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MONSON

## Selectboard deem dog dangerous

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MONSON – Following a written complaint reporting the occurrence of a dog bite inflicted on a 9 year old girl earlier this year, the Selectboard motioned to have the dog euthanized after deeming it dangerous.

The euthanization is ordered to take place within 14 days of the July 25 hearing.

Local animal control authorities will provide safe boarding and transportation.

The incident took place on the complainant's High Street property, Feb. 3, 2023.

Complainant Crystal Palmere said the dog, a Great Pyrenees, was unleashed on her property before biting her child three times.

"It started on her wrist, moved up to her elbow and then up to her shoulder," said Palmere.

Palmere alleged the dog was "known to be aggressive," stating the dog owner's son told the complainant it had eaten "half their flock of chickens and had previously bit someone else."

Defendant John Hurley denied the dog's history of biting, stating the event was "really just a freak thing that happened."

Hurley said the dog broke loose when the defendant was trying to bring the dog inside from outside.

"I went to take him in... and he just knocked me over and got loose," said Hurley.

The defendant said when he reached Palmere's home, the dog was aggressively pursuing a chicken that was frozen under her vehicle.

The defendant said he asked Palmere to "please wait because he was being aggressive."

"I said 'don't approach him, don't try to help me' and then she goes inside and gets her daughter and brings her out," said Hurley.

Hurley alleged the 9 year old ran after the dog with a treat while the complainant went back into her home to grab a dog whistle.

"She [child] chased him all the way up the hill up to High Street going down towards my house so I went the fastest way towards that way which is right through my yard," said Hurley.

The defendant claimed the bite did not take place on the complainant's property.

According to the complainant, Palmere said she handed the treat to the defendant before grabbing

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EDUCATION

## Youths find enrichment at Pathfinder

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PALMER – This week, Pathfinder concludes its Summer Enrichment program, a three-week long program that offers five-day courses on fundamentals of the various vocational programs that Pathfinder has to offer.

The program invites kids entering fourth to eighth grade to sign up for individual weeks of Advanced Manufacturing, Art, Auto Body and Automotive Technology, Biking, Baking and Junior Chef, Beauty School, Biking, Drama and Theatre, Electrical, First Responders, Fishing, Plumbing, Woodworking, and the Robotics Battleship.

"What they do essentially is they spend all the morning up till lunch in their technical area," said Principal Brenda Turner. "Then in the afternoon there are fun games and activities and crafts...all sorts of things."

Among these games are sports like kickball and obstacle courses.

"The National Guard have been coming every Wednesday with an inflatable obstacle course, so the kids are out on the front lawn doing that," Turner said.

"It's a little bit of a combination for the students, they're getting exposure to that technical area, trying their hand at some of the skills, using some of the tools

and equipment," Turner said.

"It's nice, too, because they interact with each other," said Vocational Director Amy Skowrya. "We have a lot of repeat students who come back, so they make friends and they get to see each other and spend time together."

Zac Button, normally the History Teacher and Basketball Coach, has been involved with the Summer Youth Enrichment Program.

"It's been a great summer so far, the kids have been having an awesome time," Button said. "They've been making some really great products and things, they've had a lot of fun."

Button said that the first week of the program had 140 kids, and then 136 for the second week, and then the last week had 115.

"I would like to think that this job is a bit more relaxed for them, a bit more light-hearted and fun," Button said. "We don't have a curriculum that we're trying to meet, we don't have testing that we're trying to focus on, so it's educational, yet recreational at the same time, which is great. It's more about not only just learning the basic skills in these areas, but also socializing."

"I've seen kids meet people they've never met before and become fast friends, exchanging information, whether it's to play video games online together, or go to the beach with their families," Button said. "So, it's not just educational, but it's also really some



Turley Photos by Marcelo Gusmao

Program attendees gather around the helicopter to listen to a lecture by flight nurse, Stacy.

great social networking that we see here. Watching young people meet like this and form friendships is fun to see."

On Monday, July 24, the First Responders class was visited by a helicopter from UMass Memorial

Medical Center.

"We have life flight, and we have the ambulance crew here, so we'll be talking to them about CPR, Heimlich, stuff they do on a regular basis," said Officer Rick Wahlers.

Wahlers described how Monday would focus on Emergency Medical Services training, followed by police canine training on Tuesday, fire safety training on

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## Brimfield Old Home Days, family fun for everyone



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Cedric Daniel, Nora Daniel, Christina Mealey, Tilly Taricano, Kathy Taricano, Ivy Taricano and Scout Taricano gathered on the lawn to enjoy the evening's festivities.

### Brimfield Old Home Day

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BRIMFIELD – In a joint effort, Brimfield Old Home Days, Brimfield Winery and Hitchcock Free Academy joined forces to offer the community a day full of live music, lawn games, ice cream and local businesses.

The 2023 "Brimfield Old Home Day," held at 35 Main Street, featured tunes performed by local musicians Jason Wood, Josh Noone and The Time Stretchers.

While some adults enjoyed beverages from the Brimfield Winery, children were seen with either a slushie in hand or ice cream from vendor Westview Farms Creamery of Monson.

Local artisan Heather Cummings made an appearance, selling

hand crafted, fused glass from her booth.

Cummings said some of the pieces took over 50 hours to craft.

She added she developed an interest for fusing glass during COVID when she had more time on her hands.

With no formal training, Cummings said she learned by watching videos at home and now she "loves it."

Local artisans Mary and Scott Bernstein were also in attendance, selling an array of vibrant tie-dye apparel from their small business "Big Bhang Designs."

Mary Bernstein said their apparel's vibrancy is the result of high quality dye.

In addition to local artisans, several non profit organizations were set up at the event, including Brimfield's Fire Department, Historical Commission, Old Coots

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COMMUNITY

## Hryniewicz Park hosts '80s-themed festival

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PALMER – After several weeks of weather delays, the '80s Party that was meant to be Hryniewicz Park's grand re-opening was held last Friday.

The event was organized thanks to the efforts of the town's Recreational Director, Andrew St. George, who attended the event in a wild blond wig with his wife, Glo-



Turley Photos by Marcelo Gusmao

ria. Recreational Director Andrew St. George (left) and his wife, Gloria, dressed up for the '80s party.

"It was an awesome night, and it was great to see everyone there listening to the band and staying for the movie night," St. George said.

District Four Town Council-

or Matthew Lemieux attended the event, handing out hats that celebrate the town, with slogans like "Home of the Seven Railroads" and

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INCLUSION

## Disability Pride, "Yes You Can"

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REGIONAL – Since 2013, Team Hoyt New England has provided a space of inclusion, awareness and inspiration to enrich the lives of individuals and families.

Team Hoyt New England is a non-profit organization that pairs athletes of differing abilities in endurance events; promoting a sense of confidence, independence and belonging.

"Inclusion for us is important because fair isn't equal - fair is just the ability to participate... There should be a space for [people with disabilities] to just be happy," said Team Hoyt New England President Beth Craig.

Team Hoyt New England formed nearly 10 years ago to honor the legacy of local athletes and iconic father-son duo, Rick and Dick Hoyt.

In 1977, at 15 years old Rick Hoyt told his father he wanted to participate in a five mile benefit run for a Lacrosse player who had been paralyzed in an accident.



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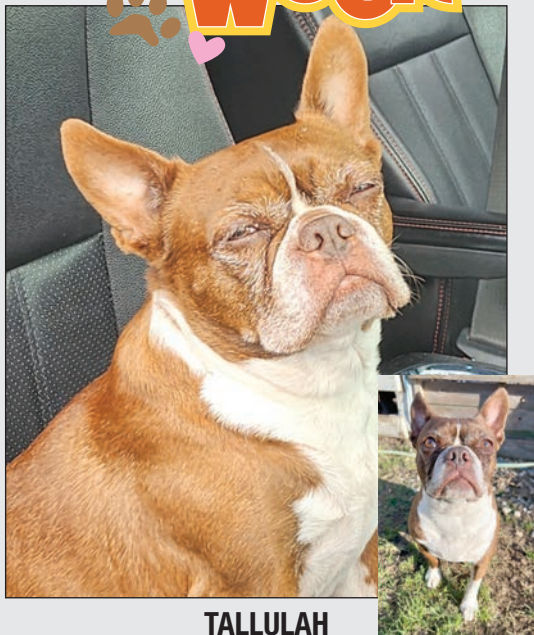
Father-son duo Hiram Cruz and Angel Robles stand beside a statue of Dick and Rick Hoyt covered in flowers to honor their legacy.

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# Pet of the Week



TALLULAH

This is Tallulah, who lives with Jeanette Taylor. Over the years, Taylor has been making videos of Tallulah and posting them on Facebook under Tallulah The Talking Dog. It started just for her friends as a silly joke, but it has become more than that. She has become more and more famous across America and even overseas.

Taylor and Tallulah make talking videos of silly stories and more, from life around their "crazy little farm," bringing humor to people's homes.

Tallulah's become a favorite of children and elderly, and is very excited to be a part of our town newspaper!

We feature your pets here. Is your fur friend a dog, cat, chicken, lizard, horse, bird, mouse... you get the point. Is there a pet you're fostering and trying to re-home? All pets are welcome! Email a high-resolution jpg of your pet with a little information to mharrison@turley.com.

## CAMPUS NOTES

### Western New England University announces 2023 Graduates

SPRINGFIELD—Western New England University held its undergraduate commencement ceremony on May 20 in the Anthony S. Caprio Alumni Healthful Living Center, celebrating the Class of 2023. The keynote speaker Jon Clifton, CEO of Gallup the global analytics and advice firm, talked about the power of being unique. "You owe it to the world to discover what makes you uniquely great and never stop developing those strengths."

These are local residents who graduated:  
Emma Claire McCorkindale of Palmer, graduated Cum Laude with a BA in Communication/Media & Journalism.

Hannah Elizabeth Somers of Monson, graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BA in Political Science. Hannah also graduated with a minor in Psychology.

Taylor M. Mitchell of Monson, graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BA in Political Science.

Katie Marie Burnham of Monson, graduated with a BA in Psychology. Katie also graduated with a double minor in Criminal Justice and Communication.

Yu Lin of Monson, graduated with a BA in Psychology. Yu also graduated with a minor in Neuroscience.

Maggie Elizabeth Klassanos of Monson, graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BS in Criminal Justice.

Kathryn Elizabeth Henry of Palmer, graduated Cum Laude with a BS in Forensic Chemistry. Kathryn also graduated with a double minor in Health Sciences and Biology.

Tatyana Jasmine Gonzalez of Three Rivers, graduated from with a BS in Forensic Chemistry.

Noah Joseph Lee of Palmer, graduated Cum Laude with a BS in Health Sciences. Noah also graduated with a minor in Chemistry.

Jacob E. Griggs of Monson, graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BS in Pharmacy Studies.

Rhea C. Dinelle of Thorndike, graduated Cum Laude with a BS in Pharmacy Studies.

Jacob Edward Crafts of Monson, graduated with a BSE in Biomedical Engineering. Jacob also graduated with a minor in Chemistry.

Alison Aimee Fortier of Wales, graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BSE in Biomedical Engineering.

Jason Paul Malouin of Palmer, graduated Summa Cum Laude from with a BSE in Computer Engineering.

Nathan Alexander Bruneau of Monson, graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BSE in Mechanical Engineering.

Joel R. Wyzik of Monson, graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BSE in Mechanical Engineering.

### Local residents graduate from RIT

ROCHESTER, NY—Rochester Institute of Technology conferred more than 4,800 degrees at all of its campuses in the 2022-2023 academic year. RIT's academic convocation celebration was held in May and featured remarks by Thomas Zurbuchen, astrophysicist and the longest continually serving associate administrator for the Science Mission Directorate in NASA's history.

The following local residents received degrees:

Matt Breidenbach of Monson received a degree in computer engineering (BS).

Jared Lizotte of Palmer received a degree in electrical engineering (BS).

Griffin Hurt of Brimfield received a degree in applied and computational mathematics (MS).

Sierra Charron-Smith of Palmer received a degree in biotechnology and molecular bioscience (BS).



Turley Publications photo by Michael Harrison  
Michael Lebert (left) and Tommy Strawbridge hold up the free smart devices for passing motorists in downtown Palmer last week. The two represent the federal Affordable Connectivity Program in Western Mass.

