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MONSON

New principal joins Granite Valley School

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MONSON — With the first day of classes only a few weeks away, new Granite Valley School Principal Serenity Greenwood is eager to welcome students.



Serenity Greenwood

Bringing 25 years of experience in public education to her new role, Greenwood has enjoyed each opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the lives of children, families, and educators.

"Accepting the position of Principal at Granite Valley School is both an incredible honor and a tremendous responsibility," Greenwood told The Journal Register. "Joining the Granite Valley community represents the next chapter of a career dedicated to ensuring that every child feels valued, challenged, supported, and capable of success."

Greenwood's career in education has provided her with experiences across many roles. She began as a kindergarten teacher before becoming an elementary science specialist, working with students from preschool through fifth grade.

Over the past several years, she held school administration positions that served students in Pre-K through eighth grade. In these leadership roles, she focused on strengthening instructional practices, implementing multi-tiered systems of support, augmenting social-emotional learning

and improving school culture.

Additional responsibilities included leading professional learning communities, analyzing student achievement data and partnering with families and community organizations.

"These experiences have reinforced my belief that student success is built through strong relationships, effective instruction, collaborative leadership, and a relentless focus on continuous improvement," Greenwood added.

Looking ahead to her first year at Granite Valley, Greenwood aims to build strong bonds at all levels of the school community. She has already been impressed with the dedication and preparedness of team members she's met throughout the district.

"I am excited to become part of a school community that values strong relationships, high expectations, and continuous growth, and I look forward to working alongside staff, students, and families to build on the many strengths already present at Granite Valley," Greenwood said.

During her transition into the principal role, Greenwood also took immediate notice of the community support for education in town.

"What drew me to Granite Valley was the opportunity to serve a close-knit community that values its schools and its children,"

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PALMER



Photos by Marcelo Gusmão

Above, the carpentry department showed off the birdhouses they constructed during the Summer Enrichment Program. Right, Annalea, age nine, practiced cosmetology on volunteer Anorah, age 12.

Summer Enrichment Program concludes at Pathfinder Tech

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PALMER — Last week, Pathfinder Technical Vocational High School concluded its three-week Summer Enrichment Program, a three-week long program that offers five-day courses for third to eighth graders on fundamentals of the various vocational programs that Pathfinder has to offer.

The program was put on through the collaboration of staff, primarily instructors from the school year, and student volunteers. Vocational Coordinator Joseph Brewer, also Director of Pathfinder's

Cold Springs building, said that the program provided an opportunity for kids from the community to use the hands-on technology that's available to Pathfinder students throughout the school year.

"We did see the kids at different ages interacting with each other, building friendships, supporting each other," Brewer said, "so they get the chance to see what student life is like here and interact with the high school students."

Students had the option of signing up for one to three weeks of the program, and could enjoy different offerings from Pathfinder's curriculum each week.

"We try really hard to



make sure we have a wide variety of things to offer to all of the youths. They're fourth through eighth grade, so there's a big variety of ages," said Career and Technical Education Director Shelly Zayas. "We try to come up with things that would hold their interest. This is for any student from any town, but we always want the students to know from our nine sending towns that this is their school, this is where you could come, so here's all the things we offer around the school."

There were a great variety of programs offered in the Summer Enrichment Program, including Advanced Manufacturing; Auto Body Repair; Baking FUNDamentals; Baseball Skills; Basketball Skills; Beauty School; Cookie Creations; Custom Kicks and Courts; Dig, Design, and Grow; Drama/Theatre; First Responders; Fishing 101; Fun with Art; Junior Chef; Kid Cafe; MakeCode Arcade; Robotics BattleShop;

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PALMER

Town launches improved website

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PALMER — Following last month's website overhaul project, visitors to the town site are enjoying improved accessibility and efficiency.

The goal of the project was to make several upgrades that enhance communications and transparency, while ensuring a streamlined experience for users.

"Improving communication is a continuous goal for the Town Council, Town Manager's Office and the administration team. The foundation for solid communications is the website," said Town Manager Brad Broth-

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Wales welcomes Wildlife



Submitted photo

On Thursday, July 30, the Forest Park Zoo visited the Wales Public Library to present Wildlife on Wheels, bringing live animals. See more photos on page 6.

PALMER

Library's Mah Jongg Club celebrates anniversary

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PALMER — It's only been a year since the launch of the library's Mah Jongg Club, but the increasingly popular game has quickly drawn members and built friendships — one tile at a time.

Members celebrated the club's one-year anniversary during an Aug. 3 session in the community room at Palmer Public Library.

For Joyce Joyal, who worked with library leaders to get the club off the ground, it's been exciting to see a steady rise in community interest.

"It's a great game, not only for socialization but also for your mind. There's a lot of strategy involved," said Joyal, who lives in Ware.

After learning how to play Mah Jongg while residing in Florida — and eventually playing four times a week — Joyal was disappointed by

the absence of the game from western Massachusetts community venues.

"I couldn't find anywhere to play. There seemed to be nothing in the area," she recalled.

Unsure how to spark local interest in the game, Joyal attended Palmer Public Library after noticing it was hosting a presentation from a Boston-based Mah Jongg player. It became clear during the event that area residents were curious about the game, but the lack of local clubs seemed to be an insurmountable barrier.

Until Joyal teamed up with library officials to create a club.

"Four of us showed up to the first meeting. Since then,

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Library hosts ‘after-hours’ lock-in for young readers

PALMER – Local youth summer readers will celebrate their love of books with a unique event this month.

Hosted by Palmer Public Library, an After-Hours Library Rave program will take place on Friday, Aug. 21, at 7 p.m. Participants who have spent their summer enjoying books during the library’s summer reading program will have the opportunity to stay overnight at the library until Saturday, Aug. 22.

In order to receive an invitation to the party, area kids were challenged earlier this summer to read 40 or more

hours through the library’s Summer Reading Program.

“By accomplishing this goal, participants are then invited to an After-Hours Party like no other, with revolving activities that change every two hours,” the statement read.

Activities will include Capture the Flag, lawn games, Rank That Snack, a nail salon, Nintendo Switch games, Bracelet Bonanza, achievement badges, pearler bead projects, pizza, ice cream sundaes, a waffle bar breakfast buffet and more.

Activities will take place throughout the library. Reg-

istered participants are encouraged to bring their own blankets, pillows, pajamas and toiletries.

Registration for this event opens on Saturday, Aug. 15, at 12:15 a.m. Youngsters ages 10 and 11 can party at the library until 11 p.m. Participants ages 12-17 are welcome to sleep over at the library. A parent/guardian permission slip and registration are required for attendance.

The library is located at 1455 North Main St. To learn more about upcoming activities at the library, visit www.palmerlibrary.org.

Burial Grounds of Palmer presentation

PALMER – Take part in Palmer’s MA 250 celebration by joining local historian Robert Comeau in this presentation about the Burial Grounds of Palmer. This presentation will be Oct. 6 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

To register for this program, please visit: <https://palmerlibrary.com>

In addition to this presentation, Robert has done two Palmer Cemetery Tours and will be hosting the final

tour at the Four Corners Cemetery on Saturday, October 10th.

Brought to you by the Palmer Historical Commission and the Palmer Public Library.

This program is funded in part by a grant from the Palmer Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

This program is free, but registration is requested.

PHS Class of ’66 Reunion

PALMER – The Palmer High School class of 1966 is planning a get-together on Saturday, Sept. 19, at 2 p.m. The event will take place at Teresa’s in Ware.

The cost of the meal is \$34. Please contact dgouvin@yahoo.com or Gail Clark at 413-262-9568, by Aug. 31.

Town Clerk announces new polling location

MONSON – Officials have announced a polling location change.

Future elections in town will take place at Quarry Hill School, 43 Margaret St. Please use the pool entrance when entering the school.

For more information about the change, contact the Town Clerk’s office at 413-267-4115. You may also send an email to: townclerk@monson-ma.gov.

Annual water quality report available

MONSON – The 2025 annual water quality consumer confidence report for Monson are available at <https://www.monson-ma.gov/622/Water-Quality-Report-CCR-Index>. Hard copies are available at Monson Town Hall located at 110 Main Street, Monson Free Library located at 2 High Street, and Monson Senior Center located at 106 Main Street. Please call 413-267-4130 if you would like a paper report delivered to your home. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water.

Rededication of park/gazebo Aug. 21

MONSON – Residents are invited to attend a rededication ceremony at Dave Grieve Memorial Park and Gazebo.

The program will take place on Friday, Aug. 21, at 6 p.m. Several special guests and speakers are expected to attend, as well as members of town de-

partments.

Family members of Grieve will also be in attendance at the ceremony to mark the completion of a major renovation project.

Thanks to an Americans with Disabilities Act compliance grant, several improvements were made to Dave Grieve Memorial

Park. These included projects at the gazebo and the parking area to provide increased accessibility.

The area was closed in May to allow for work to take place.

For additional updates, check the town website at www.monson-ma.gov.

BBQ dinner on Aug. 29

WARE – Ware Grange is holding a Barbecue Dinner at the Fair on Saturday, Aug. 29 at 4 p.m. \$25. Reservations are required. Call 413-284-1135 or email waregrange164@gmail.com to make your reservations.

Lions Club hosts Family Fest on Sept. 5

MONSON – Guests of all ages are invited to enjoy special activities at the Monson Lions Club Family Fest.

The event will take place on Saturday, Sept. 5,

from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Westview Farms Creamery, 109 East Hill Road.

The event will feature food trucks, vendors, a kid zone, a magician, live music

and several other highlights.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor at the event, text Karen at 413-544-1555.

Early voting information

PALMER – Early voting hours have been announced for the Sept. 1 State Primary.

The following dates and times are available for early voting at the Palmer Town Clerk’s Office, 4417 Main St.

Hours include Saturday, Aug. 22 (9 a.m.-5 p.m.). This day is also the deadline to register to vote and/or change

your party designation for the Sept. 1 State Primary election (deadline is 5 p.m.).

Early voting hours will also be held on Monday, Aug. 24 (8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.); Tuesday, Aug. 25 (8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.); Wednesday, Aug. 26 (8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.); and Thursday, Aug. 27 (8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.).

Monson Together hosts golf tournament Aug. 22

MONSON – Area residents are invited to support Monson Together’s second annual golf tournament.

Set for Saturday, Aug. 22 at Quaboag Country Club, the event will benefit Roots of Remembrance, toy drives, senior gift bags and the Monson Community Cupboard.

The tournament cost is

\$400 per team. The cost includes 18 holes.

Two tee times will be offered (8 a.m. and 1 p.m.). A total of 15 teams will take part in each tee time.

The event will also include a meal, music and raffles.

To register for the tournament, please text Karen at 413-544-1555.

Classes of ’76 fall reunion set for Oct. 17

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

Graduates and guests are invited to eat, drink and be reunited in the outdoor venue at Vanished Valley Brewing Co., 782 Center Street, Ludlow. The cost

is \$35 per person, includes entertainment – Kingdom of Jones Band – and a BBQ style buffet with cornbread, salad, BBQ ribs, BBQ chicken, pulled pork, mac n’ cheese, rice and beans and coleslaw.

