jodie echoed that sentiment, noting that her own daughter, sister, and brother all work at the course. "It's great to have the people we love working beside us," she said. "And it's great for customers to see that this is really a family-run business."

But River Hollow isn't just sticking to what it used to be. The couples are introducing new ideas and planning an ambitious slate of future events. One of their biggest goals is to expand the range of activities beyond traditional mini golf and driving range visits. "We're planning movie nights, live music, and special community events," said Jodie. "We've already got ideas for Halloween...like turning the mini golf course into a haunted trail. We've got so much space here, and we want to use every bit of it."

They're also planning mini golf tournaments, including a weekly league that meets on Wednesday nights. While fun and family-friendly, some competitions can get intense. "Mini golf can get really competitive," one of the own-

ers joked. "But it's all in good fun."

An outdoor movie night is in the works for late August or early September; timed for cooler nights and the back-to-school transition. "We want to do it before it gets too cold, but also when it's not too humid and buggy," Shannon explained. "It's such a beautiful piece of property. We really want people to enjoy it in all kinds of ways."

Meanwhile, the venue's kitchen and snack bar have also been upgraded. Guests can now enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken patties, sausage and peppers, and even freshly cooked wings. "We're trying to keep it simple but really good," said Shannon. "The wings are especially popular...we've been getting a lot of great feedback."

And, of course, the ice cream menu is still going strong. While chocolate and vanilla remain permanent fixtures, River Hollow rotates new flavors monthly. In July, customers flocked to peanut butter pie, moose tracks, and Superman: a colorful mix that kids especially love. "We like to keep it interesting," Jodie said. "Every month we'll have something different."

Beyond food and entertainment, the team is looking

toward the future with plans to apply for a liquor license for 2026, which would allow them to expand their offerings for adult visitors as well. "That's in the works," said Marcel. "We think it'll help us turn River Hollow into even more of a destination...something for everyone."

One surprising aspect of their journey has been how many people didn't know the venue existed in the first place. "I grew up in Monson and had no idea it was here until we started looking into it," said Shannon. "And I'm not the only one. A lot of people who come by say, 'Wow, I never knew this was here.'"

That's starting to change. With more advertising, local word of mouth, and press coverage, River Hollow is slowly shedding its "hidden gem"

status. And that's exactly what the owners want: to make the space visible, accessible, and alive again.

"We're just looking forward to meeting everybody," said Jodie. "We want to be part of this community, not just as business owners but as neighbors and friends."

With a warm, welcoming atmosphere, a growing calendar of events, and plenty of family spirit behind it, River Hollow Family Golf is quickly becoming a new favorite for residents of Palmer, Monson, and beyond.

For hours, updates, and event announcements, visit River Hollow's social media pages or stop by in person. Whether it's your first visit or your fiftieth, the new team at River Hollow is ready to welcome you.



Turley photos by Abigail McCoy  
One of the music acts of the night, The Blaires.



The crowd that showed up for the grand opening, enjoying the tunes, food, and mini golf course.



The entrance to the first hole on the mini golf course.



A teen boy swings at the driving range, making the golf ball fly through the air.

# Business

## Echo Hill brings summer fun

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MONSON – At Echo Hill Orchard & Winery, nestled among the rolling hills of Monson where GPS signals may falter and stoplights are nonexistent, Friday nights have taken on a lively rhythm; thanks to a creative twist on a classic game. Music Bingo, the brainchild of winery manager Ashley Krupczak and her sister Mia, has quickly become a local favorite, blending nostalgic tunes, craft drinks, and a sense of community.

Ashley Krupczak, the second-oldest daughter in the Krupczak family, has been part of Echo Hill since the beginning. “We bought the place when I was three,” she said. “It’s been my whole life.” Now she manages the winery and lends a hand with the orchard’s broader operations throughout the year: from fruit picking seasons to organizing entertainment and events.

Music Bingo originated as a winter solution to a quiet season. “We were trying to come up with something we could do ourselves that wouldn’t cost a lot to host,” Krupczak said. Traditional trivia nights were fun but expensive to run. “So we thought, people love bingo. Why not put our own spin on it?” That idea became Friday Night Music Bingo, and it took off.

Every week, Echo Hill’s social media followers vote on music themes, ranging from 90s pop to country hits. The winning theme sets the playlist for that week’s game.

Players fill in their own bingo cards by selecting from a list of 35 songs, then cross off tracks as they’re played during the evening. It’s simple, fun, and, best of all, free to play.

“We wanted something casual and entertaining. You can come with friends, grab a drink, and play along. It brings people together,” Krupczak explained.

And while Friday Night Bingo has been a hit, it’s far from the only thing happening at Echo Hill. The summer season brings a slower pace compared to the fall, but there’s still plenty in bloom — quite literally. Blueberry picking is expected to begin within the next few weeks, followed by peaches and possibly an early sunflower harvest.

Echo Hill is best known for its bustling fall season, which kicks off in late August

with pick-your-own apples, pumpkins, seasonal drinks, and visiting food trucks. “That’s our busiest time,” said Krupczak. “We have all the fall drinks on the winery menu, and there’s something special every weekend.”