## Free phones, tablets and internet service available

By Michael Harrison  
Correspondent

PALMER — Despite the heat and humidity, brothers Michael Lebert and Tommy Strawbridge have been spending hours in a vacant lot downtown to give away new smartphones and tablets.

It's no Christmas in July promotion. The two are sweating out the days outside on behalf of the Affordable Connectivity Program, a federal government initiative approved and funded by Congress to bridge the digital divide faced by many people with low to moderate incomes.

The Android smart devices, which offer free, unlimited calls, texts and internet access, are connected to a nationwide 5G network via T-Mobile.

The tablet also doubles as a phone. Both devices do everything all smart devices are capable of, including taking photos and running an array of apps.

Eligibility is required and many people, including U.S. military veterans, Social Security recipients, parents whose children qualify for free or reduced school meals, people who are unemployed, those covered by Medicaid, college students and many others can be approved in minutes.

"Once they qualify, we activate (the device), they leave here and their tablet or phone is ready to use — and it's free," said Strawbridge, who manages outreach for the Western Mass region.

"We program it, hand it to you and you're online as you're walking away." There's no obligation or bills to pay.

The service runs for at least five years and Lebert said as long as Congress continues to re-authorize the program, it can run indefinitely.

Other than eligibility, the only other stipulation is the devices need to be used at least occasionally.

"It's five years of free internet and the thing is, you just need to use it at least once a month, either a phone call or going online, to keep the service going," Lebert said.

"What makes our country stand out from other countries is we don't require an ID," he said. "That's because there are a lot of homeless veterans who don't have one. It's especially important for the veterans because a lot of them have nothing. This is one way for them to stay connected."

Lebert, a resident of Chicopee, and Strawbridge, who lives in Holyoke, said they signed up approximately 100 people over four days last week at their stand, set up at the former Speedway station on North Main Street in Palmer. They plan to man the same spot 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. through this week — weather permitting — before setting up elsewhere.

They will visit various locations around the region over the coming months.

### Want to know more?

Anyone interested in signing up for ACP but who can't meet up with Lebert and Strawbridge can go to [fcc.gov/acp](http://fcc.gov/acp), call 1-888-225-5322 (ASL Video Call: 1-844-432-2275) or [mass.gov](http://mass.gov).

## CAMPUS NOTES

### Olivia Brown graduates from Roger Williams University

BRISTOL, RI— Roger Williams University is proud to announce that Olivia Brown, of Palmer, MA, graduated with a Master of Business Administration 4+1 in May as part of the Class of 2023.

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### Memorial Service

## Charles L. Walker Jr.



January 1, 1933 – November 1, 2022

A memorial service for Charles L. Walker Jr. will be held August 16, 2023 from 12-1pm at the Hillside Cemetery in Monson, Ma.

A gathering of friends and family will take place at Main St. Tavern in Monson following the service from 1-4pm.



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EDUCATION

# Local legislators hope to head off more attempts to ban books

By Michael Harrison  
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LUDLOW — A proposal that could have created a book banning policy in local school libraries may have stalled last spring, but a pair of state legislators with shared roots have introduced a bill intended to stay ahead of any future attempts.



Jake Oliveira



Aaron Saunders

The legislation, SD.2679, titled “An Act protecting against attempts to ban, remove, or restrict library access to materials,” was referred to the Joint Committee on Rules on July 6. Its sponsors, Sen. Jake Oliveira and Rep. Aaron Saunders, both said they are confident it will proceed on a track that will lead to an eventual public hearing.

“The situation in Ludlow was unfortunate to say the least, but we shouldn’t have to wait for the next time opponents of First Amendment freedoms attack another one of our towns,” Saunders said.

“The real value of this library protection bill is that it is a proactive measure that will provide our public libraries with a measure of protection against book banning efforts.”

According to Oliveira, “I’ve found attempts to put in place policies that could lead to book bans growing across the country for some time, but once it arrived here in Ludlow, I knew it was time to take immediate action.”

Last spring, after prior public discussions over the appropriateness of certain books in Ludlow schools, School Committeeman Joao Dias made a motion during a meeting to enact a new policy that could have removed a pair of young adult novels — “Crank” by Ellen Hopkins and “Looking For Alaska” by John Green — and possibly dozens of other titles from school libraries.

The motion did not receive a second and never came to a vote.

Neither Dias nor any other Ludlow School Committee member responded to a group email sent to all of their official accounts seeking comment. Committee member and Secretary Jeffrey Stratton, reached by text, declined to comment. Committee Vice Chair Sarah F. Bowler did not respond to a text. Ludlow Superintendent of Schools Frank Tiano did not respond to a voice message left on his extension at the district office.

During discussions earlier this year, Dias said he modeled his policy proposal on one he read about online when it was enacted by the Central Bucks School District in Pennsylvania. That policy has since been challenged in a federal lawsuit filed by the ACLU.

“These attempts, like the proposed Ludlow School Committee policy ripped off the internet from a school district in Pennsylvania, could censor age-appropriate materials because of a political or xenophobic viewpoint,” Oliveira said.

“What’s happening in our public schools could easily happen in our public libraries. I am proud to partner with Rep. Aaron Saunders to protect our libraries from these attempts to censor books. It’s a strong bill that I’m incredibly proud to sponsor. I’m prepared to champion it until we get the results needed to protect our literature and free thought from extremists pushing a fringe political agenda.”

The two legislators behind SD.2679 are Ludlow natives. Oliveira still resides there while Saunders resettled his family in Belchertown. Both said they want to head off any statewide movement toward censorship in school and public libraries.

years on the Ludlow School Committee before he was elected as a state representative in 2020, also has a background in higher education, serving as assistant executive officer of the Massachusetts State Universities Council of Presidents. Saunders is a former Ludlow Select Board member, former chief of staff to state Sen. Gale Candaras and is a co-founder of Loophole Brewing. He also served on the staff of former U.S. Senator John Kerry.

Oliveira, who was first elected to the School Committee in 2009, said he recalls past discussions over books.

“During my time on the committee, removal of books in school libraries started to bubble up in Ludlow when national politicians began making this a wedge issue,” he said.

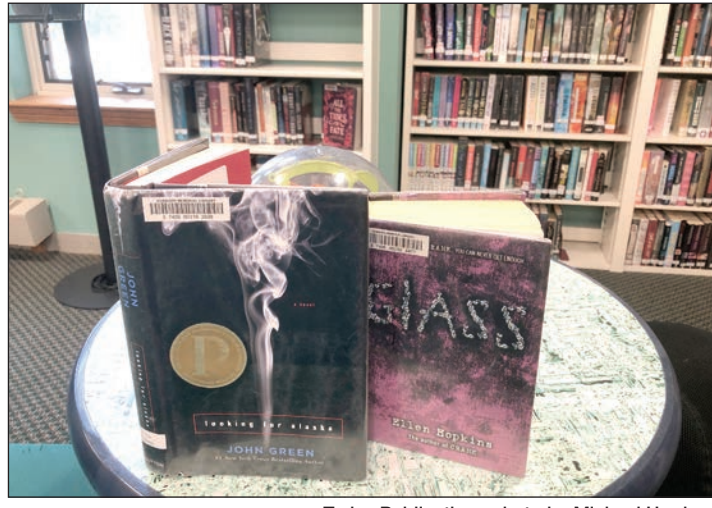
“When a challenge to certain books in a school library was brought to the attention of the school committee, we followed our district politics and formed a review committee with parents, teachers, administrators and librarians to review the challenged books. I sat on that committee and read personally the challenged material and shared it widely with friends with children and the committee determined unanimously that most materials were age-appropriate.”

Oliveira said his background in education “certainly informs my position, but this goes far beyond education.”

The bill he filed with Saunders “focuses on our public libraries,” he said.

“I have been working with colleagues in the legislature on other legislation focused on our public-school libraries. This legislation is needed across the commonwealth because it’s about protecting not only our students’ education but also free thought, freedom of expression, diversity and marginalized communities that the proponents of the proposed book bans can’t accept.”

Both said they have received positive feedback from constituents and fellow legislators.



Turley Publications photo by Michael Harrison  
Copies of “Crank” by Ellen Hopkins and “Looking For Alaska” by John Green borrowed from shelves at Hubbard Memorial Library last week. Those are two of the books that could have been removed from Ludlow school libraries if a proposed policy was approved last spring.

“The book banning effort in Ludlow was a wake-up call to ensure that the Legislature is doing everything it should to protect our public libraries,” Saunders said.

“The bill Senator Oliveira and I filed will help provide those protections.”

According to Oliveira, “Since these aggressive attempts to put in place narrow-minded policies have been proposed, I have received messages of concern from parents, students, teachers, community members and colleagues from across the state. I have received an overwhelmingly positive response from constituents and from members of the State Library Board of Commissioners. They want to see books kept on the shelves at our public libraries and schools.”

He added that, “Book bans are nothing new. They are ways to suppress free thought and have been employed by Communist China, the Soviet Union, and Nazi Germany.”

Kristin Santos, youth ser-

vices assistant at Hubbard Memorial Library, said she’s aware of the proposal the school committee ultimately did not vote on and the controversy over “Crank” and “Looking For Alaska,” which she said have been increasingly checked out by local adults.

“People do come into the library to check out books that are being questioned to see what’s going on inside and decide for themselves if they are appropriate for their own children,” Santos said.

The mother of a local middle school student herself, “I didn’t read ‘Crank’ — I listened to ‘Crank’ because I didn’t have a lot of time to sit down and read the novel, but I listened to it to make my own decisions on the book,” Santos said.

“You can read a part of a book but that doesn’t mean you understand the whole book. I need, by myself, to make those decisions for my child.”

She declined to share her personal opinion of the book.

# Food policy council drafts vision/mission statements

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WARE — Members of the Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council continued discussion about the nutritional needs of the communities it serves.

At the July 19 meeting, members of the QV-PC talked about how flooding from heavy rainfalls, as well as a recent tornado in North Brookfield could affect crops; possibly limiting future access to fresh local produce.

Homelessness continues to be a concern, as well as the inability to both prepare and preserve food received from food pantries.

Members suggested having a soup kitchen, where people could receive a hot, nutritious meal without needing a kitchen or cooking utensils. Another suggestion was having a mobile food truck that could act as a soup kitchen to address homeless hunger and food insecurities.

The QV-PC is also working to compile a list of food pantries across the region.

## Vision and mission statements

The members also continued to develop the Council’s vision and mission statements.

Council Coordinator Caitlin Geaghan explained that the Council’s vision statement is what they would like to achieve in a “perfect world,” adding that it is usually very ambitious and broad.

Geaghan said the vision statement would be broad enough to include a diverse variety of local perspectives, be easy to communicate, and be understood and shared by members of the community. The vision statement would also be inspiring and uplifting to all involved in the Council’s efforts.

The vision statement the Council discussed was: “Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council will make healthy local food easily accessible for all community members.”

Quabbin Public Health Nurse Kirsten Krieger said this vision encompasses many of the things members were talking about in a broad way.

Geaghan said the mission statement is the “why” the Council exists, and is more concise than the vision statement.

“They explain the fundamental outcomes your organization is trying to achieve. A good mission statement is not limiting in the strategies or sectors

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the dog whistle from her home after asking if he believed either device would help calm the dog down.

Palmer said when she came back outside and asked Hurley where her daughter was, the defendant told her she was in her backyard.

Palmer said the exchange was followed by a “blood curdling scream as the dog [was] chasing her down,” the yard.

Resident Sarah Pedder said at one point, the dog was on her porch on Mechanic Street.

Pedder said she saw Hurley and the dog from her window and watched Hurley attempting to leash his dog.

“He was within arms reach many times and you could tell he was afraid of his own dog,” said Pedder.

The dog is not licensed or up to date on his shots.

Hurley said that since the incident, he has been looking for a farm or animal rescue to bring the dog.

Selectboard Chair Patricia Oney raised several concerns, including the lack of vaccinations, “lack of responsibility for the dog,” and difficulty rehoming the animal.

Animal Control Officer Sydney Plante said she believed the event was “an isolated incident of a loose dog,” which “ended horribly.”

Before motioning the dog be euthanized, Board member Peter Warren suggested placing requirements on the dog’s handling to avoid potential danger in the future.