SAVE THE DATE. SPREAD THE WORD.

Please RSVP by contacting Sue Warner Prosseri at suewpro@gmail.com. Registration and payment are due no later than September 30, 2026.

Palmer High School Class of ’76 plans August reunion

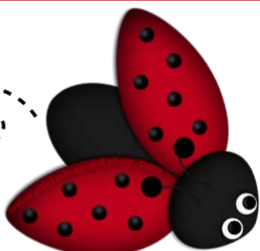
PALMER – Do you have the Spirit of ’76? With the 50th anniversary of Palmer High School’s Class of 1976 this year, a reunion of classmates and faculty at the end of the summer has been planned for Aug. 28 at Salem Cross Inn, 260 W. Main St., West Brookfield. It will be a summer option for those unavailable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

The event at Salem Cross will begin with cocktails at 5

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

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

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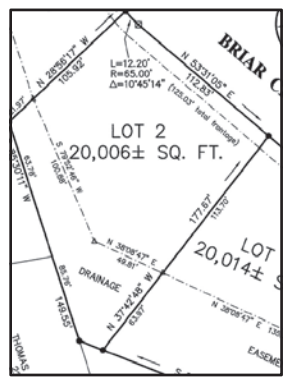
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RMV training held for older drivers

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Michele Ellicks, who is the community outreach coordinator at the Registry of Motor Vehicles recently presented a training for older drivers.

The training focused on health issues that can affect older drivers, how to combat those issues and how to apply for disability placards.

Ellicks started the program by highlighting that drivers between ages 55-74 actually have the lowest rate of collisions, as they often impose limits on themselves like not driving in bad weather or at night, or scheduling appointments during times of day where there is less traffic.

Ellicks said this statistic is supported by a two decades study from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

Ellicks said newer technologies like safer seatbelts and airbags along with lane departure warning and adaptive cruise control are factors in less collisions. She said at one time, seatbelts only covered the lap of the driver, but they now go over the shoulder.

She said drivers should not put the seatbelt under their arm or behind them.

“Number one, always wear your seatbelt,” she said.

Ellicks said adaptive

cruise control is able to detect cars in front of the driver, and keep a safe distance from it, but said cruise control is only to be used in perfect conditions, not in rain, snow or ice. Ellicks also noted that highway infrastructure has gotten safer, with more lights and larger fonts on signs.

Ellicks continued, saying that once drivers hit age 75 or older, collisions and fatalities start to rise, for both the driver and other occupants of the vehicle, with the highest fatality rate coming from drivers over age 80. She said part of the reason older drivers die more in a crash is their bodies cannot handle the impact as well. She said the crashes per mile driven also increases with age.

Ellicks said some of the problems older drivers can face are functional impairments, like loss of eyesight. She said as people age, they can lose their light and depth perception along with their peripheral vision.

Ellicks said if a driver starts to notice that, they need to self-report it on their renewal application, because if the state does not see an ailment on the application, they will issue a license for five years. She said if a person gets in a crash because of a known issue, the liability is still on the individual, not the state.

Ellicks noted that not all impairments are permanent,

and not only for older people, giving the example of cataracts, which can be treated, or broken bones reducing the strength in legs, which can also be treated.

“Our mobility can change in an instant,” Ellicks said. She said it is important to have a second plan, like a MART bus or an elder bus, and there are staff available to train new users.

Another impairment Ellicks talked about was medication side effects, such as dizziness, nausea, drowsiness, lack of concentration and agitation, which can all affect one’s driving. She noted that the operating under the influence law in Massachusetts covers all medications, including prescription and over the counter medications that are causing an impairment.

Finally, Ellicks talked about disability placards, which must be applied for at the RMV. She said there are

multiple options like disability placards to hang from the rear view mirror, disability plates, disabled veterans plates and disabled motorcycle plates.

She said they all offer the same benefits, but a driver cannot have both a plate and a placard, and they are only issued to disabled people.

She said in some cases, it is more beneficial to have the placard because it can be hung in any car the disabled person is driving in, and the placard can only be used if the disabled person is exiting the vehicle.

According to Ellicks, 10% of disability placard applications result in license loss, but all drivers have the right to a hearing. She also said a healthcare provider has to fill out a portion of the application, and check off whether the person is fit to drive. Ellicks said even if a person cannot drive, they can still get a placard.



Town Treasurer arraigned on embezzlement, forging records, and larceny charges

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Attorney General’s Office (AGO) today announced that Rodney Kincaid was arraigned in Hampden Superior Court on charges that he allegedly abused his position as the Treasurer of the Town of Wales to embezzle nearly \$140,000 in public funds. He is also accused of embezzling more than \$50,000 from the Eastern Hampden County Veterans’ Service District, where he served as treasurer.

Kincaid is charged with one count of Embezzlement by a Town Officer, one count of Uttering False or Forged Records, and one count of Larceny by Embezzlement over \$1,200. He entered a plea of not guilty and was released on personal recognizance. Kincaid is due back in court on September 9 for a pre-trial hearing.

Kincaid has served as the elected Treasurer for the Town of Wales since 2018. According to the investigation by the AGO and the Massachusetts State Police, from June 2019 through 2025, Kincaid allegedly embezzled approx-

imately \$138,150 from the Town by creating and submitting fraudulent invoices, processing those invoices through his role as Treasurer, and causing Town checks to be issued and diverted to accounts under his control, including credit card accounts.

Additionally, Kincaid serves as a treasurer of the Eastern Hampden County Veterans’ Service District, an intermunicipal agency that provides veterans’ services on behalf of the towns of East Longmeadow, Hampden, Brimfield, Wales, and Holland. The investigation also revealed that, from August 2023 through December 2025, Kincaid embezzled more than \$50,000 from the organization by using his position to issue unauthorized checks, payable to himself.

The matter was handled by Assistant Attorney General Richard Dohoney of the AGO’s Criminal Bureau, in partnership with Senior Investigator Brendan Cullen of the AGO’s White Collar and Public Integrity Division and members of the Massachusetts State Police.

‘Trains Magazine’ editor offers special presentation Aug. 12

PALMER – Local rail fans are invited to enjoy a special presentation at the next meeting of the Amherst Railway Society.

The event will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. at 1130 South Main St.

The program will be highlighted by a presentation from Trains Magazine editor Bill Stephens. Among other topics, he will discuss how the collaborative efforts of writers, photographers, editors, illustrators and designers help produce the magazine each month.

“For many of us, Trains Magazine is an integral part of our railroad interests. It keeps us abreast of North American

freight and passenger railroads, industry trends, and regulatory developments,” read a statement released by the Amherst Railway Society.

Stephens has more than 30 years of experience in covering the rail industry. He was named editor of Trains Magazine in November 2025.

“His analytical reporting and in-depth special reports have made him one of the industry’s most trusted voices,” the statement read.

Stephens resides in Westfield. His presentation is open to the public.

To learn more about the society and its upcoming programs, visit www.amherstrail.org.



Friday, Movie Matinee

at 12:30

with drinks and popcorn

Aug. 7 - “Ice Age” –

To avoid a bad frostbite, Earth’s majestic creatures begin migrating south. The exceptions are a woolly mammoth named Manfred, and a lazy sloth named Sid. When Sid “adopts” Manfred as his protector, the mammoth tries everything he can to unload his newfound baggage. Manny is roped by Sid not helping him reunite and abandoned human baby named Roshan with his family. They are joined by Diago, a saber-toothed tiger who befriends Sid and Manny, seeing the infant as a tasty treat.

Palmer Senior Center

Aug. 14 - “Water for Elephants” – Epic Tale of forbidden love. Against all odds, a veterinary student and a beautiful circus performer from a bygone era meet and fall in love through their shared compassion for a special elephant. But their secret romance incurs the wrath of her dangerously volatile husband.

Aug. 21 - “Pearl Harbor” - History comes alive in this unforgettable epic picture. This real-life tale of cat-astrrophic defeat, heroic victory, and personal courage focuses on the war’s devastating impact on two daring young pilots and a beautiful, dedicated nurse.

Aug. 28 - “Small Things Like These” - In 1985 coal merchant Bill Furlong uncovers disturbing secrets in a

small Irish town that is controlled by the Roman Catholic Church.

Monday Evening

4:30 p.m.

Aug. 10 - Sunflower Hat

w/Kim

Aug. 17 - Family Feud and Dinner (American Chop Suey) \$3

Aug. 24 - Gift Bag Pursues w/Marlene and Dinner (Meatball Grinders). Limited seating. \$3

Aug. 31 - Fall craft w/ Kim. See sample.

Activities

Aug. 12, 10, 26 - Fruit & Veggie Stand This program made possible through QHCHIP2026 mini-grant through the town of Ware refer to “Healthy Quaboag.”

Aug. 7 - Make & Take scrapbooking w/Kim – free

Aug. 13 - Please note there is no blood pressure clinic today

Aug. 19 - Seashell mirror/tray w/Kim. Cost \$10.00

Aug. 25 - Volunteer Luncheon. By invitation, if you have not received an invitation and feel you should have please contact Marlene on extension one.

Upcoming Events

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

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Viewpoints



When should my wife file for spouse benefits?

Dear Rusty:

My wife is 66 (born February 1960) and started taking Social Security retirement benefits just over one year ago at age 65.

She was a stay-at-home Mom for most of her adult life. I turned 62 this past March and received my first SS payment recently for a May 2026 start. We are scheduled to meet with SSA in late July to initiate spousal benefits because my wife's current benefits are less than 50% of mine.

We also have an adult disabled son, who receives Supplemental Security Income and Social Security benefits (this split in benefit sources happened after my wife filed - that whole process was confusing and we don't understand it).

My question relates to spousal benefits (I was a career finance person but don't completely understand these rules). We were going to file in July but is there any benefit to waiting until she turns 67? And will her 50% benefit be 50% of my lower benefit due to my filing at 62 or is that based on another amount?

Signed:
Confused Finance Guy

Dear Confused:

First, be aware that your wife's spousal benefit will be based on her age when she claims it, and half of your Full Retirement Age, (although you claimed at 62, her benefit as your spouse will still be based on your FRA entitlement).

Because she claimed her SS retirement at 65, your wife will not get 50% of your FRA entitlement; rather she will get her own reduced SS retirement benefit (which was reduced by about 13% from her FRA entitlement) plus a "spousal boost." The amount of that "boost" will be the difference between her own FRA entitlement and half of your FRA entitlement, but that boost amount will also be reduced because she will be claiming in July before her FRA.

Your wife will reach her FRA in February 2027, so by claiming her spousal boost in July her boost amount will be reduced by about 5% and the "boost" will be added to her already reduced SS retirement about. The result will be your wife's benefit as your spouse will be less than 50% of your FRA entitlement. And, FYI, your wife will be automatically deemed to be filing for her spousal benefit, she will not be able to defer claiming it.

As your son is now collecting SS benefits based on your wife's personal SS record, you should ask Social Security to switch him over to payments based on your record because you have the higher SS benefit.

FYI, because your son is now receiving Supplemental Security Income, the SS disability benefit he receives will offset by his SSI benefit, and the payment amount will consist of two sources - SSI and SSDI. Nevertheless, he cannot get more than 50% of your SS retirement amount and will likely be affected by the Family Maximum, which may further reduce his SSDI entitlement.