Even in the quieter summer months, the drink menu offers standouts. The “Painkiller,” a blend of Jamaican apple rum, cream of coconut, pineapple juice, orange juice, and nutmeg, is a fan favorite. Another hit is the “Spicy Watermelon Margarita” made with the winery’s own spicy vodka; although its “spicy lemonade” mixer turns out to be more of a tongue-in-cheek name than a fiery ingredient.

Food trucks also play a big role in Echo Hill’s appeal, especially during peak seasons. Krupczak began building relationships with food



Turley photos by Abigail McCoy  
People spread out over the property, some eating from the food trucks, some playing cornhole in the setting sun with their families, others at the bar or playing the musical bingo.



Echo Hill Orchard & Winery employee Colin Beaupre is the Friday Night Bingo emcee for Friday, July 18.



People line up at the food trucks, Specialty Sliders and Cookies by Ray.



Echo Hill Orchard & Winery rules that are on a chalkboard in the inside portion of the bar.

### Monson Police Logs

The Monson Police Department reported 111 incidents and arrests on its logs from Sunday, July 20 through Saturday, July 26.

#### Sunday, July 20

- 11:35 a.m. – An officer responded to a medical emergency.
- 1:04 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a past crash/traffic incident.
- 1:46 p.m. – An officer responded to an EMS mutual aid request.
- 2:08 p.m. – An officer responded to a medical emergency.
- 4:23 p.m. – An officer responded to a medical emergency.
- 4:57 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in progress.
- 8:59 p.m. – An officer responded to a medical emergency.

#### Monday, July 21

- 7:42 a.m. – An officer responded to an EMS mutual aid request.
- 2:15 p.m. – An officer responded to an EMS mutual aid request.
- 7:48 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a past traffic violation/hazard.
- 8:03 p.m. – An officer responded to assist another agency.

#### Tuesday, July 22

- 12:28 a.m. – An officer responded to a report of a suspicious/wanted person.
- 7:42 a.m. – An officer responded to a report of a traffic violation/hazard in progress.
- 10:36 a.m. – An officer responded to a medical emergency.
- 10:59 a.m. – An officer responded to a medical emergency.
- 12:20 p.m. – An officer took a report of fraud/deception.
- 4:50 p.m. – An officer responded to a medical emergency.
- 7:30 p.m. – An officer responded to a medical emergency.
- 5:42 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a past theft/larceny.
- 8:12 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of harassment/stalking/threat in progress.
- 9:15 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a medical emergency.
- 11:45 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a medical emergency.

#### Wednesday, July 23

- 3:29 a.m. – An officer responded to a report of harassment/stalking/threat in progress.
- 7:17 a.m. – An officer responded to a medical emergency.
- 1:39 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a past traffic violation/hazard.
- 2:52 p.m. – An officer responded to a traffic incident/crash.
- 4:03 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a past harassment/stalking/threat.
- 4:20 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a traffic incident/crash.
- 5:05 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a disturbance/nuisance in progress.

7:24 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of harassment/stalking/threat in progress.

8:24 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of harassment/stalking/threat in progress.

9:36 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a traffic violation/hazard in progress.

#### Thursday, July 24

- 12:39 a.m. – An officer responded to a medical emergency.
- 6:33 a.m. – An officer responded to a report of a past incident of harassment/stalking/threat.
- 5:33 p.m. – An officer responded to a medical emergency.
- 10:44 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a traffic incident/crash. As a result, Anthony Wayne Kinley, 37, of 134 Main Street, Monson was arrested on charges of a second offense of operation under the influence of alcohol, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, speeding and a marked lanes violation.

#### Friday, July 25

- 10:43 a.m. – An officer responded to a report of a past traffic violation/hazard.
- 12:29 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of an assault in progress.
- 3:02 p.m. – An officer responded to a medical emergency.
- 5:20 p.m. – An officer responded to a EMS mutual aid request.
- 7:22 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of trespassing/unwanted person. As a result, Hunter Edward Bingham, 18, of 7 Nash Hill Road, Ludlow, was arrested on charges of trespassing on state/county property, walking/riding on railroad tracks and possession of marijuana one ounce or less under 18 years old.

Jacob Brian Burek, 22, of 450 Holyoke Street, Ludlow, was arrested on charges of trespassing on state/county property and walking/riding on railroad tracks.

Ryan Patrick King, 18, of 25 Karen Drive Ludlow, was arrested on charges of trespassing on state/county property and walking/riding on railroad tracks.

Owen Scott Winters, 21, of 94 Minechoag Heights, Ludlow, was arrested on charges of trespassing on state/county property and walking/riding on railroad tracks.

Landon Everett Zglobicki, 18, of 35 Karen Drive, Ludlow, was arrested on charges of trespassing on state/county property and walking/riding on railroad tracks.

#### Saturday, July 26

- 11:16 a.m. – An officer responded to a medical emergency.
- 12:01 p.m. – An officer responded to a medical emergency.
- 12:48 p.m. – An officer responded to a medical emergency.
- 1:28 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of an animal complaint.
- 9:50 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in progress.
- 11:30 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a suspicious/wanted person.



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