Warren said he was in favor of requiring the defendant to create an enclosed back yard, obtain an insurance policy of

\$100,000, have the dog neutered to prevent procreation and wear a muzzle outside.

Oney suggested the dog be euthanized as she does not “trust that dog will not get loose...get vaccinated,” or be rehomed.

“There are too many children

and even adults in that neighborhood that could be subject to getting hurt by a 120 lb dog,” said Oney.

Selectboard Clerk John Morrell and Chair Oney voted in favor to euthanize the dog.



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## Viewpoints

## HOLY COW! HISTORY:

# Grandma Gatewood's Excellent Adventure

A senior's walk into the record books

By J. Mark Powell  
jmarkpowell.com

I've been getting into shape recently.

But my progress pales compared to what a remarkable senior did nearly 70 years ago.

Emma Gatewood's life was hard. Born in Ohio in 1887, she was one of 15 kids in a family that slept four to a bed.

Her father lost a leg in the Civil War and spent the rest of his life drinking and gambling. Though her formal education ended in the 8th grade, she kept learning by devouring encyclopedias, Greek classics, and books on woods and wildlife.

At age 19 Emma married a 27-year-old teacher and tobacco farmer named P.C. Gatewood. The honeymoon ended quickly, when Emma discovered she was expected to work in the fields alongside the men, plus cook, clean, and raise their 11 kids.

P.C. was mean. He killed a man in 1924 but avoided prison because the judge said his many children would go hungry with him behind bars.

He beat Emma often, sometimes almost to the point of death. When he turned violent, she tried to run into the nearby woods. Safe in the security of her beloved trees and plants, she found peace and solitude.

P.C. repeatedly threatened to send Emma to a mental institution to keep her from divorcing him.

In 1939, he had her jailed in the first step toward having her committed. Seeing Emma's cracked teeth and broken ribs, their town's mayor moved her into his home and helped her get a job.

She divorced P.C. the next year. A series of odd jobs saw her through the next decade until her children were all grown.

Then, as so often happens, fate unexpectedly called. For Emma, it came in the form of an old magazine.

She happened upon a 1949 National Geographic issue featuring an article on the Appalachian Trail.

At that moment an incredible idea took root in her mind. She would become the first woman to walk the entire length of the trail, all 2,200 miles from Springer Mountain in Georgia to Maine's Mount Katahdin.

At age 66, no less.

The idea grew into an obsession. At a time when people nearing 70 were expected to relax in rocking chairs, Emma began preparing to attempt what no woman before had ever done.

Her legs were strong, she was in good health, so why not?

She began her journey at Mount Katahdin in July 1954 – and promptly met with one disaster after another. She broke her glasses, she got lost, then she ran out of food.

When rangers found her, they persuaded the hapless sexagenarian to go home.

But while Emma Gatewood may have failed, she didn't quit. She told no one about her setback and quietly prepared for a second attempt.

She learned from her initial mistakes and changed her strategy.

In 1955, she started two months earlier this time and began in Georgia. Again, it wasn't easy.

That 1949 article had made her believe the route was a smooth trail. It wasn't, and her Keds tennis shoes were no match for the rugged mountain terrain.

She expected to find shelters along the way; there weren't any, forcing her to sleep in piles of leaves.

But she stuck with it and kept walking. Newspapers picked up her story as she went, and soon she acquired a nickname – Grandma Gatewood – along with celebrity status.

She achieved her goal 146 days later when she reached Baxter Peak atop Mount Katahdin. She signed the register, sang "America the Beautiful," and said to herself out loud, "I did it. I said I'd do it, and I've done it."

Grandma Gatewood then appeared on the Today show, was a guest on a TV game show, and was even profiled in Sports Illustrated where she said, "This is no trail. It's a nightmare. For some fool reason, they always lead you right up over the biggest rock on top of the highest mountain they can find."

And she didn't stop walking. She hiked the entire Appalachian Trail a second time two years later, walked all 2,000 miles of the Oregon Trail in 1959, and at age 76 she did the Appalachian Trail yet again (though this time in sections), becoming the first person to walk it three times.

She went right on hiking right up until her death in 1973 at 85.

What was the secret to her success? Grandma Gatewood refused to let anything – failure, adversity, or advanced age – stand in her way.

Holy Cow! History is written by novelist, former TV journalist and diehard history buff J. Mark Powell.



## The daylily, both friend and foe

I have never been a daylily aficionado, but as of late, they are growing on me.

Why I write is because on Cape Cod they are everywhere. The last few days I have seen them paired with shrubs, other perennials and even as a backdrop to carefully placed annuals.

Read on as I resurrect a column from the archives with new and updated factoids.

We've all seen the clumps of orange daylilies (*Hemerocallis fulva*) blooming along roadsides each summer. These remnants of long ago have oftentimes outlived the people who planted them and the farmhouse in which they were planted around.

Arriving from Asia in the late 1800s, the common daylily is now considered invasive because it crowds out native plants. While experts advise not planting daylilies that are known to run amok, there are many cultivars that rightly deserve a place in the landscape.

Two varieties of daylilies presently occupy space in my landscape, one that is a family heirloom, and another that was purchased on a whim.

The lemon lily (*Hemerocallis lilio-asphodelus*) was a family heirloom, although I am not sure where it originated. I think it was my grand babci that first gave it to my mother back in the 1950s.

It has been almost entirely choked out of the banking of my childhood home by lily of the valley, but I am lucky enough to have saved a piece and it is thriving in my perennial garden. It is delicate as far as daylilies go, perfectly lemon yellow and subtly scented.

The lemon lily has a short bloom time, a week or less in early June, but it makes a perfect bed fellow to deep purple bearded iris.

Today, thousands of cultivars of daylilies are available, many of which bloom for longer periods of time than the old-fashioned types. They are offered in shades of all colors except blue and pure white.

Miniatures look great in rock gardens, while more beefy types work well to stabilize bankings. The majority blend nicely with annuals, perennials, and shrubbery, as mentioned.

Daylilies belong to the genus *Hemerocallis*—hemero being Greek for "beautiful," and callis Greek for "day." Individual flowers do open and perish in 24 hours or less.

Luckily though, there are usually several flowers per scape (stem), and when one goes by another is waiting to

take its place. A desirable variety will bloom for at least two weeks, or will repeat blooming later in the season.

When shopping for daylilies at the nursery simply count the number of buds per scape of the potted plant. The number of buds (or the number of scars if blooming is nearly finished) coincides with the number of days that particular variety is expected to bloom.

Unfortunately, my lemon lily had a mere four.

If you choose carefully and plan accordingly by including early, mid, and late season bloomers in your mix, it is possible to achieve continuous bloom over a three month period in a mixed border of daylilies.

Many people are opting to plant a single variety for a season's worth of flowers. Different than varieties that rebloom, ever-bloomers offer a non-stop performance from the beginning of their bloom period until frost.

It is said that Dr. Darrel Apps, a geneticist and master breeder evaluated some 11,000 seedlings to end up with a mere few that flower continuously.

Breeding continues, so look for the newest introductions each year. My whim purchase from a few years back is a rebloomer called "Purple D'oro." I bought it because it was blooming in the nursery alongside Gayfeather, orange Helenium, and Purple Coneflower.

They are a power quartet in my summer border for sure, and the rebloom factor surely stretches out the show.

Locate daylilies where they will receive at least six hours of sun a day. Average soil, as long as it drains well, will grow strong plants.

Vigor determines whether clumps need to be separated and divided every few years, or if they can grow uninterrupted for many seasons. Division is best accomplished in early spring or immediately after bloom.

If you take the later approach, just be sure the plant has at least one month of growing time before frost hits. This way it will have an opportunity to root well, anchoring itself before winter freezing and thawing can heave it from the ground.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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of the community that may become involved in the project," she said.

The mission statement suggested to members was: "Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council's mission is to connect local resources, provide education surrounding food, promote local food availability, and improve the local food system for everyone."

Krieger and Project Coordinator for Community Health Emily Coderre suggested adding language about nutritious food. Krieger also suggested adding "promote" and "advocate" for local food availability.

Gail Gramarossa of the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance said the Council should also include advocating with policymakers as part of the mission statement.

"That advocacy could be really helpful in a mission statement," she said.

Council member Howard Trietsch said the mission statement should also focus on bringing awareness to food and nutritional problems the Quaboag Valley faces.

"One of the first things your need to do about a problem, is make people aware of it, and define it," he said.

Coderre said herself and Geaghan will draft different versions of the mission statement for Council members to decide on.

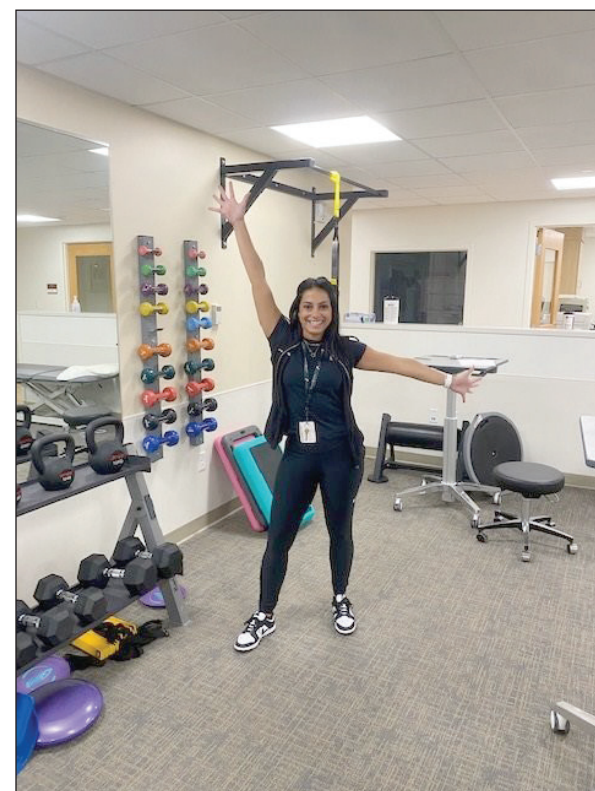
The QVFC will resume monthly hybrid meetings in September at E2E, 79 Main St., with Zoom access available.

### About QVFC

The Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council is funded through a grant received by the Town of Ware in partnership with Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation, covering the towns of Ware, Belchertown, Palmer, Monson, Wales, Holland, Brimfield, Warren, Brookfield, West Brookfield, North Brookfield and East Brookfield.

The Council is open to all, and everyone is welcome to join in the discussion.

For more information, people may email Geaghan at cgeaghan@townofware.com or Coderre at ecoderre@townofware.com.



Submitted Photo  
Amanda Martins displays an example of "Big posture and hands".

## Physical Therapist helps patients with Parkinson's

PALMER—Parkinson's disease is a brain disorder that causes unintended or uncontrollable movements, such as shaking, stiffness, and difficulty with balance and coordination. Symptoms usually begin gradually and worsen over time. As the disease progresses, people may have difficulty walking and talking. They may also have mental and behavioral changes, sleep problems, depression, memory difficulties, and fatigue.

"Patients diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease and experiencing interference with their day-to-day movements may greatly benefit from Lee Silverman Voice Therapy@- Big," said Amanda Martins, PT, DPT, a physical therapist at Baystate Wing Hospital. LSVT-Big is a nationally recognized rehabilitation therapy program that is proven to help people with Parkinson's Disease improve upon the disease's impact on their walking, balance, and other activities of daily living, such as writing or dressing.

LSVT stands for Lee Silverman voice treatment, and it has two branches "big" and "loud." The treatment protocol is designed for individuals with Parkinson's disease and other neurological conditions. The treatment is unique and customized to each patient's goals targeting gross and fine motor skills.

"Because LSVT Big treatment is customized to each person's specific needs and goals, it can help regardless of the stage or severity of your condition," said Martins. "The treatment is unique and customized to each patient's goals targeting gross and fine motor skills address walking, balance, and other activities of daily living like writing, getting dressed, and other job-related tasks."

Although the LSVT - Big program was designed for individuals with Parkinson's Disease, it has been shown to be beneficial in the rehabilitation of individuals with other neuromuscular disorders such as stroke, normal pressure hydrocephalus, brain injury, and multiple sclerosis.

Martins received a Bachelor's degree in Exercise Science from Westfield State University and earned her Doctorate in Physical Therapy from American International College in Springfield.