Your wife's benefit as your spouse will also be affected by the "Family Maximum," which limits how much can be paid on any

one person's SS record (on your SS record).

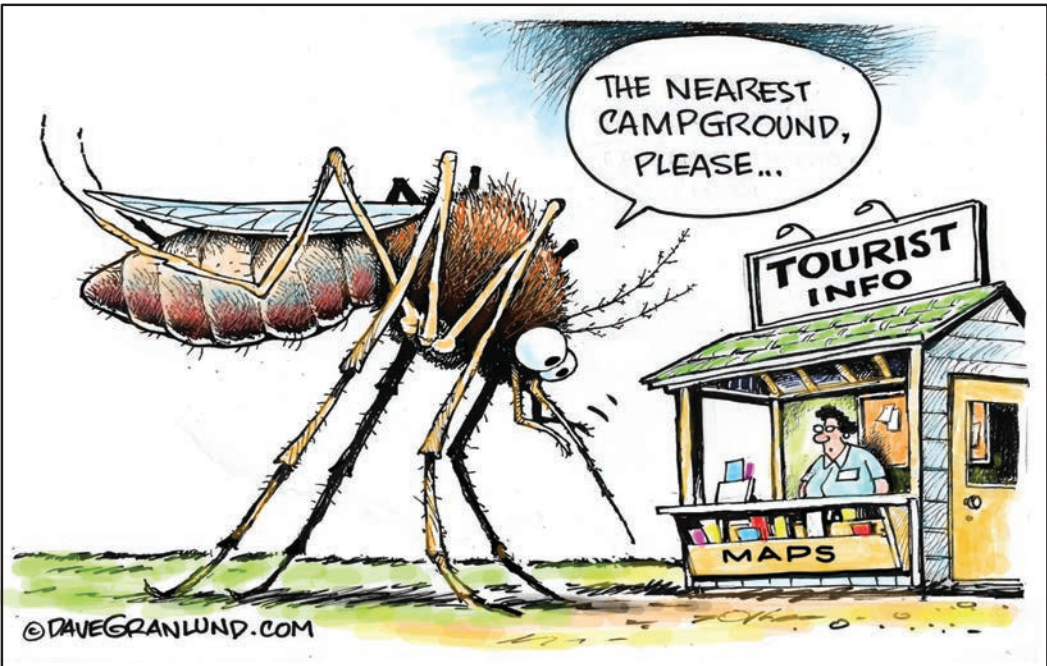
That also means that your wife will not get a full 50% of your FRA entitlement; rather she will get less because the family maximum limits how much all your dependents can receive to somewhere between 50% and 88% of your FRA benefit amount (after subtracting your own SS entitlement).

That also means that your son's SS payment, as well as your wife's SS payment as your spouse, will be reduced to less than 50% of your FRA entitlement. SSA will be able to guide you through the Family Maximum calculations for both your son and your wife when you meet.

To recap all of this: a) your wife will be automatically deemed to be filing for her spousal benefit; she cannot delay until her FRA. b) her amount as your spouse will be less than 50% of your SS FRA entitlement. And c) both your wife's and your son's SS benefit will likely be also affected by the Family Maximum and, thus, be less than half of your FRA entitlement.

Nevertheless, it was likely the right decision to claim as you have, considering that your son and wife have been receiving SS benefits for some time now, and both will continue to receive more as your dependents.

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Privet pruning leads to instruction

Every year when we head off to the Cape, the "yard" talk becomes privets, and bunnies, but that is a whole other column.

When we visited in June, the privets where we stay had been cut way back in an effort to reduce height and width. This trip, I noticed those cuts had grown back nicely, achieving the desired results.

Read on while we revisit a column from the archives on pruning hedges.

A living hedge offers multi-seasonal interest. A number of shrubs suited for hedges flower or have appealing fall leaf color.

Others are evergreen and fulfill the "need for green" even in the offseason. Some make great homes for wildlife, and others are the perfect backdrop for our holiday decorations.

Whatever the case, a hedge doesn't have to be old and overgrown to require your attention. Perhaps it is a little misshapen, or too tall and gangly. Maybe it has lots of dead wood.

Anyway, there is no time like the present to get out the loppers and hand clippers and do some pruning.

Old and overgrown

Hedges that fall into this category should be rejuvenated over the course of three years. The general rule of thumb is to remove no more than one-third of a shrub's mass at one time.

Working from the interior of each plant, cut out the oldest stems first to ground level. Fresh new growth will fill in the gaps.

Repeat in years two and three, until all the old wood has been pruned away. If you prune more drastically than recommended, there will be less leaf power for photosynthesis, and vigor may be reduced; curb your impatience and stick to the three year rule.

Misshapen

Hedges can sometimes be disproportionate and appear top or bottom-heavy. Proper pruning can alleviate this problems. Before horticulture college, it never occurred to me that I could determine the direction in which my shrub will grow based on the pruning cuts I make. I used to think I was merely shortening stems!

Grab a branch and examine the buds closely. Some point inward while others point out. Voilà!

For a top-heavy shrub make cuts at inward facing buds on the upper section - this will curb outward facing growth. On the lower portion make your cuts at buds facing out to encourage outer branching.

Best cuts are made on a 45 degree angle just after the bud of choice. Try this pruning method on privet.

Too tall and gangly

Hedges that are tall and thin need more than just "a little off the top." Here you will employ pruning strategies that you've already learned.

Cut deep into the plant to bring down its height, then prune the sides of the shrub to outward facing buds to encourage a wider hedge.

This technique works especially well with hedges comprised of Rose of Sharon.

Lots of dead wood

The quickest way to prune a hedge has always been to employ shears or electric trimmers and simply remove new growth each season. Unfortunately this method makes for lots of green leaves at the plant's tips but for very little on the interior of the shrub.

If you should decide you want to reduce the overall size of the hedge you will be in for trouble - all that will be visible is dead wood. Start making "windows" now by cutting out large stems back to main branches.

Light will penetrate inside the plant spawning lots of fresh green growth. Eventually you will be able to cut the hedge back to that point. The three year, one-third rule that I spoke of earlier should apply here as well.

Boxwood and yews benefit from this type of rejuvenation.

Kudos to the privet pruner; you did well!

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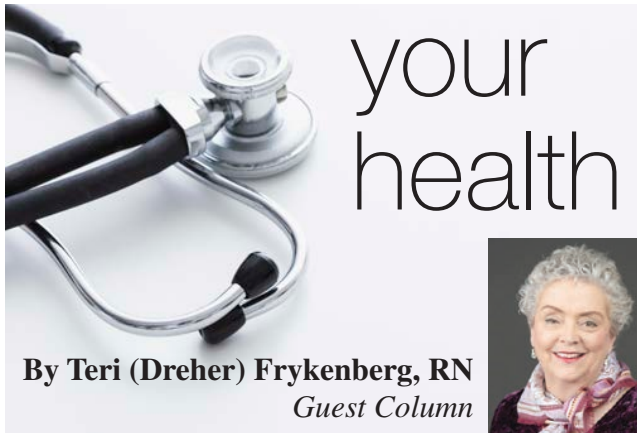
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Campaign news

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

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New name, new focus for a common disorder



By Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN

Guest Column



Some things are worth waiting for. In May, a coalition of more than 50 patient and professional organizations announced that polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) would henceforth be known as polyendocrine metabolic ovarian syndrome (PMOS). It took 14 years, but for women who struggle with this disorder, it will have been worth the wait.

The new name is a mouthful, but it does one important thing: It takes the focus off ovarian cysts, which were originally thought to

be a source of the disorder and contributed to missed diagnoses and inadequate treatment.

The new name is intended to shift attention toward the interplay of multiple systems that influence long-term health, including the endocrine system.

The endocrine system is a network of glands and organs, including the ovaries, that produce and release hormones directly into the bloodstream, which regulate various bodily functions such as growth, metabolism and reproduction. When

things go awry with the endocrine system, the symptoms can be devastating and women may suffer for years with diffuse symptoms before being diagnosed.

Symptoms of PMOS may include irregular or absent menstrual periods, excess hair growth, acne, weight gain and dark patches of skin. These symptoms can vary widely among individuals and may also include infertility and metabolic issues like insulin resistance.

Clearly, PMOS can affect a woman's overall health - something doctors are stressing with the new name. If you've been diagnosed with PCOS, your diagnosis hasn't changed - it just has a new name - but it may be worth raising other concerns with your doctor, such as blood sugar, cholesterol and cardiovascular risk.

While treatment for PCOS has focused on teens and younger women of reproductive age, it's clear that older women should also be

monitored. It's a complex, long-term hormonal or endocrine disorder that may impact health in menopause, increasing risks for insulin resistance, type 2 diabetes, high cholesterol, cardiovascular disease and endometrial cancer.

Dr. Helena Teede, an Australian endocrinologist and researcher, led the name change process after spending decades researching the condition and seeing the patient impacts first hand.

"What we now know is that there is actually no increase in abnormal cysts on the ovary, and the diverse features of the condition were often unappreciated," Teede said at the time of the announcement. "It was heart-breaking to see the delayed diagnosis, limited awareness and inadequate care afforded those affected by this neglected condition."

If you are experiencing symptoms like these, be sure to talk to your doctor. Here

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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

UPCOMING

VENDORS FOR THE
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August Vendors

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

ONGOING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOTCH VISITOR CENTER OPEN FOR WINTER SEASON: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday-Monday. The center is located on Rt 116,

at the center of the Holyoke Range State Park. DCR Interpretive staff will be available for visitors. Coming in January, programs will also be offered to highlight the Range’s special nature in winter, see the park web site for details.

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

POETRY CORNER

Song of Summer

*‘Twas midsummer’s eve and a road that went along -
Heard a solitary voice... from further on?
Overhead the moon appeared in her pastel gown -
And we danced ‘til you were nearly grown.*

*We passed down a courtyard of cedars and elm;
A crowned figure asked could he enter on our realm:
You may, Sir, step with us until all music’s done,
And we see the coming carriage of the sun.*

*The drowsy bees nestled, in your nectared hair -
And moths by your dear light, fluttered everywhere;
There proceeded behind us in seasoned pairs of two -
Were those that we knew, evernew.*

*With pebbles underfoot, we wore out the shoes -
And what were cares we took care to lose;
And the moon worn out, still peered sweetly down,
As we danced down the night to the town.*

*And down in our hearts, we could hear the summer say:
After fields are mown, and the grass comes to hay:
Should you listen for me, though it seems distant murmur -
On the road somewhere, you will hear the song of summer.*

– Charles Barnes

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are some other things to know about the disorder formerly known as PCOS so you can be well-informed:

- Weight gain doesn’t always accompany polycystic ovary syndrome (PMOS). This means you can have hormonal imbalances and insulin resistance even without being overweight. PMOS can be missed if weight is the only focus.

- Emerging research indicates imbalances in gut bacteria can contribute to insulin resistance and other symptoms. Eat fiber-rich fruits and vegetables and give

fermented foods a try, like kimchi and yogurt.

- PMOS can take a toll on emotions, bringing on anxiety, depression and sleep disruptions.