Raised in Ludlow, Martins still holds her Portuguese roots in the town she knows and loves, with a diverse knowledge of the spoken and written language. She shares her valuable insight on athletic injuries from her own personal experience as a fellow Lion of Ludlow High School where she played soccer for over twenty years.

Martins sees an array of patients of all ages and abilities and brings a passion for providing sports and stroke rehabilitation as well as amputee and prosthetic rehabilitation to the region. She understands the physical, emotional, and rehabilitative aspects of getting the patient back to the highest quality of life and an athlete back in the game or on the field.

To make an appointment or for more information about Rehabilitation Services at Baystate Wing Hospital in Palmer, located at 42 Wright Street call 413-370-5254.

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Patience Hartley (left) buys a hat from Matthew Lemieux.



Turley Photos by Marcelo Gusmao  
The '80s cover band Fast Times provided music for the party from the gazebo.



In front of the Tony's Happy Valley Pizza food truck, (from left) Joe and Lexie Rollins and Anthony Valley were photobombed by Tony Valley himself.



The newly constructed playground served as the main attraction for Hryniewicz Park's grand re-opening.

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"A Nice Place to Live."

Refreshments were sold out of food trucks, with Tony's Happy Valley Pizza selling very popular meatball subs.

Music was provided by the '80s tribute band Fast Times, who played covers of songs by artists

like Bon Jovi, Billy Idol and The Cars. After the musical show, the event was closed with a screening of the 1986 classic, "The Princess Bride".

The ribbon-cutting for the park was held during the Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce

two weeks prior, but great weather and the brand new playground were enough to bring residents out to enjoy the park and have a good time.

"We're really looking forward to many years of fun in the park," St. George said.



Submitted Photos by Kathleen Boyer  
Team Hoyt New England President Beth Craig is prepared to run with her mother Barbara "Babsie" Singleton as they stand beside the late Dick and Rick Hoyt.

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Dick Hoyt, who was nearly 40, agreed to push Rick during the event as Rick had cerebral palsy.

Dick and Rick's story has inspired athletes of all abilities, with a total of 11 chapters spanning from "sea to shining sea," including one[s] in Las Vegas and even Canada.

Kathy Sullivan Boyer, Team Hoyt New England Secretary said "way back then," Dick and Rick were some of very few athletes involved in adaptive sports locally.

"Dick and Rick found ways to participate and create opportunities together, build friendships and build community...it's important we're all included in some way," said Craig.

Craig said she and her mother Barbara Singleton joined Team Hoyt New England about 10 years ago after watching Dick and Rick compete in a triathlon.

"Since the day I saw them race, my life changed," said Craig.

She added the experience is "like something gets unlocked and you're like 'this is the way.'"

When Craig was 15, her mother was diagnosed with MS.

Craig said participating in endurance events with her mother "has definitely brought [them] closer together than [she] ever imagined."

She added she and "Babsie" share something they both love doing and "can enjoy [their] time together."

Boyer said the athletes are provided an opportunity to feel proud and included.

While athletes cheer on their family and friends at sporting events,



Athletes and their runners line up before participating in a run.



Team Babsie and Team Ironman stand side by side for a photo.

Team Hoyt New England allows them to be the ones being cheered on.

"The parents say it boosts their morale and helps their self esteem," said Boyer.

Team Hoyt New England member and adaptive sports athlete father Hiram Cruz said participating in sports "changed everything for Angel and me."

"It's a wonderful experience running together... I have learned that he loves speed [and] adrenaline," said Cruz.

He added Angel "likes to see people shouting [and] clapping," which makes Angel want to go faster.

Cruz said participating in endurance events has encouraged him and Angel to become more active.

Although Angel cannot hear or speak, Cruz said "he has taught us to understand what he wants."

"When we haven't gone out for a walk during the day, he always looks for a way for me to take him. Whether he brings me a pair of sneakers, the car keys, or simply just sits in the jogging chair," said Cruz.

In addition to the pride athletes and spectators feel when a loved-one with disabilities participate in events, families also take pride in their everyday accomplishments.

Cruz said he is proud of Angel every day.

"When he looks at you, smiles

at you... his looks tell you - 'here we go dad, one more day,'" said Cruz.

He said a very proud moment for him was when Angel fed himself a plate of spaghetti.

"I served a plate of food for him and I left the plate on the table with a fork. He was sitting waiting for me to feed him," said Cruz.

However, at that moment Cruz was serving another plate.

"He didn't wait and grabbed the fork... when I turned to look at him, he was eating. It was exciting to watch him put the fork into his mouth with spaghetti [and] after eating, he smiled with an expression of achievement," said Cruz.

Craig said she is also proud of her mother's daily accomplishments. Singleton, who was diagnosed with MS at 38 years old, has lived in a nursing home for 27 years.

"Her ability to find the strength every day to smile, and be positive and upbeat - between her faith, her friends and this activity we do together is like a magical combination," said Craig.

She added it is "like God's work."

"It just fills your heart to the tip of your toes," said Craig.

Cruz said Rick and Dick Hoyt have "many doors for us - we just have to keep those doors open to continue their legacy of inclusion."

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Locals Brayden, Laurie, Jim, Olivia, Liz, Annalise, Sydney, Jack and Lincoln smile as they enjoy the event.



Paul Aloia of Sturbridge volunteered for the "Old Coots Giving Advice" booth. Aloia said "love is the best advice I can give. It's easy because I believe it."



Servicemen of the Brimfield Fire Department volunteered during the July, 30 event, with firefighters Roman Carlisle, Luke Pham, Minh Pham, Paul Kosiba and Lieutenant Joe Doldoorian in attendance.



Patrol Officers from the Hampden County Sheriff's Department were in attendance, making their rounds on horseback.



Local artisan Heather Cummings is shown selling fused glass.



Aloyia Remick sitting still while getting her face painted.



Mary and Scott Bernstein of Brimfield sell tie-dye apparel from their business "Big Bang Designs."



Kayde O'Malley, Grace Harper and Hayden O'Malley of Westview Farm Creamery sold ice cream throughout the event.

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Advice, Hampden County Sheriff's Department, Hitchcock Free Academy and Opacum Land Trust.

Old Coot, Paul Aloia of Sturbridge said his best piece of advice is "love."

He added "it's easy," because he "believes in it."

One attendee said they believe the

event was "wonderful," and had a "good turn out."

He added it appeared everyone was "having a good time and enjoying the weather."

The event closed with a fireworks display, ending the evening with a "bang!"



Friends Maddy Gaumond and Andrea Brewer smile as they share a photo.



Hitchcock Free Academy Treasurer Sarah Majewski and trustee Greg Majewski are shown smiling while hosting the Hitchcock Free Academy booth.



Tantasqua NJHS students Rory Smith of Sturbridge and Bebe Deatte of Warren, chaperone one of many bounce houses available to visitors.



Aloyia Remick and grandfather Donald Chenevert of Monson participated in the evening's activities.

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Peggy Coan of Brimfield stopped to share a photo with her grandchildren Nora, Cece, Cami and Avery.



Fireworks lighting up the night after Brimfield Old Home Day.



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**BASEBALL**

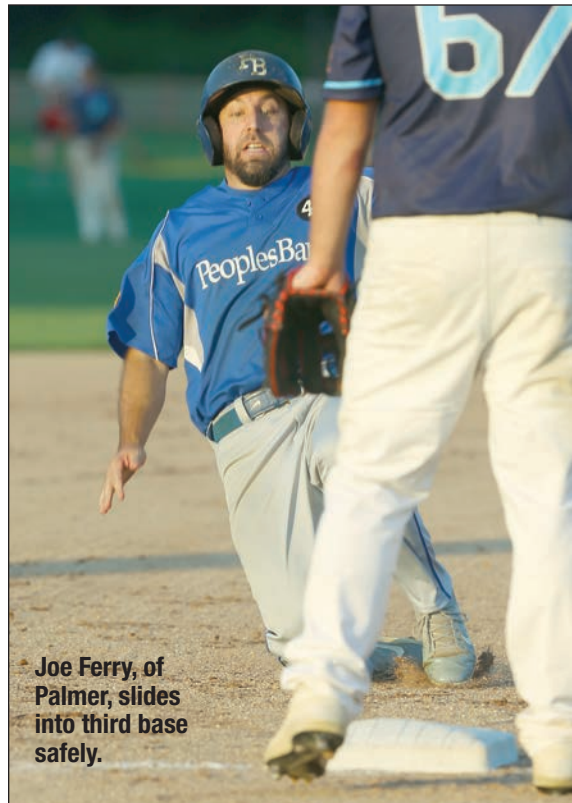
## Bankers cash in for finals



Zach Handzel, of Palmer, pitches for PeoplesBank.

WILBRAHAM – Last Friday night, PeoplesBank Tri-County baseball took down DiFranco in the opener of a best-of-three series 17-0 in five innings. The Bankers are the No. 1 seed in the Tri-County League playoffs. They would punch their ticket to the finals the following day when DiFranco forfeited the second game of the series, giving the Bankers the finals berth. The finals were scheduled to begin earlier this week.

Agawam's Cam Rivest delivers a pitch for DiFranco Realty.



Joe Ferry, of Palmer, slides into third base safely.

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Cam McDonald throw to first.



Dave Clark fields a grounder for PeoplesBank.

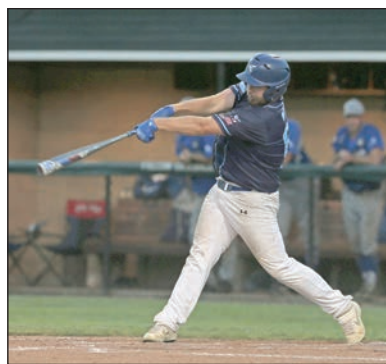
Nicholas Wilken, of Ludlow, swings and connects.



Braeden Lamirande gets an out at first for DiFranco.



Ryan Hemenway, of Wilbraham sizes up a pitch.



Hannah Murphy tries to get a header for a goal.

**BASEBALL**

## Teams clinch playoff spots as Valley Wheel season nears close

WILBRAHAM – Sunday's action in the Valley Wheel Over-28 baseball league got a lot clearer as three teams cemented their spots in the playoffs while the fourth team will be determined by a matchup this week.

The Twins-Angels game held at Bruce Park in Suffield provided the stage for a preview to the playoffs.

The two teams have met in the last two playoff finals. It will not happen this year. Thanks to a complete game from Todd Bergstrom, as well as a two-run single in the ninth inning he also provided, the Twins prevailed over the Angels 6-4.

The game was close throughout, with the Angels and Twins trading leads a few times. Down 4-3 in the eighth, Trevor Portlock, of Wilbraham, drove home a run with a single to make the game 4-4. The Angels, unfortunately, could not bring home the go-head runs, which were at second and third with one out. Bergstrom was able to close the game in the ninth.

With the win, the Angels fell to 8-7 and their regular season is finished. The Twins are 8-6, and had a makeup game scheduled with the Tigers on Wednesday at Spec Pond un-

der the lights. A win gets the Twins to 9-6 and the final playoff spot. But a loss would make the Twins 8-7 like the Angels, and put the Angels in the playoffs. The Angels hold a 2-1 advantage in their tiebreaker over the Twins this year, winning the first two matchups the teams had.

Elsewhere in the league, the Cubs cemented their playoff spot, winning their ninth game of the season with a 14-12 win over the Orioles. The Orioles would finish 1-14 and out of playoff contention.

The Cubs meet the Athletics on Thursday night with the top seeds on the line.

The Athletics defeated the Tigers on Sunday evening at Spec Pond 9-7. Both teams have already made the playoffs this year, but will look for momentum in their respective games later this week.

The two makeup games were necessitated from rainouts last Thursday night that wiped out all the action about two hours before the games were scheduled.

The playoffs are currently scheduled for this Sunday at Spec Pond with the 2 and 3 seeds playing at 2:30 p.m. and the 1 and 4 seeds playing at 6 p.m.

**SOCCER**

## Monson defeats Enfield for 11<sup>th</sup> win

MONSON – Last week, Monson defeated previously undefeated Enfield for their 11<sup>th</sup> win of the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League season. Monson won the game 6-3 and secured the top seed in the A Division. The Mustangs were scheduled to face South Hadley in the quarterfinals earlier this week.