- Hormonal birth control may help manage hormones and regulate menstrual periods.

- Getting pregnant may be harder with PMOS. A fertility specialist may help.

The symptoms can be maddeningly hard to describe, let alone deal with. A private patient advocate who has a medical background might be someone who could bridge the communication gap between you and your doctor.

Just remember: PMOS

instead of PCOS.

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The Journal Register ~ November 5, 2026

The Journal Register will be saluting our local veterans (from all wars and branches, including honoring deceased veterans), reservists, active duty U.S. Military members.

Please submit a photo of your veteran with his or her name, rank, branch of military and hometown by email to dflynn@turley.com or drop off a photo to

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All photos will be returned.

Please submit your photo no later than Monday, October 27, 2026.

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Wales welcomes Wildlife

WALES – On Thursday, July 30, the Forest Park Zoo visited the Wales Public Library to present Wildlife on Wheels, bringing live animals and an interactive educational experience.

The program was made possible through a Constellation Grant awarded to the Friends of the Wales Public Library, allowing the library to offer this special event to local families at no cost.

The Library was very excited to bring an experience like this to Wales.



Submitted photos



School Supply List

Suggested School Supply Donations:

- Box of Colored Pencils
- Plastic Pencil Box (Unlabeled)
- Erasers (Not Pencil Top)
- Thin Set of Crayola Markers
- Thick Set of Crayola Markers
- Scotch Tape
- Pack of Post-It Notes
- Box of 24 Crayons (No Larger)
- Colored Pencils
- Children's Scissors
- Elmer's Glue Sticks
- Expo Markers
- Single Subject Notebooks (Any Color)
- Erasers (Pencil Top Style)
- Lots of Pencils (Ideally Ticonderoga)
- Pencil Case/Box/Bag
- Cm/Inch Ruler
- Hand-Held Pencil Sharpener

Items For Sharing With The Class:

- Lysol/Clorox Wipes
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- Expo Markers
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 - TJ's Tavern

WHAT'S HAPPENING at the PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Tuesday, August 25 at 6:30 p.m.
Federalist Fathers and Republican Mothers: The Fashions of John and Abigail Adams

The end of the 18th century witnessed turmoil and revolution not only in governments and economies, but also in fashion. In this talk, local textile expert Lynne Zacek Bassett will discuss the fashions of John (1735–1826) and Abigail Adams (1744–1818), their family and their associates, using portraits, images of period clothing, and period prints—but mostly, the wonderfully opinionated descriptions of fashion offered by John and Abigail Adams in their correspondence.

Lynne Zacek Bassett is an independent scholar specializing in historic fashion and textiles. From 1995-2000 she was the curator of textiles and fine arts at Old Sturbridge Village in Sturbridge, Massachusetts. Since going independent, Lynne has undertaken a number of large projects, including award-winning exhibitions and publications. Her contribution to the field of historic fashion and textiles has been recognized by the American Antiquarian Society, the Massachusetts Historical Society, Historic New England, and the International Quilt Study Center, which have all elected her to membership in their honorary or advisory societies.

This program is free, and registration is not required.

Tuesday, Sept. 1 at 6 p.m.
Suzanne Strempek Shea
Compositions Book Launch

Please join us for the book launch of *Compositions: A memoir in 42 essays by 1 kid on her 8 years in Catholic School*, which is the 12th book and latest release of Bondsville-based author Suzanne Strempek Shea. In this extraordinary memoir, Suzanne writes about her early years in a close-knit 1960s and '70s Polish-American grade school and community of Three Rivers and Palmer, Massachusetts.

Compositions details a life that revolves in a circle of faith and family. Fine societal distinctions are made: Polish Catholics and French-Canadian Catholics, the two majorities in her village, each have their own churches and their own schools, even their own funeral homes. At Strempek Shea's school - known in the village as "Polish school" - the most important grade is for conduct.

Written in the author's voice and point of view from grades one to eight, the humorous and poignant essays show a past still fully present. *Compositions* is a kaleidoscope of close-to-the-bone observations and stories written as energetically as if the author had always been waiting to tell the world all she knew.

Registration is not required for this program. Books will be available for purchase from the author immediately following the program.



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Redcoats and Rebels

Revolutionary War re-enactment held at OSV

STURBRIDGE – Old Sturbridge Village hosted hundreds of re-enactors at its annual Redcoats and Rebels event this past weekend, which was sponsored by Dexter.

This two-day event gives people the chance to experience what life was like during the Revolutionary War, while touring the militia encampments and witnessing battle re-enactments.

Re-enactors portrayed soldiers, artisans and civilians to recreate the sights, sounds and stories of the American Revolution. They performed drills, musket and cannon demonstrations and more.

Visitors to the village were able to visit with artisan craftspeople, tour the military encampments, listen to fife and drum music and talk with both re-enactors and Old Sturbridge Village’s costumed historians.

Old Sturbridge Village is offering free admission to children (ages 17 and under) during the month of August with the purchase of an adult or senior general daytime admission ticket using code SUN26 at check-out on the website, www.osv.org.



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Militia re-enactors marched toward the battlefield during Old Sturbridge Village’s annual Redcoats and Rebels weekend-long event sponsored by Dexter.



Above, re-enactors fired muskets during a battle in the lower fields by the Freeman Farm. Left, a re-enactor had a quiet moment with his horse.



Militia members prepared to face British troops.



Drummers accompanied the militia to the battlefield.



Militia members marched in formation awaiting orders.



British troops fired at the rebel militia.

Energy saving tips for the summer

By Quinn Suomala
Correspondent

Many people see their energy bills increase in the summer due to the amount of appliances needed to keep their homes cool.

National Grid offered some advice to help keep energy costs low.

They suggested that you only run full loads in the dishwasher and dryer, setting your refrigerator temperature to 38 degrees Fahrenheit and utilizing a toaster oven to re-heat or cook small meals, as it utilizes less energy than a traditional oven.

It can also be beneficial to cook outside when possible and even use a clothesline to dry clothes, rather than a dryer.

These strategies reduce electrical costs and can help to keep house temperatures lower.

Additionally, switching fan directions in the windows during the day can also help keep temperatures down. Switch the fans to push out hot air during the day and pull in cool air at night.

Eversource also recommended closing curtains on direct sunlight and turning off the air conditioning when no one is home.

Furthermore, regularly cleaning the AC filters improves air flow and extends the life of the AC unit.

It is also important to check that an AC unit is correctly draining any and all moisture. AC units remove moisture from the air as they work, and incorrect drainage can lead to leaks, mold and a broken AC.

A simple way to prevent this is when installing a window AC unit, ensure that the unit is tilted backward slightly. This ensures that the water drips down and out, rather than into the room the AC was installed in.

Furthermore, when installing the AC unit people should make sure that there is at least five feet of clearance from walls, trees, hedges or yard ornaments.

If there is not enough clearance it can block airflow and reduce the efficacy of the unit.

Another tip for keeping costs low, as suggested by

Lisa Sullivan from Holyoke Gas and Electric, is sealing any air leaks in windows and doors to help keep all cool air in.

“Additionally, we encourage customers to consider installing a smart or programmable thermostat,” Sullivan said.

Having a programmable thermostat allows people to turn up the temperatures in their home while they aren’t there, effectively cutting down energy costs.

Moreover, when installing a thermostat in a home, ensure that it is out of direct sunlight. Having the thermostat in direct sunlight can lead to incorrect temperature readings, which then cause an increased energy output.

The thermostat should also be kept away from windows and doors, as drafts from those can also alter temperature readings.

Additionally, many people find themselves adding

appliances in the summer to keep on top of the heat.

Having multiple appliances plugged in can cause safety concerns, including power surges or electrical fires.

To avoid these problems, Sullivan recommended that people should avoid plugging multiple high-energy devices into the same outlet, inspect cords for damage before use, and follow manufacturer’s instructions for installing and operating devices.

“If breakers are frequently tripping, outlets feel warm, or lights flicker when equipment is running, we recommend contacting a qualified electrician to evaluate the home’s electrical system,” Sullivan said.

HG&E also offers a surge protection program that will safeguard appliances. People can learn more about this at <https://www.hged.com/services/electric-service/surge-protection.aspx/>.

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Kids in the First Responders program were called on to answer questions.



Ozeya, age 9, and Addie, age 10, stacked 17 cups to create a stack that was taller than either of them.



Serving food made in the culinary program, (from left) Emma, age 11, Max, age 12, and Braelynn, age 11.



The students in the Robotics Battleshop were excited to talk about what they learned, (from left) Abram, age 9, Cole, age 10, Zach, age 10, Emerson, age 9, Dean, age 9, and Dylan, age 12 (not pictured).



Enjoying food from Person Restaurant after seeing Pathfinder's play, (from left) Hope Corsi, Abby Flagg, and Kathy Stuber.



Madison, age 13, and Aubrey, age nine, worked the register at Perso Restaurant.



Grace, age 13, showed off the Butterfly Cake that she had made in the culinary department.

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Woodworking; Zany Science; and the music programs, Young Virtuosos (Recorders and Percussion), Young Rockstars (Guitars and Ukuleles), and Young Beat-Makers (Electronic Music).

"It really is tailored to the individual likes of the kids. There's so many things that they're interested in. The program here offers a taste of everything," Brewer said. "Some kids might call it a camp, but it's clearly more than a camp. When we say Summer Youth Enrichment Program, it really is giving these kids a taste of what is offered here at Pathfinder Tech and what career they might want to pursue."

Nowhere was this enthusiasm more evident than in the Robotics BattleShop, where students clamored to explain what they had done over the course of the program.

"In the beginning, we built some robots," explained Dylan, age 12. "After that, we did a couple practice matches, and after that we started like we did two-versus-two battles, and whoever had the best record in the end would get to choose who their partner is."

"We did our finals today," said Abram, age nine. "So two people would face off with their teams, and then one person would lose, and then they would go into the battle, and the first person who lost twice, you would get the golden trash can, which was your award, and you could not play anymore."

The students explained how the tournament taught them not only about building a robot, but also sportsmanship and to accept loss gracefully. The carpentry program also had a curriculum that involved students building something they could be proud of.

"We built this wine bottle bird feeder, and the kids

learn how to use the different machines," Scott Baronas said. "They learn joinery, they learn angles. Every day we go through a certain part of the project, so we do it step-by-step, and by Friday afternoon, they're all done."

One new offering was the music program, which was offered for the first time in the summer, and split into three different curricula for each week of the program. The first week, Young Virtuosos, focused on traditional music, then in the second week, Young Rock Stars learned more contemporary rock styles of music, and then in the final week, the Young Beat Makers learned to make digital music.

"It's been amazing, we have the best student workers from Pathfinder, the best of the best," said Music Teacher Daniel Friedman. "This week, the beat-makers, had by far the biggest attendance at 14 kids. Last week, we only had three, but there was a lot of excitement around the rock band."

The rock band class put together a performance after the drama program's performance last week, under the band name Volcanic Pioneers.

Zayas said that in addition to providing a chance for younger students to get a taste of what they could learn at Pathfinder, it also provides the teachers with employment during the summer.

"The other good thing is that we get to employ our teachers over the summer to do things that they love," Zayas said. "Then we get to hire our students, some of them are 14 and 15, so we're able to have them apply, and we're able to employ some of our students to work in the summer too for three weeks."

The Summer Enrichment Program has concluded, but you can learn more about what Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School has to offer by going to their website, at PathfinderTech.org.



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Maddy Bonavita sends a pass away.

SOC CER

Mustangs pick up quarterfinals win

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

MONSON – Despite only having seven players at the start of the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League women’s quarterfinal match, sixth-seeded Chicopee United managed to keep the score close against the thirdseeded

Monson Mustangs for almost the entire match. The Mustangs, who held a 2-0 halftime advantage, scored two late goals and they advanced into the semifinals following a 4-0 victory at Larry Tassinari Field on July 27. “We beat them twice during the regular season

and it’s difficult playing the same team multiple times,” said Monson coach Cassidy Bailey. “I also know most of their players. We played very well.” The Mustangs finished the regular season with a 9-2 record, while Chicopee United entered the playoffs with a 4-7 mark.

The Chicopee squad, who joined the PVSSL this year, did have four more players arrive by half - MUSTANGS

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Ciara Monaghan turns play around.



Elenor Leland hustles up the field.



Christy Russo sends a pass up the field.



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Hannah Murphy is met by an opponent.

SOC CER

CF Arbor reaches PVSSL semifinals

SOUTH HADLEY – In last week’s PVSSL summer playoffs, the CF Arbor Men’s soccer team, which was the No. 4 seed in the playoffs, was able to advance into the semifinals and took on Mt.

Carmel, which defeated CF Arbor’s chances of reaching the championship game this year. Mt. Carmel would capture this year’s men’s championship.



Ryan Sunshine socks a free kick away.



Tyler Lewis advances up the field.



Landry Kwawu goes to meet up with a loose ball.



Owen Dieterle heads up the field.

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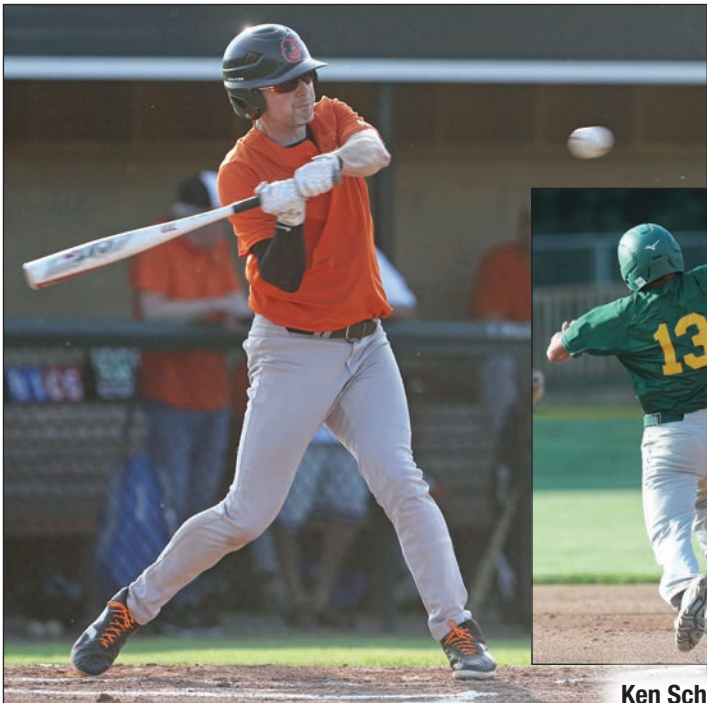
Valley Wheel Over-28 League regular season ends



Nate Woodland makes a catch for the A’s during regular season action in the Valley Wheel league.

WILBRAHAM – The regular season has concluded for the Valley Wheel Over-28 Baseball League, one of several adult baseball leagues that plays in the region. This year, with play concluding this past Sunday, the Angels were able to finish the regular season with the top record, going 11-4. The Angels matched the Twins with the same record, but won two out of three head-to-head for

the tiebreaker advantage in the playoffs. The Orioles finished third and the Cubs overcame the A’s by tiebreaker for the final of four playoff spots. The semifinals for the league are set for this Sunday at Spec Pond in Wilbraham. In the first matchup, the No. 2 Twins host the No. 3 Orioles at 2:30 p.m. Then, the top-seeded Angels face No. 4 Cubs at 6 p.m. The championship game will be held on Sunday, Aug. 16 at Spec Pond at 3 p.m.



Sam Ribeiro takes a swing.



Ken Schubert heads to second.



Adam Strain fields a grounder.



Mike Burgos pitches in a game for the Orioles on July 26.

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Emerling picks up win at Monadnock Speedway

WINCHESTER, NH – If there’s any end in sight to Patrick Emerling’s current dominance of the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour, it wasn’t visible Saturday, July 25 at Monadnock Speedway.

The Orchard Park, NY speedster won the fifth annual JDV Productions Duel At The Dog energized by USNE Power Modified main event at the storied high-banked oval, using his third consecutive Tour victory to stay atop the points parade and, as an added bonus, picked up an additional \$5,000 check for topping the three-race JDV Whelen Midsummer Championship.

And he did it with relative ease. Beating Tyler Rypkema to the checkers by 2.321 seconds, Emerling now has 13 Whelen Modified Tour victories to his credit, two of them scored at Monadnock.

With a huge crowd on hand for the JDV Duel event, other winners Saturday at the fast quarter-mile included Granite State Pro Stock Series rocketman DJ Shaw, and third-year Pro Truck Challenge hot shoe Jason Paquette, who scored his first career Pro Truck victory in front of the thundering Duel at The Dog crowd.

Matt Hirschman set fast time in Whelen Modified Tour qualifying, touring the high banks in 11.836 seconds. The Keystone State hot shoe was one of ten drivers in the 21-car field to turn sub-12 second laps. It was the third week in a row that Hirschman had set fast time but a top-ten redraw Saturday would place him ninth on the starting grid for the night’s 200-lap main event.

Jon McKennedy, a winner of many events at Monadnock over the years, started on the pole, with defending Tour Champion Austin Beers at his side. At their bumpers, were six-time Champion Doug Coby and Emerling. McKennedy quickly took charge.

With Coby, Beers, and Ronnie Williams riding in his shadow, McKennedy would lead the first 35 laps. Emerling, content to survey the task before him, moved up to third on lap 18.

The first lead change occurred on lap 37, with Beers low-lining to the front. Two circuits later, his mirror was filled by Emerling. He would take charge on a lap 86 restart and never look back. Beers would stay right with him on restarts, racing wheel-to-wheel with the eventual race winner, but each time Emerling would again best him and pull away.

Tyler Rypkema, aboard the fabled Boehler Old Blue, blasted into second on lap 137, actually inching ahead of Emerling to lead lap 148 by inches, but two go-rounds later, the Empire State star was back in front to stay. Rypkema’s strong second-place performance was his third Whelen Modified Tour runner-up finish of the summer.

Beers held strong to earn the third-place hardware, followed by 15-year-old rookie sensation Paulie Hartwig III and Tommy Catalano.

Positions six through ten went to Teddy Hodgdon, Eric Goodale, McKennedy, Coby, and Stephen Kopcik. Hirschman, after his promising start, finished 12th on the night.

Second generation superstar DJ Shaw did what’s become expected of him in big northeast Pro Stock events Saturday. The Center Conway, NH ace patiently worked his way to the front in the 100-lap Granite State Pro Stock Series main event, pounced at the first opportunity, and then sped off to victory.

Teen star Cole Robie – the series’ defending champion and defending Duel at the Dog Champion – set fast time in Pro Stock qualifying Saturday with a lap of 12.136 seconds, but a redraw put Tom Carey III and Cory Casagrande up front as the race went green.

Carey, with Casagrande glued to his bumper, had the best seat in the house for the first 72 circuits, but Shaw – from row three – was methodically working his way to the front. Taking third from points leader Jeremy Sorel on lap 11, he was content to sit there until low-lining into turn three 40 laps later to swipe second from Casagrande.

With the same move on lap 73, Shaw was at the front and off to the races, Casagrande kept it close, but there was no stopping Shaw once he was in front. Saturday’s big Duel At The Dog score was his second GSPSS victory of the summer.

With Casagrande holding strong for a close second, Carey’s strong performance brought him home third. Hudson, NH’s Joey Pole was fourth under the checkers, and Robie completed the top five.

Pro Truck Challenge driver Jason Paquette couldn’t have picked a better day to earn his first win. Racing in front of the huge Duel crowd, the Scotland, CT hot shoe took the lead from pole starter Nate Smith on lap 26 and then held ageless wonder Duane Noll at his bumper the rest of the way.

With Noll finishing glued to the winner’s bumper, Tyler Chapman was third on the day. Four-time winner and series points leader Randy Burr got as high as third before settling for fourth, and Adrien Paradis was fifth in the 16-truck field.

Thunderbirds pick up new goalies coach Blue Sox fall in Game 1 of first playoff series

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds announced today that the club has hired Brandon Wildung as Goaltending Coach.

Wildung, 32, joins the T-Birds and replaces Dan Stewart, who was appointed Goaltending Coach by the New Jersey Devils earlier this month. Wildung most recently served as Associate Head Coach for the USHL’s Sioux Falls Stampede from 2024-26, where he helped the Stampede to a Clark Cup championship this past season.

Prior to his coaching career, the Nassau, Minn. native stood between the pipes for four NCAA seasons with Mercyhurst University from 2014 to 2018 before skating in seven pro games with the ECHL’s Utah Grizzlies and Manchester Monarchs.

Wildung began his junior coaching career as an assistant coach with the Stampede in 2022-23, then served as an assistant coach in 2023-24 for Augustana University, the program’s first season as an NCAA Division I school.

SANFORD – The Valley Blue Sox (0-1 postseason) dropped Game 1 of their first-round NECBL playoff series against the Sanford Mainers (1-0 postseason), 5-2. This marks the first time that the Blue Sox have lost to the Mainers this season, as Valley won the two previous outings.

The first inning remained scoreless for both teams, but the Mainers got themselves on the board in the second. Nater Watcher (UConn) hit a 2-run home run out to left field with Steven Kraus (Binghamton) on base to give Sanford an early 2-0 lead.

Valley, however, was able to tie the game back up shortly in the fourth after Mainers’ pitcher Andrew Middleton (Maryland) had a lackluster inning, allowing 2 runs and 3 hits.

Nick Spaventa (UPenn) got the first run to score when he singled to the shortstop, who made an error, which allowed Esteban Garcia (Boston College) to score and Spaventa to advance to second.

Anthony Tirado (Penn State) then hit a sacrifice fly to right-center, letting Spaventa make his way around the bases to tie the game 2-2.

While it seemed like it was panning out to be a close game, Sanford broke things open in the sixth. Kraus was up to bat with the bases loaded when he singled to third base, sending Albert De La Rosa (Maine) and Brian Connolly (Rhode Island) home to score, breaking the tie 4-2.

The Blue Sox loaded up the bases once again for Sanford, but it was Valley who sent the run home for the Mainers when Michael Goodman (UMass) hit Brennan Stauble (Elon) with a pitch, forcing in the fifth tally for the Mainers.