Kendall Bodak makes a run for the goal.



The girls received the top seed in the A Division.



Aniah Myrie migrates through the opposing defense.



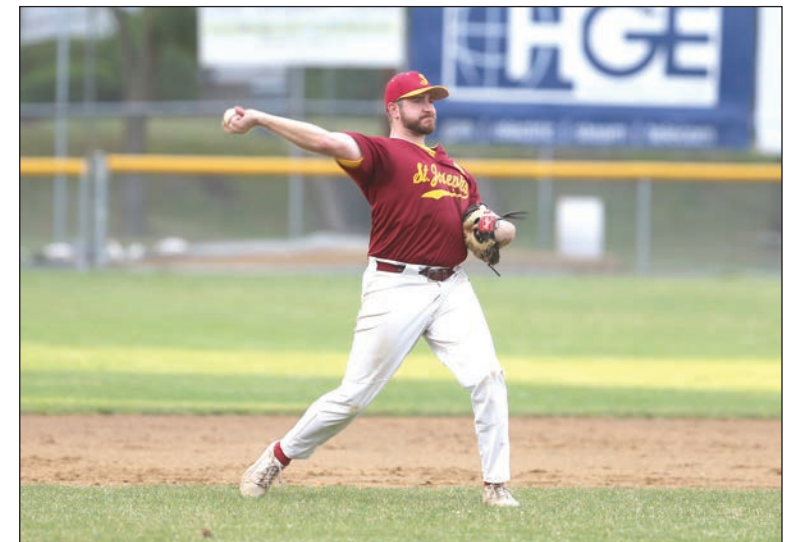
Monson finished off the regular season a perfect 11-0.



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**BASEBALL**

## St. Joe's season ends in playoff loss



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Brandon Magni makes a play for St. Joe's during the 2023 season.

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

EAST LONGMEADOW— Two days after losing to fifth-seeded DiFranco Reality at home in game one of the Tri-County League playoffs, fourth-seeded St. Joseph's made the trek to the East Longmeadow High School baseball field looking to even the best of three series.

Game two was a very close affair until the fifth inning.

With the score tied, 2-2, entering the bottom of the fifth inning, DiFranco Reality put together a rally. They wound up sweeping the opening round series with a 5-2 victory, last Wednesday night.

"Anytime that you're the higher seeded team and you don't win a game in a playoff series, it's very unfortunate," said St. Joe's manager Paul Marcinek. "We did have some good pitching in these two games, but we just didn't execute at the plate. We just left a lot of guys on base."

Marcinek shared the coaching duties with Jon Ferry.

DiFranco Reality celebrated a 6-1 victory in game one. Game two was postponed for a day due to rain.

St. Joe's, who finished the regular season with an 8-10 record, left a total of six runners on base in game two. Five of them were stranded in scoring position.

DiFranco, who went 6-12 during the regular season, took a 1-0 lead against St. Joe's righthander Brandon Magni in the bottom of the first inning.

Centerfielder Cam Rivest, who's from Agawam, lined a lead-off single into leftfield. Rivest moved to third base following a perfect sacrifice bunt by first baseman Andrew Bunger.

After the next batter hit a ground ball back to Magni, an RBI single by designated hitter Carlos Pena gave the home team an early 1-0 lead.

St. Joe's did tie the score in their next at-bats.

With one-out in the top of the second inning, second baseman Jon Nickerson hit a flyball double to right field. Nickerson, who went 2-for-3 in game two, scored the tying run when left fielder Eric Corley (3-for-3) singled to center.

The duo of Nickerson and Corley combined for five of St. Joe's seven base hits in game two. Nickerson, who also hit a

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# West showcased in volleyball

BOSTON – In last month's Bay State Games, the Western part of the state featured a volleyball team. Here is a look at how they fared in some of their matchups held July 8 and 9:

The Central girls team opened up the Girls side of the showcase with strong play from Katy O'Connell (Northborough, Algonquin Reg. HS) and Lily Davidson (Rutland, Wachusett Reg. HS), leading them to a 25-13 first game win. The second game saw more of the same, as the Nault twins Vic-

toria, and Sabrina (Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury HS) also helped power Central to a dominant game one performance, winning the second set 25-12.

## Coastal 2, West 0

This match featured an impressive start for the West squad, as they held the lead numerous times thanks to Sasha Fyfe (Dalton, Waconah Reg. HS) and Gabrielle Adams (Greenfield, Frontier Reg. HS). Unfortunately, they were unable to hold the lead, as Coastal stormed back to grab a 25:16 win in the first set,

and rolled through the second game as well. Although closer in the end, the Coastal team found success thanks to consistent play from Haley Jenkins (Dartmouth, Dartmouth HS) and Hannah Storm (Swansea, Joseph Case HS).

## West 2, Southeast 0

During this match, Southeast used a 6-point run, along with multiple diving plays to help propel them to a quick 25-15 first-game win. In the second game, West used great efforts from Chloe Schott (Longmead-

ow, Longmeadow HS) and Gabriella Manes (Feeding Hills, Agawam HS), however it wasn't enough as Zoe Smallman (Weston, Weston HS) and Caroline Gray (Whitman, Whitman-Hanson Reg. HS) continued their good performances on the day, winning the second game 25-21.

The west would play in a challenge game on Sunday, July 9, but did not play in either of the medal games.

# Blue Sox win the West, playoffs begin

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox are the 2023 NECBL West Division Champions. In their final game of the regular season, the Blue Sox defeated the Keene Swamp Bats 8-7, to finish 23-18-2 on the season.

In a game that saw 23 hits and four different position players on the mound, the Blue Sox scored runs in four different innings.

Brendan Yagesh started the game for the Blue Sox, pitching two innings while allowing four runs with three strikeouts.

Keene got on the board first in the top of the second inning, following three RBI singles and a wild pitch to put the Swamp Bats up 4-0 early.

Valley rallied back to quickly take the lead back in the bottom of the second inning, batting around their entire lineup.

Conor Kiely hit an RBI single to score EJ Kreutzmann in his first at-bat of the season. Zach Ketterman hit an RBI single to score Michael Zarrillo.

Will Gale walked with the bases loaded, AJ Guerrero hit an RBI single, then EJ Kreutzmann was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded, to allow the Blue Sox to take the lead 5-4.

Kurt Thomas took over for Yagesh in the top of the third, pitching two innings while allowing one run.

Keene tied the game at five after Bryan Padillia was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

Valley took the lead back in the bottom of the fourth after Michael Zarrillo walked with the bases loaded to put the team ahead 6-5.

Third Baseman Zach Ketterman made his first appearance

on the mound this season, taking over for Thomas in the top of the fifth inning. The right-hander pitched two innings with three strikeouts, allowing one run.

The Swamp Bats tied the game at six following an RBI single in the top of the fifth, but Valley quickly took the lead back in the bottom of the inning after Guerrero hit an RBI groundout.

Center Fielder Will Gale also made his first appearance on the mound this season, taking over for Ketterman in the top of the seventh inning. The speedy outfielder pitched one inning, allowing one run and striking out one batter.

The Swamp Bats tied the game at seven in the top of the seventh inning after an RBI single.

CJ Willis, a position play-

er who has made four different appearances on the mound this season, once again saw himself on the mound after relieving Gale in the top of the eighth inning. Willis pitched two scoreless innings to earn himself his second win of the season.

The Blue Sox took the lead in the bottom of the eighth after 2023 All-Star EJ Kreutzmann hit an RBI single to score Collier Cranford.

Willis pitched a clean ninth inning to secure the victory and division title for the Blue Sox.

With the NECBL Playoffs beginning Monday night, the Blue Sox remained at home to host their division rival Bristol Blues in the first game of a best-of-three-game series.

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## Athlete of the Week



**NAME:** Joe Ferry  
**TOWN:** Palmer  
The player/manager for PeoplesBank has led his team once again to the finals of the Tri-County Baseball League playoffs. They also won the regular season crown.

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

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# Belanger, Grenier get first career wins in Monadnock races

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Joel Belanger and Carlos Grenier each scored his first career Monadnock Speedway victory Saturday at the historic high-banked oval.

Belanger won the nightcap 30-lapper in the NHSTRA Modifieds, while Nate Wenzel topped the first open-wheel go-round. Grenier earned his victory lap by holding Colton Martin at bay to win the 50-lap Pure Stock main event. In the NHSTRA Late Models, it was Hillary Renaud scoring her first win of the summer and, in so doing, becoming the fifth different LM victor this year.

Steve Miller Jr. won for the first time this year in the Six Shooters, and Adrian Smith continued to outrun everyone as he dominated en route to his third 2023 Young Guns

victory.

Wenzel's win in the first Modified feature came gift-wrapped in the form of a Brian Chapin/Tyler Leary last-lap tangle that saw Wenzel avoid the mess immediately before him as he darted off to victory.

Chapin had taken control on lap three and was probably already making plans for where the night's trophy would later be displayed when he and Leary, up to second on lap 25, jingled in turn two as the checkers awaited them less than a lap away. Wenzel steered clear and blasted to his second win of the summer.

In the nightcap, Belanger held off all challengers to wire the event for his first career victory on the high banks. Geoff Rollins got up for second on lap 15 but, on this

night, was no match for the speedy Belanger. Rollins was the night's overall Modified winner, putting together a pair of deuce runs. Aaron Fellows and Scott Zilinski each had a third for their hard night's work.

A field of 21 potent chargers went to war in the night's Pure Stock 50-lapper. Carlos Grenier, starting up front, had seen victory slip away from him in his last outing on the high banks and wasn't about to let it happen again.

He led Dominick Stafford on laps one and two, with two-time winner Colton Martin then taking over on a restart and riding in Grenier's shadow the rest of the way.

While the lap-two jingle didn't affect the race's outcome, it strongly impacted the mid-season points chase. Multi-time track champ and

points titan Chris Davis, along with Zach Phillips and Andrea St. Amour were the big victims in this one, with Davis' early demise dropping him to 20th on the night.

Grenier and Martin fought hard the rest of the way, with Zach Zilinski in close tow until 2022 Claremont champ Chris Chambers claimed third on lap 42. Grenier, third his last time out, prevailed to take a happy victory lap.

Hillary Renaud used her Saturday victory in the NHSTRA Late Models to leapfrog two spots in the points parade into second. She led all the way, with Haydon Grenier – up to second on lap two – strong in his runner-up performance. Points leader and reign-

ing track champ Tim Wenzel used a final-turn blast to snatch third from JD Stockwell.

Steve Miller Jr. took the lead from Jacob Scott on lap three of the Six Shooter feature and never looked back. Scott then had his hands full for much of the race holding off Miller's father, Steve Sr., for second, as Scott, Miller Sr., and Andrew Scott took the checkers nose-to-tail.

Adrian Smith took the lead from Madison Cousino on lap eight

of the Young Guns feature and then blasted off to his third win of the summer. Cousino, impressive all night, held strong the rest of the way to earn her first career podium finish in second, while Markus O'Neil came home third.

After a week off, Monadnock Speedway will return to action on Saturday, August 5, when the high-banked speedplant will host another full night of oval track racing featuring 50 Lap Mini Stock Challenge.

# T-Birds caravan event moved

SPRINGFIELD - The Springfield Thunderbirds today announced that the first installment of the T-Birds Community Caravan presented by Dunkin' has been postponed to Saturday, Aug. 12 due to potential inclement weather this weekend. The T-Birds Community Caravan will still make a total of three stops in the Springfield area throughout the summer months:

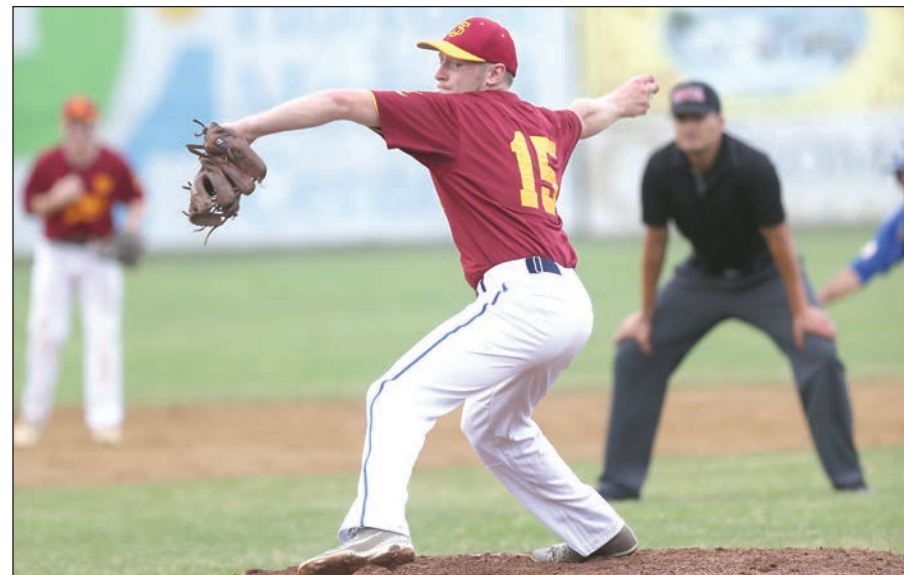
Saturday, Aug. 12 - Szot Park (Chicopee), 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday, Aug. 19 - Amelia Ice Arena (Westfield), 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in con-

junction with the T-Birds Street Hockey Tournament

Public skating from 10:50 to 11:50 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 9 - Forest Park & Cyr Arena (Springfield), 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Each event will feature an appearance from Thunderbirds mascot Boomer and team staff, as well as a wide variety of activities and vendors, including a Dunkin' Taste Truck, street hockey activities, and various food options.



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Sam Schriber delivers a pitch for the Saints.

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bloop single to right field with one-out in the top of the fourth, scored the go-ahead run when catcher Adam Zebian hit a ground ball to the shortstop.

St. Joe's didn't keep the 2-1 lead for very long.

With one-out in the bottom of the fourth, DiFranco Realty second baseman Josh Wood, who walked, scored the tying run when right fielder Cade Raymond blasted a double down the right field line.

The home team retook the lead in the fifth inning.

Pena knocked home the first run of the frame with a double. Third baseman

Nick Wilken followed with a single. After the next batter flied out, shortstop Ty Emet drew a walk which loaded the bases.

Wood drove home two more runs with another double giving DiFranco a 5-2 lead.

After DiFranco Realty righthander Nate Morse retired eight batters in a row, Corley hit a ground ball single into left field leading the top of the seventh inning. Shortstop Greg Vouros also singled with one-out. Morse retired the next two batters on a pop-up and a strikeout, as DiFranco Realty advanced into the semifinals.

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**DEATH NOTICES**

**Bacyk (Janik), Maryann F.**  
Died July 24, 2023  
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**Robert F. Willis**  
Died July 29, 2023  
Services August 8, 2023

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**O B I T U A R I E S**

*Maryann F. (Janik) Bacyk*

PALMER—Maryann F. (Janik) Bacyk, 79, of Palmer, passed away on Monday, July 24th at Baystate Medical Center. She was born on October 6, 1943 to Walter Janik & Johanna Janik-Muniec in Ware.

Maryann lived in Palmer all of her life, and worked as an insurance agent for many years. She had a selfless personality with a willingness to help anyone. She enjoyed crocheting, sewing and quilting, baking, and keeping her mind sharp with crossword puzzles and watching Jeopardy. She was a great "Gram-

my" to her furry companions. Maryann's love and memory will remain with her husband, Theodore Bacyk, Jr., their son, David and wife Lynn, two granddaughters, Ashley and Elizabeth Rollet, her sister, Debbie Janik and husband Willie, nieces, Nicole Janik and Haleyann Cooley, and nephew, Christopher Janik. She will be dearly missed by numerous cousins and other loving family members and friends. Maryann is predeceased



by her daughter, Kathleen M. Bacyk-Rollet and brother, Chester F. Janik.

Visitation was held Saturday, July 29th from 4-7 p.m. at the Beers & Story Funeral Home in Palmer. All other services are private. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Please visit [www.beersandstory.com](http://www.beersandstory.com)

*Robert F. Willis*

PALMER — Robert F. Willis, 76, of Ware St., died peacefully on Saturday, July 29 at Baystate Wing Hospital. Born in Westfield, February 5, 1947, he was the son of Francis H. and Helen R. (Pearce) Willis. Bob graduated from Westfield High School and went on to further his education at UMass Amherst, where he achieved a Bachelor's degree in Music. While at UMass, Bob met Martha Webb, whom he married in 1970. The couple relocated to Palmer in 1973, where they raised their family and became involved in their church and community. Bob's career took him to the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, where he was the Assistant to the Director of Dining Services until his retirement in 2012. Bob became very invested in the Second

Congregational Church in Palmer, serving the church in many capacities. He was a member of the choir and hand bell choir, along with serving on many committees such as Finance and Stewardship, plus being a former Moderator. Additionally, he was active at the Palmer Historical and Cultural Center (PHCC) in Three Rivers.

Along with Martha, his wife of 53 years, he will be deeply missed by his two children, Laura Snyder and her husband Sean, and their daughter Mya, all of Palmer, along with his son Andrew of Worcester. He also leaves a brother Richard and his wife Robbin of Suffield, CT and a sister Jean of



Norwalk, CT.

Calling hours will be Tues., August 8 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home. A funeral service will be Wed., Aug. 9 at 11:00 a.m. at the Second Congregational Church, 1080 Pleasant St Palmer.

For those wishing to honor his memory, the family suggests donations may be made to either Second Congregational Church, 1080 Pleasant St, Palmer or Palmer Historical and Cultural Center (PHCC) PO Box 642, Palmer, MA 01069.

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**Thurs., Aug. 3**  
Yoga; 4:30 p.m.  
**Fri., Aug. 4**  
Strength Training; 10:00 a.m.  
Wii Bowling; 12:30 p.m.  
BP Clinic; 1:00 p.m.  
Pitch; 6:00 p.m.

**Mon., Aug. 7**  
Strength Training; 10:00 a.m.  
**Tues., Aug. 8**  
Canasta; 12:30 p.m.  
Line Dancing; 4:00 p.m.  
**Wed., Aug. 9**  
Strength Training; 10:00 a.m.  
Rep. Ashe's Aide; 10 - 11:00 a.m.  
BINGO; 1:00 p.m.  
Crafts & Laughs; 6:00 p.m.

**Thurs., Aug. 10**  
Sunshine Village Craft; 10:00 a.m.  
Lunch Bunch; 11:30 a.m.  
Yoga; 4:30 p.m.  
**Fri., Aug. 11**  
"Come on Down with Police & Fire Dept.;" 12:00 p.m.

**Mon., Aug. 14**  
Strength Training; 10:00 a.m.  
Card Class; 1:00 p.m.  
**Tues., Aug. 15**  
Reflexology; 9:00 a.m.  
Canasta; 12:30 p.m.  
Brown Bag  
Line Dancing; 4:00 p.m.

**Wed., Aug. 16**  
Strength Training; 10:00 a.m.  
Crafts & Laughs; 6:00 p.m.  
**Thurs., Aug. 17**  
Yoga; 4:30 p.m.  
**Fri., Aug. 18**  
Walmart; 9:00 a.m.  
Strength Training; 10:00 a.m.  
Wii Bowling; 12:30 p.m.

**Mon., Aug. 21**  
Strength Training; 10:00 a.m.  
Card Class; 1:00 p.m.  
**Tues., Aug. 22**  
Birthday Party; 12 p.m.  
Canasta; 12:30 p.m.  
Line Dancing; 4:00 p.m.

**Wed., Aug. 23**  
Strength Training; 10:00 a.m.  
Mass EDP 12:30 p.m.  
Crafts & Laughs; 6:00 p.m.  
**Thurs., Aug. 24**  
Yoga; 4:30 p.m.  
**Fri., Aug. 25**  
Strength Training; 10:00 a.m.  
Wii Bowling; 12:30 p.m.  
Pitch 6:00 p.m.

**Mon., Aug. 28**  
Strength Training; 10:00 a.m.  
**Tues., Aug. 29**  
Canasta; 12:30 p.m.  
Line Dancing; 4:00 p.m.  
**Wed., Aug. 30**  
Strength Training; 10:00 a.m.  
Crafts & Laughs; 6:00 p.m.  
**Thurs., Aug. 31**  
Lunch & Learn w/ Capt. Hamill; 12:00 p.m.  
Yoga; 4:30 p.m.



**Palmer Senior Center**

**Thurs., Aug. 3**  
Walking; 9:00 a.m.  
Breakfast; 9:30 a.m.  
Tai Chi; 10:00 a.m.  
Pool Table; 12:15 p.m.  
Big Y; 1:00 p.m.

**Fri., Aug. 4**  
Line Dancing; 10:00 a.m.  
Lunch; 11:30 a.m.  
Movie, "Crazy Rich Asians;" 12:00 p.m.

**Mon., Aug. 7**  
Cards (and/or) Zumba; 8:30 a.m.  
Chair Yoga; 10:00 a.m.  
Lunch; 11:30 a.m.  
Pool Table; 12:15 p.m.  
Trivia; 1:00 p.m.

**Tues., Aug. 8**  
Movie Trip & Time TBA  
Knit & Crochet; 9:00 a.m.  
Walking; 9:00 a.m.  
Breakfast; 9:30 a.m.  
Arthritis/ROM; 10:00 a.m.  
Pitch; 12:30 a.m.  
Painting with Grant; 1:00 p.m.

**Wed., Aug. 9**  
Cards; 8:30 a.m.  
Strength Training; 10:00 a.m.  
Wheel of Fortune; 10:30 a.m.  
Lunch; 11:30 a.m.

**Thurs., Aug. 10**  
Walking; 9:00 a.m.  
Breakfast; 9:30 a.m.  
Tai Chi; 10:00 a.m.  
Pool Table; 12:15 p.m.  
Sunshine Village Craft; 1:00 p.m.

**Fri., Aug. 11**  
Line Dancing; 10:00 a.m.  
Brown Bag 1-3 p.m.  
Lunch; 11:30 a.m.

**Mon., Aug. 14**  
Cards (and/or) Zumba; 8:30 a.m.  
Chair Yoga; 10:00 a.m.  
Lunch; 11:30 a.m.  
Pool Table; 12:15 p.m.  
Bake & Take; 1:00 p.m.

**Tues., Aug. 15**  
Knit & Crochet; 9:00 a.m.  
Walking; 9:00 a.m.  
Breakfast; 9:30 a.m.  
Arthritis/ROM; 10:00 a.m.  
Pitch; 12:30 p.m.  
Painting with Grant; 1:00 p.m.

**Wed., Aug. 16**  
Cards; 8:30 a.m.  
Strength Training; 10:00 a.m.  
Lunch; 11:30 a.m.  
Wii Bowling; 1:00 p.m.

**Thurs., Aug. 17**  
Walking; 9:00 a.m.  
Breakfast; 9:30 a.m.  
Tai Chi; 10:00 a.m.  
Pool Table; 12:15 p.m.  
Big Y; 1:00 p.m.  
Lunch Bunch at "Burgundy Brook Cafe;" 12:00 p.m. (self drive)

**Fri., Aug. 18**  
Line Dancing; 10:00 a.m.  
Lunch; 11:30 a.m.  
Movie; "Book Club;" 1:00 p.m.

**Mon., Aug. 21**  
Cards (and/or) Zumba; 8:30 a.m.  
Chair Yoga; 10:00 a.m.  
Marathon Bingo; 10:00 a.m.  
Lunch; 11:30 a.m.  
Pool Table; 12:00 p.m.

**Tues., Aug. 22**  
Knit & Crochet; 9:00 a.m.  
Walking; 9:00 a.m.  
Breakfast; 9:30 a.m.  
Arthritis/ROM; 10:00 a.m.  
Pitch; 12:30 p.m.  
Painting with Grant; 1:00 p.m.

**Wed., Aug. 23**  
Cards; 8:30 a.m.  
Strength Training; 10:00 a.m.  
Lunch; 11:30 a.m.  
Cards with Marlene; 1:00 p.m.

**Thurs., Aug. 24**  
Walking; 9:00 a.m.  
Breakfast; 9:30 a.m.  
Tai Chi; 10:00 a.m.  
Pool Table; 12:15 p.m.  
Big Y; 1:00 p.m.  
Sunshine Village Painting; 1:00 p.m.