While the Blue Sox still had plenty of time to mount an offense, the Mainers’ pitching staff locked it down, retiring batters in order over the final three innings.

“You got to tip your cap when [Sanford’s pitching] does their job,” said head coach John Raiola postgame. “We had some tough at-bats; it’s tough to string a bunch of hits together against guys like that.”

Though it was not the result the Blue Sox were looking for, Raiola still has full confidence in his team’s ability to win Game 2.

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two goals during the first ten minutes of the opening half.

Lily Fabian, who was an outstanding soccer player at Monson High School and at UMass Lowell, scored the Mustangs first goals two minutes into the match. Caitlin Bonavita was credited with the assist.

Bonavita, who played soccer at both Minnechaug Regional and W.P.I., scored the game’s second goal, which was assisted by Ciara Monaghan.

The Mustangs held possession for the final 30 minutes of the first half, but the score was still 2-0 at the break.

Early in the second half, Jen Diamond had a free kick for the visiting team. Her long shot attempt sailed wide of the net.

Monson goalie Morgan Wesson didn’t have to make any saves the rest of the game.

The score remained 2-0 until the Mustangs put the game out of reach following goals by Cassidy Bailey and Fabian.

The Mustangs season came to an end following a 3-2 overtime loss to the second-seeded W.Mass Xtremes in the semifinals.



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Mary C. Newland

1946-2026

MONSON – Mary Carpenter Newland, 80, passed away peacefully in her home on July 27, 2026.

Mary was born June 4, 1946 in Moberly, Missouri to Wilbur and Doris (Thornburg) Carpenter. The eldest of four children, she was raised on a farm in Middle Grove Missouri, where she developed a deep connection to her community, a great love of family and a strong sense of tradition.

Mary attended and graduated from Culver Stockton College where she met the love of her life, James R. Newland of Monson, Massachusetts. They were married in 1969 and began an amazing life together.

Mary and Jim were members of the Peace Corp and lived in Venezuela together from 1970-1971. Upon their return home, they began their family and raised their children in Monson. Mary’s love of Latin culture led her to a decades long career teaching Spanish at Palmer High School where she organized numerous trips to Spain, Costa Rica and Mexico. Mary retired in 2012 having inspired countless students.

Mary was a loyal and trusted friend to many who appreciated her directness, warmth, and wry sense of humor. She embodied a strong sense of social justice and a deep commitment to service. Her natural leadership skills benefited her community in innumerable ways. Her contributions leave a lasting positive impact on the town she loved.

Mary was a dedicated member of the First Church



of Monson, Congregational, UCC where she sang in the choir, acted as Chairman and Treasurer of the Music Committee, and regularly cooked and served meals at Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen in Springfield. She was a founding member of the Down-to-Earth Gardeners, a former member of Monson School Committee and Building Committee for Quarry Hill School, and President of the Friends of the Monson Free Library for the past four years. An avid reader, Mary enjoyed being in a book club with some of her dearest friends. From family birthdays to church dinners to garden club parties, her belief in the importance of hospitality and making things special was appreciated by all.

Mary is survived by her loving husband of 56 years, James R. Newland; their children, Jamie (Eliza) Newland of Hatfield, David (Denise) Newland of Monson, and Andrea Newland of Hatfield; beloved grandchildren, Desmond and Owen Newland; her siblings and their spouses, David & Marge Carpenter, Jim & Debby Carpenter, and Carol & Greg Carlos; and several nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Lombard Funeral Home of Monson has been entrusted with the arrangements. Services will take place Friday, August 21, 2026 at 10 a.m. at the First Church of Monson, 5 High Street Monson, MA.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Heifer International, Habitat for Humanity, or Opacum Land Trust. For online condolences please visit www.lombardfuneralhome.com.

June E. Henrich



June married William A. Henrich, Jr. of Palmer and they made their home on Cyd Alan Street in Palmer where they raised eight children: Catherine, Jo-Anne, Jacalyn, Mark, Stephen, Beverly, Lisa, and Jill. She was predeceased by her husband and by two of her children, Mark and Lisa.

Her home was a gathering place for family, especially on Sundays, where conversation, card games, and laughter filled the rooms. Each fall, she cooked a large pot of her well-loved spaghetti sauce for those who helped clear leaves from

the property - a tradition that blended family, work, and warmth. She worked at the Third National Bank during her early years and later volunteered at the Gift Shop of the Wing Hospital, the Lions Club, and with her local hospice where her dedication to service touched many lives in the Palmer community. For the past eleven years, June lived in Hollis with Stephen and Liz Henrich, becoming part of their everyday life and adventures. She loved attending baseball games with them, traveling to Maine for fried clams, and touring the White Mountains each fall to

admire the foliage. She was an avid gardener and loved puzzles and cross stitch. June created a special cross-stitched Christmas stocking for each of her 20 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, and 3 great, great,

grandchildren. June will be remembered for her beautiful smile, quiet strength, devotion to family, and friends as well as the welcoming home she offered to all who entered.

Funeral arrangements will be cared for by Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home. Visitation was on Tuesday, August 4 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. with a service that began at 12 p.m. Burial took place in St. Thomas Cemetery. Donations in lieu of flowers Home Health & Hospice Care www.hhhc.org.

Daniel William Sullivan



Daniel William Sullivan, known to family and friends as Danny or Sully, passed away on July 30, 2026 at the age of 75. Born on April 8, 1951 in Three Rivers, Massachusetts, Danny was the son of the late Francis John Sullivan Sr. and Shirley Jean (Weldon) Sullivan. He was the beloved husband of Linda O’Leary Sullivan.

Danny graduated from Palmer High in 1969, where he was a standout football player. He went on to pursue his passion for history at American International College, earning his bachelor’s degree in 1973 while working to support his young family.

Danny’s career was shaped by the economic challenges of the early 1980s. He later found his calling as an independent driver for ABC

Package Express, combining his love of driving with the freedom to stop and fish whenever the opportunity arose.

Through mutual friends, Danny met his wife Linda (O’Leary) Sullivan, marrying in 1987. The two shared a beautiful partnership for nearly 40 years. Their life together was filled with love, laughter, and family. They took many trips to Cape Cod and New Hampshire to explore and enjoy nature.

Danny was an avid fisherman, and he delighted in sharing the sport with his wife, his daughters, and later each of his six grandchildren. He was also a devoted fan of the Red Sox, Patriots, Celtics, Bruins, and Notre Dame football. He loved movies and reading, which fueled his love of learning. Danny also loved swimming

at the YMCA, especially when joined by his grandchildren.

Danny is survived by his beloved wife Linda O’Leary Sullivan of Chicopee; his daughters Kelly Ann Sullivan Vosnakis of East Brookfield and Eileen Katherine Sullivan DeMings of Sturbridge; his sons-in-law, Steven Vosnakis and David DeMings; his cherished grandchildren, Colleen Katherine, Teddy Ross, and David Robert DeMings; his triplet grandsons Foster Nicholas, Morgan James, and Liam Daniel Vosnakis; his brother, Francis John Sullivan Jr., his sister-in-law Judy Sullivan; his three nephews, Robert, Erin, and Patrick Sullivan; many cousins; and numerous dear friends.

Visitation will be held at the Beers & Story Funeral Home in Palmer, Massachusetts on August 6, 2026 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., immediately followed by a memorial service at 6 p.m.

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Theresa M. Pottier

Theresa M. Pottier, 92, passed away peacefully on July 24, 2026. Born on September 21, 1933, in the Bronx, New York, Theresa was the beloved daughter of the late Augustine and Margaret (Klinko) Muller. She made Monson, Massachusetts, her home in 1961, where she worked many jobs, and then worked as a mailroom supervisor at Monson Developmental Center until she retired, and then she eventually moved to Brimfield, Massachusetts.

Theresa embraced life with enthusiasm and joy. She loved making crafts and creating



ceramics, treasured trips to McDonald’s with her friends, and adored her beloved cat. She was known for her bubbly, outgoing personality, her wonderful sense of humor, and her remarkable gift of conversation. Theresa never met a stranger she could not talk to and made friends wherever she went.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Gerald J. Pottier; her daughters Debbie Wark and Christine Hammond; her son Donald Fuller; her son-in law Dennis Hammond; her sister Madeline Comeau; and her brothers, Charlie Muller

and Johnny Muller.

Theresa leaves behind her loving daughters, Gail Rear-don and her husband Dave, and Sharon Beaulieu and her Husband Tom; her son-in law Steve Wark; her sister, Margaret La-voie; her brother, Gus Muller; as well as nine cherished grandchildren, twelve treasured great-grandchildren, and many nieces’ and nephews.

Family and friends are invited to attend visiting hours on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home. Burial will immediately follow in Brimfield Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association in Theresa’s memory.

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she added. “Throughout my career, I have believed that schools are at their best when students, families, and staff work together toward a common purpose. I was especially excited for the opportunity to lead a school during an exciting period of instructional growth while fostering a positive, collaborative culture.”

During the first few weeks of school, Greenwood will make it an emphasis to meet more families, community members and educational partners.

“My first priority is listening and learning,” she said. “I want to build strong

relationships with students, staff, families, and community members while gaining a deep understanding of Granite Valley’s traditions, strengths and goals. I also hope to establish open communication, learn from the expertise of the faculty and work collaboratively to ensure a smooth implementation of new curriculum initiatives.”

Greenwood is also excited about Granite Valley’s recent adoption of Amplify CKLA for grades 2-5, plus Into Literature for students in grade six.

Additionally, she looks forward to focusing on the school’s multi-tiered systems of support, continuing to

build positive school culture.

“As we begin the school year, my focus will be on creating a positive, welcoming environment where everyone feels supported – and where high expectations are paired with the resources needed for success,” Greenwood said.

Outside of school, Greenwood enjoys several activities with her family, including camping and spending time by the ocean. She also enjoys reading, specifically historical fiction.

“Those moments with family and time outdoors help me recharge so I can bring energy and enthusiasm back to my work with students and staff each day,” she said.



Turley Photo by Kevin Flanders
Members of the Palmer Public Library's Mah Jongg Club celebrate one year of playing together. Club members from area communities have built new friendships over a fun game.

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it has grown through word of mouth,” Joyal said.

Today, the club draws roughly 15-20 members to each Monday meeting (12:30-3:30 p.m. at the library). Spots are open for additional expansion, but new members are asked to attend the first Monday session of a given month for instruction.

“Joyce is a great teacher,” said fellow club member Mary Fife, of Palmer. “I didn’t know any of these people before I came here. It’s great to meet new friends.”

Mah Jongg is a four-person game of strategy and skill that originated in China. There are many versions of the game, with the American version enjoying increased popularity across the country.

In Palmer, the club plays the American version of Mah Jongg, following the National Mah Jongg League rules.

Whether you’re a long-time player or a beginner, the club is the perfect place to build friendships over a common interest.

“It’s a lot of fun introducing people to the game. We have a great time together,” said Ludlow’s Lisa Cousin, who has been playing Mah Jongg for 35 years.

The club primarily meets in the library’s community room. If another program is taking place in the community room, the club will relocate for that day to a different area of the library.

Because it can often take a little time for beginners to learn the game, new members are reminded to register in advance and attend the month’s

first Monday session.

In September, the library will be closed for Labor Day on the first Monday of the month. New members are invited to check out the club on the first Monday of October.

“Learning to play involves getting familiar with the tiles, learning the specifics of dealing and play, and especially learning to decipher and become familiar with the official card of playable hands released annually by the NMJL,” read a statement released by the library.

Please bring your own Mah Jongg set and current NMJL card, if you have them.

To learn more about the club, call 413-283-3330 (extension 121).

For more information about upcoming programs and activities at the library, visit www.palmerlibrary.org.

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Palmer Fire Logs

During the week of July 19-25, the Palmer Police Department responded to 78 building checks, 66 motor vehicle stops, 14 motor vehicle violations, 95 informational calls, 45 medical emergencies, 17 animal complaints, 36 calls for officers wanted, 12 alarms, 13 silent, accidental, abandoned or hung up 911 calls, three fire calls, four fraud calls, five investigations and seven motor vehicle accidents.

Sunday, July 19
12:34 a.m. Medical Emergency, Maple Terrace
1:00 a.m. Medical Emergency, Water Street
3:35 a.m. Weapons Violation, Park Street
5:35 a.m. Alarm Burglar/Hold Up/Panic, Third Street
5:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Palmer Street
Arrest: Tara A. Weagle, 52, Ware
OUI Liquor or .08%; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Speeding Rate of Speed Greater than was Reasonable and Proper; Marked Lanes Violation; Resist Arrest
7:16 a.m. Alarm Fire/Smoke/CO, Main Street
9:43 a.m. 911 Silent, Squier Street
9:56 a.m. 911 Silent, Pleasant Street
9:59 a.m. Medical Emergency, Main Street
10:36 a.m. Medical Mutual Aid, Lower Hampden Road
11:14 a.m. Investigation, North Main Street
12:19 p.m. Hazard Road Condition, Main Street and Pleasant Street
1:13 p.m. 911 Silent, Main Street
1:24 p.m. Electrical Fire, Main Street
2:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Ware Street
4:40 p.m. Animal Complaint, Thorndike Street
5:30 p.m. Medical Mutual Aid, Mill Valley Road
7:25 p.m. Medical Emergency, Beacon Drive
8:09 p.m. Animal Complaint, Thorndike Street
9:22 p.m. Medical Emergency, Springfield Street
10:49 p.m. Noise Com-

plaint, Walnut Street
10:51 p.m. Alarm Burglar/Hold Up/Panic, Beauregard Drive
10:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Emery Street

Monday, July 20
12:11 a.m. 911 Accidental, Meadowbrook Lane
3:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Abandoned, Thorndike Street
7:13 a.m. Alarm Burglar/Hold Up/Panic, High Street
7:39 a.m. Medical Emergency, Buckland Street
8:26 a.m. Medical Emergency, Charles Street
9:19 a.m. Hazard Wire/Pole/Tree, Church Street and Center Street
9:36 a.m. Found Property, Sykes Street
11:10 a.m. Animal Complaint, Mill Town Animal Control
11:53 a.m. Medical Emergency, Ware Street
1:04 p.m. Alarm Fire/Smoke/CO, Park Street
2:31 p.m. Animal Complaint, Wright Street
2:26 p.m. Investigation, Main Street
2:55 p.m. Disturbance, North Main Street
5:11 p.m. Medical Emergency, Thorndike Street
6:19 p.m. Animal Complaint, Thorndike Street
7:25 p.m. Alarm Burglar/Hold Up/Panic, , Springfield Street
7:57 p.m. Found Property, Main Street

Tuesday, July 21
12:28 a.m. Noise Complaint, Carriage Drive and Mason Street
1:05 a.m. Animal Complaint, High Street
8:21 a.m. Disturbance, Main Street
10:07 a.m. Fraud, Main Street
11:16 a.m. Medical Emergency, Ware Street
11:26 a.m. Medical Emergency, Off Lariviere Street
12:16 p.m. Medical Emergency, River Street
12:38 p.m. Investigation, Main Street
1:35 p.m. Fraud, Searle Street
2:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle

Disabled, Wilbraham Street and North Main Street
5:14 p.m. Medical Mutual Aid, South Street
5:32 p.m. Lost Property, Springfield Street
5:45 p.m. Theft, South Street
5:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Fire, Mass Turnpike Interchange 63, Thorndike Street
6:14 p.m. Assault and Battery, Main Street
6:20 p.m. Animal Complaint, Boston Road West
6:50 p.m. Hazard (Other), Dublin Street and Quabog Street
8:08 p.m. Alarm Fire/Smoke/CO, North Main Street
8:34 p.m. Animal Complaint, Palmer Road
10:23 p.m. Fraud, Park Stret

Wednesday, July 22
12:25 a.m. Medical Emergency, Third Street
6:23 a.m. Medical Emergency, High Street
8:15 a.m. Medical Emergency, Maple Terrace
8:25 a.m. Medical Emergency, Meadowbrook Lane
9:30 a.m. Animal Complaint, Palmer Road
10:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Park Violation, Main Street
10:32 a.m. Medical Emergency, Pleasant Street
10:33 a.m. Investigation, Wright Street
10:47 a.m. Medical Emergency, Squier Street
12:38 p.m. Medical Emergency, Bennett Street
1:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled, First Street
2:01 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Church Street and Hill Street
2:22 p.m. Medical Emergency, Park Street
2:56 p.m. Property Found, Sykes Street
3:25 p.m. Suspicious Person, Walnut Street
3:26 p.m. Medical Alarm, Converse Street
3:45 p.m. Lost Property, Springfield Street
3:46 p.m. Medical Emergency, River Street
4:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Thorndike Street
4:26 p.m. Fire Mutual Aid, Southbridge Road
6:04 p.m. Animal Com-

plaint, Monson
6:04 p.m. Medical Emergency, Birch Hill Drive
6:12 p.m. Suspicious Vehicle, Bennett Street
6:19 p.m. Medical Emergency, Church Street
6:34 p.m. Breaking and Entering Residence, Converse Street
7:57 p.m. Medical Emergency, Green Street
8:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Thorndike Street
Arrest: Michael A. Biagetti, 29, Palmer
OUI Liquor or .08%, 2nd Offense; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Lights Violation
9:00 p.m. 911 Accidental, Springfield Street
9:28 p.m. Medical Emergency, Ware Street
9:57 p.m. Property Found, , Sykes Street
10:16 p.m. Suspicious Person, Central Street
10:40 p.m. 911 Silent, Wright Street

Thursday, July 23
1:02 a.m. Suspicious Person, Stone Street
1:27 a.m. 911 Accidental, Palmer
2:32 a.m. 911 Accidental, Ware
6:53 a.m. Cruiser Transport Courtesy, Ware Street
7:44 a.m. Suspicious Vehicle, Palmer
8:45 a.m. Suspicious Vehicle, Spring Street
8:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Palmer Road
9:48 a.m. Hazard Wire Pole Tree, Jim Ash Street and Griffin Street
12:07 p.m. Medical Emergency, Sykes Street
12:48 p.m. Alarm Burglar/Hold Up/Panic, Belanger Street
3:51 p.m. Fire Burn Complaint, Geraldine Street
4:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, First Street
4:57 p.m. Animal Complaint, Thorndike Street
5:29 p.m. Animal Complaint, Park Street
6:10 p.m. Medical Emergency, Bourne Street
6:26 p.m. 911 Silent, Baptist Hill Street
6:51 p.m. Medical Emergency, Main Street

8:28 p.m. Animal Complaint, Church Street
11:39 p.m. Medical Emergency, Bourne Street

Friday, July 24
7:43 a.m. Medical Emergency, High Street
8:08 am. Motor Vehicle Accident, Main Street
8:15 a.m. Alarm Burglar/Hold Up/Panic, North Main Street
8:27 a.m. Breaking and Entering Vehicle, Kelley Street
8:30 a.m. Investigation, Springfield Street
8:46 a.m. Medical Mutual Aid, East Brimfield Holland Road
8:48 a.m. Suspicious, Front Street
8:51 a.m. Investigation, Norbell Street
9:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, High Street
Arrest: Chase N. Douglas, 19, Palmer
Break into Depository, Attempt to x2; Vandalize Property x4; Breaking and Entering for Misdemeanor x4
9:08 a.m. Medical Mutual Aid, Maple Street
9:34 a.m. Medical Alarm, Fox Street
10:18 a.m. Water Leak/Hazard, Thorndike Street
10:25 a.m. Suspicious, Front Street
11:01 a.m. Lost Property, Main Street
12:29 p.m. 911 Silent, Thorndike Street
12:43 p.m. Animal Complaint, Pleasant Street
12:46 p.m. Property Return, Palmer Police Department, Main Street
2:31 p.m. Water Leak/Hazard, Thorndike Street
3:10 p.m. Water Leak/Hazard, Chipotle and Jersey Mikes Subs, Thorndike Street
3:16 p.m. Animal Complaint, Sylvia Street
3:48 p.m. Property Return, Main Street
3:52 p.m. Water Leak/Hazard, Thorndike Street
4:37 p.m. Medical Emergency, Stimson Street
4:48 p.m. Medical Emergency, Birch Hill Drive
5:22 p.m. Medical Emergency, Beacon Drive
5:40 p.m. Medical Emer-

gency, Shearer Street
6:28 p.m. Medical Mutual Aid, Town Farm Road
6:57 p.m. Animal Complaint, Breckenridge Street
7:56 p.m. Lost Property, Palmer
8:16 p.m. Unwanted Person, Thorndike Street
8:57 p.m. Property Return, Main Street
9:00 p.m. Theft, Pleasant Street
9:05 p.m. Water Leak/hazard, Thorndike Street
10:09 p.m. Fraud, Summer Street
10:42 p.m. Water Leak/Hazard, Thorndike Street
10:56 p.m. Water Leak/Hazard, Thorndike Street

Saturday, July 25
12:54 a.m. Fire Smoke, Robinson Street and Mason Street
2:50 a.m. Medical Lift Assist, Beacon Drive
2:51 a.m. Medical Lift Assist, Wright Street
4:01 a.m. Medical Emergency, High Street
8:02 a.m. Water Leak/Hazard, Thorndike Street
8:44 a.m. 911 Silent, Meadowlane Street
8:50 a.m. Alarm Burglar/Hold Up/Panic, Park Street
9:41 a.m. Water Leak/Hazard, Thorndike Street
11:36 a.m. Property Return, Temple Street
2:29 p.m. 911 Hang Up, Wright Street
3:59 p.m. Medical Emergency, High Street
4:42 p.m. Property Return, Temple Street
5:08 p.m. Alarm Fire/Smoke/CO, Summer Street
5:57 p.m. 911 Silent, Peterson Road
6:03 p.m. Alarm Fire/Smoke/CO, Beacon Drive
6:18 p.m. Lost Property, Thorndike Street
6:20 p.m. Animal Complaint, Flynt Street
6:22 p.m. Hazard Road Condition, High Street and Ware Street
6:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Squier Street
9:10 p.m. Suspicious, Beacon Drive
9:46 p.m. Hazard Wire/Pole/Tree, Church Street and Hill Street

Monson Police Logs

During the week of July 27- Aug. 2, the Monson Police Department responded to 19 miscellaneous calls, 41 administrative calls, 10 property checks, 16 traffic assignments, seven traffic violations, one motor vehicle accident four disturbances, nine safety hazards, 13 investigations, three assist other agencies, 40 police vehicle checks, five animal calls, 17 motor vehicle stops, nine directed patrols, 16 details/overtimes and 12 phone calls.