**Fri., Aug. 25**  
Line Dancing; 10:00 a.m.  
Lunch; 11:30 a.m.  
Ice Cream Trip, Herrell's Ice Cream; 12:00 p.m.

**Mon., Aug. 28**  
Cards (and/or) Zumba; 8:30 a.m.  
Chair Yoga; 10:00 a.m.  
Lunch; 11:30 a.m.  
Pool Table; 12:00 p.m.  
Pictionary; 1:00 p.m.

**Tues., Aug. 29**  
Knit & Crochet; 9:00 a.m.  
Walking; 9:00 a.m.  
Breakfast; 9:30 a.m.  
Arthritis/ROM; 10:00 a.m.  
Pitch; 12:30 p.m.  
Painting with Grant; 1:00 p.m.

**Wed., Aug. 30**  
Cards; 8:30 a.m.  
Strength Training; 10:00 a.m.  
Lunch; 11:30 a.m.  
Wii Bowling; 1:00 p.m.

**Thurs., Aug. 31**  
Walking; 9:00 a.m.  
Breakfast; 9:30 a.m.  
Tai Chi; 10:00 a.m.  
Pool Table; 12:15 p.m.  
Big Y; 1:00 p.m.  
Craft; 1:00 p.m.

**Police/Fire**

**Police Logs**

**Palmer**

PALMER—The Palmer Police Department reported 421 incidents on its logs for July 18 - July 25 including:

**July 18**

Tyler A. Duval, 26, of 301 Gates St. of Thorndike, was arrested at 1:47 p.m. on the corner of Ware Street and Breckinridge Street and charged with OUI second offense, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, marked lane violations and OUI-related offense while license is suspended for OUI offense.

**July 19**

Robson Meria Martins, 28, of 41 Culter St. in Worcester was pulled over at 11:47 p.m. on N. Main Street and arrested on charges of negligent operation of a motor vehicle, license suspended, Speeding, fail to stop/yield, and marked

lane violation.

**July 20**

Jon Jason Higgins, 42, of 3 Sylvia St. in Three Rivers was involved in an accident and summonsed for fail to wear a seat belt, leaving the scene of property damage, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and marked lane violation. This happened on Main St. at 4:06 p.m.

Herberto Perez, 51, of 26 Massasoit Place in Springfield was pulled over on Main Street at 10:38 p.m. and summonsed for unlicensed operation of a vehicle, failure to stop/yield, marked lanes violation, and uninsured motor vehicle.

**July 21**

Nicholas Rivera, 22, of 47 Westminster St. in Springfield was pulled over on Main Street at 5:49 p.m. and was summonsed for uninsured motor vehicle, operating

vehicle after suspended or revoked registration, and number plate violation.

**July 23**

Karene Laura Alvarado, 43, of 292 Liberty St. in Springfield was stopped and summonsed on Ware Street at 6:58 p.m. for uninsured motor vehicle and operating a vehicle after suspended or revoked registration.

Lucas Faria Oliveira, 23, of 57 Valley St. in Spencer was stopped on Thorndike Street at 7:22 p.m. and arrested for a warrant and a charge of operating a motor vehicle without a license.

Jason Pita, 41, of 44 Mobile Home Way in Springfield was arrested at 9:05 a.m. on Holbrook Street for multiple warrants, suspended license, uninsured motor vehicle, drug possession, and operating a vehicle without a license.

**Fire Logs**

**Bondsville**

For the period July 18-24, Bondsville fire responded to 5 calls.

On Tuesday, July 18 at 2:11 p.m., the department responded to Main St to assist PD to check CO readings. The department returned to service at 2:35 p.m.

On Tuesday, July 18 at 3:55 p.m., the department responded to State St to investigate a possible tree on fire near the powerlines. The department returned to service at 4:11 p.m.

On Thursday, July 20 at 9:10 p.m., the duty officer responded to South Main and Crawford St to check smoke in the area possibly from fireworks. Nothing was found and returned to service at 9:24 p.m.

On Thursday, July 20 at 11:10 p.m., there was another response to South Main and Crawford St for smoke in the area. Again, nothing was found and returned to service at 11:24 p.m.

On Saturday, July 22 at 4:52 a.m., the department responded

to State St for the lift assist. The department returned to service at 5:28 a.m.

**Three Rivers**

The Three Rivers Fire Department responded to 10 calls for the week of July 24-31.

On Tuesday, July 25 at 1:19 p.m. the Department responded to an unauthorized burning on Sasur Street. The Department returned to service at 1:35 p.m.

One Wednesday, July 26 at 5:18 p.m. the Department responded to an alarm activation on Anderson Street, returning to service at 5:26 p.m.

On Thursday, July 27 at 4:18 p.m. the Department responded to an electrical issue on Skyline Terrace, returning to service at 4:31 p.m.

Later that day at 5:17 p.m. the Department responded to a tree on a build-

ing on Maple Street, returning to service at 5:30 p.m.

At 5:41 p.m. the Department responded to a lightning strike on Sykes Street, returning to service at 5:55 p.m.

One Friday, July 28 at 3:30 p.m. the Department responded to a carbon monoxide alarm on Maple Terrace, returning to service at 3:48 p.m.

On Saturday, July 29 at 10:15 a.m. the Department provided mutual aid to Palmer Fire Department, returning to service at 10:28 a.m.

On Sunday, July 30 at 4:42 a.m. the Department responded to an EMS incident on Pleasant Street, returning to service at 4:46 a.m.

Later that day at 5:41 p.m. the Department responded to an EMS incident on Ford Street, returning to service at 5:55 p.m.

At 5:55 p.m. the Department responded to a walk-in medical at the fire station, returning to service at 6:20 p.m.

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# MA Legislature passes \$375 million transportation bill

BOSTON —The Massachusetts Legislature on Thursday passed a bill that includes \$375 million in bond authorizations for transportation needs across the state, including \$200 million for the state's Chapter 90 program, which provides municipalities with a reliable funding source for transportation-related improvements, including road and bridge repairs.

"Ensuring that people in every region of Massachusetts have safe and dependable transportation options is fundamental to creating a competitive and equitable commonwealth," said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). "This funding invests in our infrastructure and transit systems everywhere, allocating much-needed funds to local roads and bridges, regional transit, EV infrastructure, and parts of the MBTA. I want to thank Senator Crighton for making this a priority, my Senate colleagues for their support, and Speaker Mariano and the House for agreeing on these critical investments in our infrastructure."

This legislation also authorizes \$175 million in programs that will support various transportation-related projects. This includes \$25 million for each of the following: the municipal small bridge program; the complete streets program; a bus transit infrastructure program; grants to increase access to mass transit and commuter rail stations; grants for municipalities and regional transit authorities to purchase electric vehicles and the infrastructure needed to support them; funding for pavement and surface improvements on state and municipal roadways; and new funding dedicated to additional transportation support based on road mileage, which is particularly helpful for rural communities.

Senator Jake Oliveira (Hampden, Hampshire & Worcester District) was glad to see the new funding dedicated to additional transportation support based on road mileage. "Western Mass has considerably more rural communities than other areas of the state, so I'm glad to see the Legislature prioritize regional equity by taking more factors into account beyond just population and other socioeconomic factors. Addressing regional equity is about acknowledging and understanding that Western Mass has different challenges than other parts of the state. I'm grateful to Senate President Spilka, Speaker Mariano, and my colleagues in the Legislature for considering that," said Oliveira.

The bill having passed both the Senate and the House of Representatives, it will now be sent to the Governor for her consideration.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

E-mail items to mharrison@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 pressreleases@turley.com.*

## THIS WEEK

**PALMER LIBRARY CONCERT:** The library, located at 1455 North Main St., will host one of its free summer concerts from 10:30 to 11:30 on Tuesday, Aug. 2. Storytellers Motoko and Eshu will entertain the crowd.

**GAME NIGHT:** The Monson Public Library, 2 High St., will hold a teen game night from 4-6 p.m. The theme will be party games.

## NEXT WEEK

**FOOD TRUCK, FARMERS AND ARTISANS MARKET:** Over 40 vendors as well as live music, food, magic and other entertainment 3 to 8 p.m. Aug. 11 in Hryniewicz Park in Three Rivers.

## COMING SOON

**MONSON CULTURAL PICNIC** Performances, songs and dances celebrating people of all different cultures will be held as the Monson Cultural Picnic from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 12, at Veteran's Field, 110 Main St., in Monson. Admission is free. Free cook-out but bring lawn chairs. There will be a petting zoo, vendors, face painting and a disc jockey playing music from around the world. Enjoy the park, playground, skatepark and tennis courts.

**JIMMY FUND WALK:** Registration is now open for the 2023 Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk Scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 1. Proceeds from the event support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at one of the nation's premier cancer centers, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. All four routes will culminate at the Jimmy Fund Walk Finish Line in the Fenway neighborhood. If walkers want to participate a bit closer to home, the Jimmy Fund Walk has flexible opportunities, including virtually. Register as an individual walker, team member or start a team at JimmyFundWalk.org or by calling 866-531-9255.

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

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

**GAME NIGHT:** 6-7:45 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month at Top Floor Learning (third floor of the Palmer Library at 1455 N. Main St.). Free and open to the public. Play available board and card games or bring 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.

**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:** 6 p.m., every Tuesday night at Memorial Hall with Randy Emerson. Free, no registration. Presented by Monson Parks & Rec and the Monson Free Library.

## ONGOING

**FARMER'S MARKETS:** The Brimfield Farmers Market at Hitchcock Academy is a fun place to find cool, unique products, plants and seasonal produce every Saturday while you meet your neighbors and support Hitchcock and local businesses.

The Wales Baptist Church farmer's market is 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday until Labor Day directly across the street from the church on Route 19 in Wales. Items being sold are baked goods, honey, seasonal vegetables, antiques and crafts.

## INTERESTS

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

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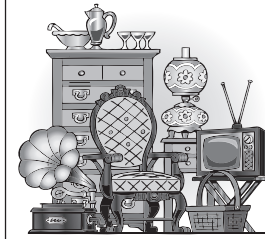
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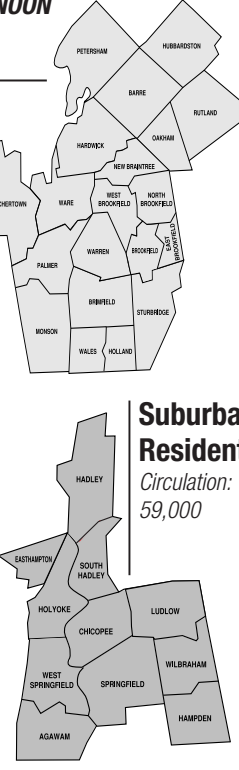
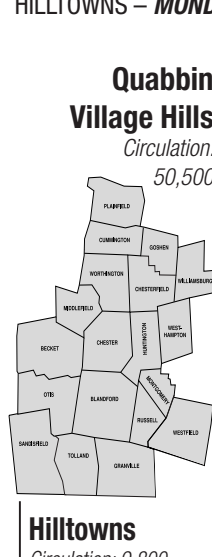


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Business

# Improving smiles since 1977

Dentist celebrates over 40 years in business

By Dallas Gagnon  
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PALMER – William J. Vigneux celebrates 46 years of improving smiles this year, with many third generation patients to celebrate with him.

Located at 2025 Main St., Three Rivers, Vigneux offers the community customized dentistry services at a convenient location.

“We provide good care. I think people like the fact that we give them options,” said Vigneux.

He added he “caters to the customer’s needs,” and “makes sure we’re on the same page.”

Unlike many large practices, the small business atmosphere of Vigneux’s office allows him to provide the best, individualized care as there is no “running in and out” of several patient rooms at a time.

“You have to see people [and] do your best,” said Vigneux.

A unique quality of the care Vigneux provides is his ability to talk with patients and prioritize their needs opposed to “making a quick buck.”

“We really take care of our patients and dental family,” said Vigneux.

Vigneux’s philosophy is to “do the best you can for every patient.” “If you take care of people, it feels good,” said Vigneux.

Speaking to practicing with an emphasis on a patient’s needs, Vigneux said he has provided emergency services in the past, and has even made house calls.

Vigneux said when he first opened his practice in the late 1970s/1980s, he received a call from a patient he had never served before.

While the patient’s “emergency” wasn’t the traditional bleeding, pain or swelling symptoms, Vigneux deemed the case an emergency as the patient was the mother of a bride who was getting married that day.