Monday, July 27
8:21 a.m. Medical Emergency
11:06 a.m. Animal/Injured/Hunted
12:25 p.m. Animal Complaint
3:49 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat
6:04 p.m. Suspicious/Wanted
9:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop
Arrest: Marcus S. Clay, 49, Brimfield
Yield at Intersection, Fail; OUI Liquor or .08%;

Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With, Subsequent Offense

Tuesday, July 28
12:35 a.m. Animal/Injured/Hunted
7:22 a.m. Investigation/Follow Up
9:25 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call
10:31 a.m. Investigation/Follow Up
2:48 p.m. Animal/Injured/Hunted
6:57 p.m. Weapons/Firearms
9:25 p.m. Theft/Larceny

Wednesday, July 29
12:02 a.m. Investigation/Follow Up
8:01 a.m. Disturbance/Nuisance Past
9:45 a.m. Investigation/Follow Up
10:20 a.m. Investigation/Follow Up
10:44 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat
11:04 a.m. Investigation/Follow Up

2:28 p.m. Weapons/Firearms
3:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Crash – No Injuries
11:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop
Arrest: Edwin A. Martinez Vazquez, 41, Springfield
OUI-Liquor or .08%, 3rd Offense; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Marked Lanes Violation

Thursday, July 30
8:45 a.m. Investigation/Follow Up
11:00 a.m. Investigation/Follow Up
1:04 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat
2:27 p.m. Disturbance/Nuisance
Arrest: David G. Rodriguez, 53, Monson
Assault with Dangerous Weapon, To Wit Machete; Assault and Battery; Reckless Endangerment of Child
4:44 p.m. Suspicious/Wanted
10:20 p.m. Investigation/Follow Up

Friday, July 31
6:59 a.m. Animal Complaint
11:22 a.m. Investigation/Follow Up
1:10 p.m. Damage/Vandalism/Mischief
1:35 p.m. Investigation/Follow Up
4:40 p.m. Investigation/Follow Up
6:02 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call

Saturday, Aug. 1
1:20 a.m. Disturbance/Nuisance
9:02 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat
9:45 a.m. Investigation/Follow Up
1:46 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call
7:21 p.m. Disturbance/Nuisance
7:37 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat

Sunday, Aug. 2
12:24 p.m. Investigation/Follow Up
1:38 p.m. Suspicious/Wanted
5:51 p.m. Investigation/Follow Up

Monson Fire Logs

Fire log for Monson Fire Department for the week of July 27 through August 2, 2026. The department responded to 18 EMS calls and 5 Fire calls.

On **Tuesday, July 28** at 4:33 p.m., the department responded to 42 Bradway Road for the downed power line. The department returned to service at 5 p.m.

On **Wednesday, July 29** at 11:15 a.m., the department responded to 105 Main Street for the public service. The department returned to service at 11:35 a.m.

On **Thursday, July 30** at 8:50 p.m., the department responded to 3 McCray Circle for the fire alarm. The department returned to service at 9:20 PM.

On **Sunday, Aug. 2** at 6:55 a.m., the department responded to 111 East Hill Road for the CO alarm sounding. The department returned to service at 7:35 a.m.

On **Sunday, Aug. 2** at 3:24 p.m, the department responded to 110 Beebe Road for the propane odor. The department returned to service at 3:50 p.m.

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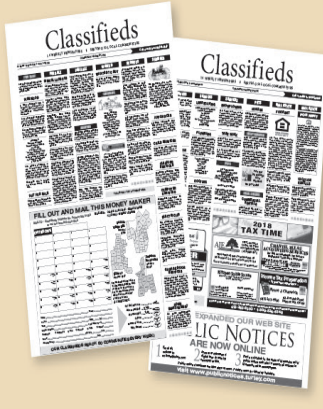


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Public notices

Town of Monson Planning Board LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 7.4 of the Monson Zoning Bylaws, the Monson Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 7:10 p.m.** in the Select Board Meeting Room at the Town Administration Building, 110 Main Street, Monson, MA, to consider an application for Site Plan Approval submitted by BrayMar LLC for property located at 148 Boston Road West, Monson, Map 64, Parcel 002. The applicant proposes exterior alterations to an existing commercial building for the purpose of storing and repairing equipment and vehicles associated with its construction business. The property is located within the General Commercial Zoning District. A copy of the application is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and the Planning Board Office and is available for public review during regular business hours.

Craig Sweitzer, Chairman
07/30, 08/06/2026

Town of Monson Planning Board LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 40A M.G.L. §.11, the Monson Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing **Tuesday, August 18th, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.** at the Monson Town Hall, 110 Main St. Monson, Ma 01057 on the application of Randy Dimitropolis for a Site Plan approval as provided by §6.7 of the Monson Zoning Bylaws. The applicant seeks to

construct a 467.64 sq ft accessory dwelling unit in the homes existing basement on property located at 168 Wales Road, Map 139 and Parcel 015D, zoned Rural Residential. A copy of the application is on file with the Planning Board office.

Craig Sweitzer, Chairman
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ADVERTISEMENT

The **Brimfield Housing Authority**, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the **Exterior Lighting Upgrades** project at State Aided Development: Colonial Park (667-1), in Brimfield, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by Hesnor Engineering Associates, PLLC.

The Project consists of: Upgrade exterior lighting at Colonial Park

The work is estimated to cost **\$53,130**

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

THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. All bids shall be submitted online at biddocs.com and received no later than the date and time specified.

General Bids will be received until **2:30 PM on Friday, August 21, 2026** and publicly opened online, forthwith.

General bids and sub-bids shall

be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates), and made payable to the **Brimfield Housing Authority**. Note: A bid deposit is not required for Projects advertised under \$50,000.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available on **Wednesday, August 5, 2026** for review at biddocs.com (may be viewed and electronically downloaded at no cost).

The Contractor and all subcontractors (collectively referred to as “the Contractor”) agree to strive to achieve minority and women workforce participation. The Workforce Participation benchmark is set at **6.9% for women and 15.3% for minorities**. The Workforce benchmark percentages are a **statutory** requirement under MGL c. 149 § 44A(2)(G).

A pre-bid walkthrough is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 11:30 AM. Meet at the community building.**

07/30, 08/06, 08/13/2026

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD CEMETERY COMMISSION

Invitation for Bid

FY27 Cemetery Wall Repairs

Sealed bids, appropriately marked, for repairs to the masonry cap of the cemetery wall located at 35 Wales Road will be received by **Thursday, August 20, 2026 at 10:00AM**. Sealed bids will be publicly opened and read on Thursday, August 20, 2026 at 10:05AM. in the Brimfield Town Annex, Select Board Office, 23 Main Street, Brimfield, MA. The

following items for Fiscal Year 2027 will be awarded by the Select Board on Monday, September 2, 2026 at their duly posted meeting.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 9:00AM on Wednesday, August 12, 2026 at 35 Wales Road to review the section of wall to be bid on. All prospective bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.

Bid specifications will be available for pickup beginning August 3, 2026 at the Brimfield Highway Department, 34B Wales Road, Brimfield, MA from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday or by emailing the Chief Procurement Officer at selectboard@brimfieldma.org. All questions must be submitted in writing to the Chief Procurement Officer. All questions/answers and addendums will be distributed to all bid package holders.

Envelopes must be clearly marked **IFB2026CMTRY01 FY27 Cemetery Wall Repairs** and include the bid opening date. All bids must be submitted on the Town of Brimfield Bid form (included in the bid packet).

No bids will be accepted after the time and date specified. Executed Certificates of Corporate Authority, Non-Collusion, Tax Compliance, Labor Harmony and OSHA Training must be included in all bid submissions. A bid deposit of 5% of the total estimated bid amount must be submitted.

Prevailing Wage Rates have been established by the Department of Labor and Industries under the provisions of provisions of Chapter 149, M.G.L., section

26-27D. Bids submitted for masonry are subject to the provisions of the Prevailing Wage law where applicable.

The contract will be awarded based on the price per square foot to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The Select Board reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids, accept that bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Brimfield, and/or waive any minor informality on bids received.

Steve Phifer
Cemetery Commission Chair
Brimfield, MA 01010
cemetery@brimfieldma.org
08/06, 08/13/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD26P1338EA Estate of: Stephen J Midura Date of Death: 08/10/2001 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Determination of Heirs** has been filed by **Brad M Dimiero of Holyoke, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain

a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/31/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

Date: July 31, 2026
Rosemary A Saccomani, Register of Probate

08/06/2026

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WEBSITE | from page 1

ers. “I hope the community likes its new look and can find information quickly – straight from the source of our department heads and community leaders.”

New features to the site (www.townofpalmer.com) include the addition of hierarchy tabs to better assist visitors in locating the information they seek.

Tabs are offered in three separate headings: “Government,” “Departments” and “Community.”

The Government heading houses pages related to town boards, committees, and commissions. Information regarding the offices of the Town

Clerk and Town Manager can also be accessed from this tab.

The Departments tab focuses on the town’s schools, public works, library, senior center and finance departments.

To learn about emergency services, parks and trails, and community engagement opportunities, check out the Community heading.

On the general homepage, visitors will find sections pertaining to the latest news and upcoming meetings. Additionally, quick links can be accessed for a variety of services, helping residents make payments online; access forms and permits; review employment opportunities; access the town’s charter; view upcoming election materials; and ob-

tain property information.

“Our website is an important resource for the community and one of the primary ways people connect with local government,” said Town Council President Barbara Barry. “This upgrade will make it easier for residents, businesses, and visitors to find information, access town services, and stay informed.”

As part of the website upgrade project, town staff members and district leaders reviewed the content on their individual webpages and then updated reference materials. This will ensure that community members access the most up-to-date information, officials said.

“We are proud of the team for rising to the occasion

to update our website,” said Ashley Place, the town’s Director of Administrative Services. “I would like to formally thank the department heads and community leaders for their partnership during this process, and for their willingness to learn as we move forward.”

Officials also thank Jacob Desroches, an incoming junior at Pathfinder Tech who worked alongside town officials to upgrade the website through the school’s IT Department Cooperative Program.

In addition to being more informative and easier to navigate, the revamped site also features a more modern, graphically pleasing look for visitors.

Project leaders continue to work behind the scenes to update content in accordance with Section 508, as well as various website accessibility standards.

The next steps for officials will involve archiving previously posted materials, while also building new opportunities for community engagement. Visitors will soon enjoy a new public notices section; a community events calendar; a bid and procurement opportunities page; a parks and trails page; a DBA page for the business community; and a community resource guide.

If you would like to check out the site and stay connected to town developments, visit www.townofpalmer.com.



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PET PAGE

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