The woman’s denture broke off, and Vigneux drove out to fix it the day of.

“That’s an emergency - I’m thinking of my grandmother...I feel a connection to my patients,” said Vigneux.



Dr. William Vigneux stands beside his business slogan “Improving Smiles Since 1977.”



William Vigneux DMD is shown smiling behind the reception desk in the office.



A large flower pot is shown outside of the dentist office, a courtesy of Dr. William Vigneux.

cialized services.

“It was one week, immersed in clinical things,” said Vigneux.

He added he is “very happy with [his] experience in the military,” and he “enjoys doing what [he’s] doing.”

“It’s fun, and is always something new. It’s not boring like any other business,” said Vigneux.

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Evan Gallagher demonstrates the machinery of the Advanced Manufacturing department.



Laura Rogers (left) helps Genasis Rodriguez in Pathfinder’s kitchen.



Culinary students learn to make pasta from Pathfinder’s Nutrition Director Anthony Bishop.



Youth attending the program answered questions about the fundamentals of wiring.

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Wednesday, and then police training for things like fingerprinting and patrol procedures on Thursday, followed by tours on Friday.

“We’ll give them a tour of the police station, they can meet people that are in there, get to see the facility, how they work, check everything out there, and then we go to all the fire stations, see the firefighters at their stations, and how that stuff works,” Wahlers said.

“We go to the ambulance garage, check that out, so they get a tour of everything,” Wahlers said. “We’ll include everybody, and then they can interact with the firefighters there and talk to them at their stations, and then we’ll van them up, come back, and that’s the week.”

After landing their helicopter on the lawn in front of the school, the crew told the class about what they do, and what protocols they have to follow, such as the minimum number of staff required to tend to an emergency.

The Summer Youth Enrichment Program serves as a great sampling of the various vocational programs that Pathfinder has to offer, with in-depth courses that, at best, can put a child on the path to a career they’ll be passionate about – and at worst, provide some fun activities to try out over the summer.

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
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Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Division  
Docket No. HD23P0873EA  
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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Janet Tougnsnant of Enfield CT

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Most investors are aware of the different types of stocks: big-company, small-company, technology, international and so on. And it may be a good idea to own a mix of these stocks as part of your overall investment portfolio. But the importance of diversification applies to bonds, too — so, how should you go about achieving it?

To begin with, individual bonds fall into three main types: municipal, corporate and government. Within these categories, you’ll find differences in the bonds being issued. For example, government bonds include conventional, fixed-rate Treasury bonds as well as inflation-protected ones, along with bonds issued by government agencies, such as the Federal National Mortgage Association (or Fannie Mae). Corporate bonds are differentiated from each other by several factors, but one important one is the interest rate they pay, which is largely determined by the credit quality of the issuer. (The higher the rating grade — AAA, AA and so on — the lower the interest rate; higher-rated bonds pose less risk to investors and therefore pay less interest.)

Municipal bonds, too, are far from uniform. These bonds are issued by state and local governments to build or improve infrastructure, such as airports, highways, hospitals and schools. Generally, municipal bonds are exempt from federal tax and often state and local taxes, too. However, because of this tax benefit, municipal bonds typically pay lower interest rates than many corporate bonds.

How can you use various types of bonds to build a diversified bond portfolio? One method is to invest in mutual funds that invest primarily in bonds. By owning a mix of corporate, government and municipal bond funds, you can gain exposure to much of the bond world. Be aware, though, that bond funds, like bonds themselves, vary widely in some respects. To illustrate: Some investors may choose a low-risk, low return approach by investing in a bond fund that only owns Treasury securities, while other investors might strive for higher returns — and accept greater risk — by investing in a higher-yield, but riskier bond fund.

But you can also diversify your bond holdings by owning a group of individual bonds with different maturities: short-, intermediate- and long-term. This type of diversification can help protect you against the effects of interest-rate movements, which are a driving force behind the value of your bonds — that is, the amount you could sell them for if you chose to sell them before they matured. When market interest rates rise, the price of your existing, lower-paying bonds will fall, and when rates drop, your bonds will be worth more.

But by building a “ladder” of bonds with varying maturities, you can take advantage of different interest-rate environments. When market rates are rising, you can reinvest your maturing, shorter-term bonds at the new, higher rates. And when market rates are low, you’ll still have your longer-term bonds working for you. (Generally, though not always, longer-term bonds pay higher rates than shorter-term ones.)

A bond ladder should be consistent with your investment objectives, risk tolerance and financial circumstances. But if it’s appropriate for your needs, it could be a valuable tool in diversifying your bond holdings. And while diversification — in either stocks or bonds — can’t always guarantee success or avoid losses, it remains a core principle of successful investing.

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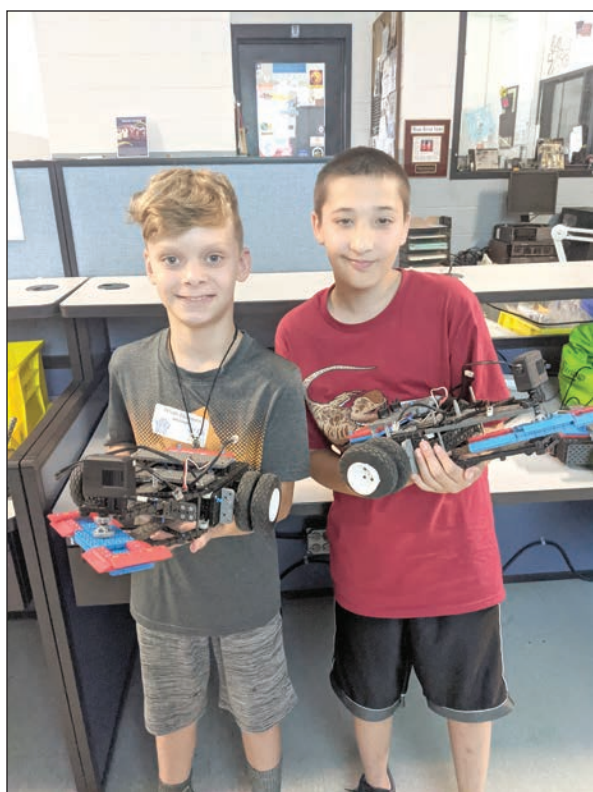


# Robots battle at Pathfinder's summer program



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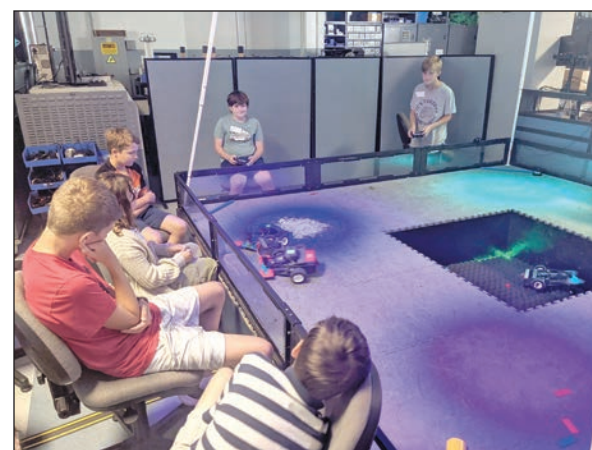
First place winners Ethan Bunnell and Caiden White show off the remains of their robots.



Finalists Noah Hansen and Louis Beauregard hold the robots they used in the finals.



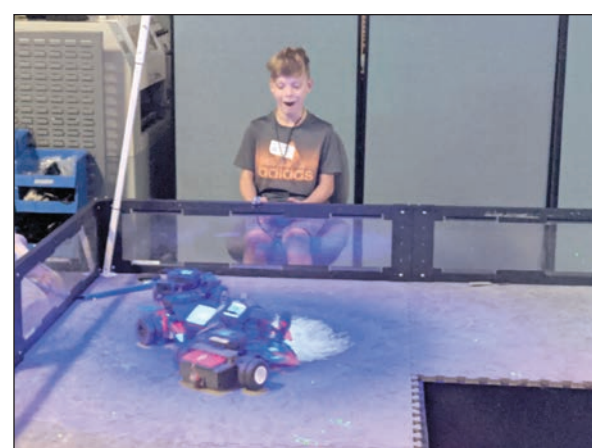
Blue Team whooped and cheered as they defeated Red Team in the final battle.



After the finals, the rest of the students had a skirmish in one last free-for-all battle.



Louis watched with apprehension as the last bots standing battled it out for the title.



Noah's face showed his excitement as his robot gained the upper hand.

By Marcelo Gusmão  
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PALMER – Pathfinder's Summer Youth Enrichment Program held a tournament for its Robotics class last week, which saw students pit robots against each other in a brawl that served as a testament to a week of engineering practice.

"The Robotics Battleshop has been a successful and engaging program with the Summer Youth Enrichment Program for five years now," said Kyle Lussier. "It immerses students into a STEM-based environment of team-oriented competition, coupled with design, assembly, imagination, and strategy skills."

The class was split into two sides, the Blue Team and the Red Team, with two students from each team competing against each other for each elimination round. The final match came down to Ethan Bunnell and Caiden White on the Blue Team, against Louis Beauregard and Noah Hansen on the Red Team, with the Blue Team taking home the grand prize.

Lussier said that one good thing about the course is seeing the younger students learn from their

older classmates, including students with engineering experience, often able to defeat them by the end of the week.

"Each student starts off with learning basic hands-on skills to assemble a modest, unadorned robot," Lussier said. "Once complete, they learn how to effectively drive their robot, along with learning driving strategies to improve success. As the week progresses, these students are encouraged to make modifications to their design based on conclusions they have made from their peers' driving styles and self-perceived strategies. Nearing the end of the week, students are teamed up and pitted against other teams through random match alignment."

Liam Sasur, one of the students competing, shared how his design for a ramp on the front of the robot caught on with the other students.

"My brother suggested it," Sasur said, and demonstrated how the ramp would slip under oncoming robots to push them back.

The tournament was put on with the help of Rebecca Eckert and Cody Scrivener, who are seniors in Pathfinder's Electronics Technology program, as well as

Ethan Griswold, a Pathfinder graduate who was called in after one student could not make the tournament.

"He's off college, so he figured, 'What do I want to do on my day off? Come hang out here,'" laughed Lussier.

"[Eckert and Scrivener's] dedication, motivation, and drive are what help make this not only possible but exciting and engaging for all ages," Lussier said.

"It takes a lot to put on a really exciting show for the kids, but all these guys are outstanding," Lussier said. "I just love how I've had a lot of students from the past come back and say, 'hey, I've got nothing going on, can I just come here, hang around, and help out?' Like, absolutely, come on in. The more the merrier!"

Lussier himself provided commentary on matches, as well as musical accompaniment that included classics like Journey, with Europe's "Final Countdown" playing on a loop for the final match.

For more information about Pathfinder's Robotics and Engineering programs, visit their website at pathfindertech.org.

## Friends of Monson Free Library book sale to be Sept. 2 and 3

MONSON – The annual used book sale sponsored by the Friends of the Monson Free Library will be held on Saturday, Sept. 2, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 3, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The sale will be indoors at the DeSantis Community Room at the Monson Free Library, 2 High St. There will be a wide selection of adult, young adult, and children's books. Prices will be \$1 per hardcover and 50 cents per paperback. Customers are invited to bring a tote bag and fill it for \$5.00.

The Friends are accepting used adult, young adult and children's books in good condition. No textbooks or audio/video/electronic media of any kind will be accepted. Patrons who wish to donate may bring books directly to the DeSantis Community Room at the Monson Free Library during the following days and times: Saturday, Aug. 26, 9 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.; Tuesday, Aug. 29, 10 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.; Wednesday, Aug. 30, 10 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.; and Thursday, Aug. 31, 10 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Proceeds from the book sale will benefit the Friends of the Monson Free Library. For inquiries, please email friends.monsonfreelibrary@gmail.com.

## CAMPUS NOTES

### Local students graduate from Elms College

CHICOPEE More than 440 students graduated from College of Our Lady of the Elms during its 92nd Commencement held on May 20, at the MassMutual Center in Springfield. The following local students earned degrees:

Darrleen Welden of Monson, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Healthcare Management.

Amanda Sakowicz of Monson, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.

Amanda Lloyd of Monson, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Social Work.

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