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**PALMER**

## Kids rave about library party

By Abigail McCoy  
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PALMER – The Palmer Public Library was anything but quiet on Friday evening, August 15, as more than a dozen local teens gathered in the Community Room for the latest installment of the library's "After Hours Library Rave" series.

The program, held every other month, gives kids ages 10 and up a chance to hang out in the library after closing, free from parents, in a safe and creative environment. Friday's theme was "Nowhere to Wear It," inviting attendees to show off outfits they don't normally have the chance to wear: from fancy dresses and sparkling tops to cozy pajamas and cosplay costumes.

"Everybody looks fantastic," Olivia Chartrand, Tween Services Librarian, told the group as the event got underway. "I love the pajamas. I love the dresses. This is awesome."

Turley photo by Abigail McCoy  
**One attendee dressed up in an inflatable costume for the party.**

The evening was designed as a mix of structure and free time, with options for games, crafts, and socializing. Activities included musical chairs, scavenger hunts with prizes, Jackbox party games, and Nintendo Switch sessions.

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**MONSON**



Turley photo by Abigail McCoy

Crowds gathered around cars and food vendors during the annual car show.

## Car Show brings in donations

By Abigail McCoy  
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MONSON – The Fourth Annual Monson Car Show rolled into town this past weekend, bringing gleaming classic cars, lively music, and a palpable sense of community to Main Street. Organized jointly by the Monson Masons and the local Polish Club, the charity event has grown steadily since its inception, drawing both longtime residents and first-time participants eager to showcase their vehicles while supporting meaningful causes.

The event featured a wide variety of vehicles,

from classic muscle cars to modern trucks and motorcycles, with attendees sharing a passion for automotive history and craftsmanship. Unlike some shows requiring pre-registration, this year's event welcomed participants on a walk-in basis, asking for a small \$10 donation to cover the entrance fee. Registration sheets collected key details including the car's make, model, year, engine type, and any modifications, allowing enthusiasts to preserve the details for posterity.

"This is our first time participating in the show, and it's been fantastic," said Brian Scott, a first-time exhibitor. "We love cars, and it's great to see such a variety; from

vintage models I remember as a kid to the newest designs on the road today."

The car show is more than a celebration of vehicles. Both the Monson Masons and the Polish Club have used the event as an opportunity to give back to the community. This year, the Masons directed their proceeds to the Monson Senior Center, while the Polish Club focused on creating a handicapped-accessible ramp at their building. Past years have supported causes including aid to Ukraine and children attending the Clara Barton Camp for diabetic youth.

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**MONSON**

## Library hosts 'Hunt a Killer' murder mystery party

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MONSON – The Monson Free Library transformed into a crime-solving headquarters this past Wednesday, Aug 13, as local youth and families gathered for an immersive murder mystery event. Hosted from 2 to 4 p.m. by Sarah Thomas, the afternoon featured Homicide at the Heist, a hands-on detective experience produced by Hunt a Killer, a compa-



Turley photo by Abigail McCoy

Participants worked together to crack the code of one of the mystery boxes.

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**SELECT BOARD NOTEBOOK**

## Multiple appointments made to committees

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MONSON – The Monson Select Board held a comprehensive session on Monday, August 12, tackling a wide range of issues that reflect the town's ongoing commitment to community services, infrastructure improvements, and long-term planning. Presided over by Chair Peter Warren. Public comment was deferred to focus on follow-up items from the previous session.

One of the first substantive discussions of the

evening revolved around a recent presentation by Jeff Daly to the Massachusetts Development Corporation (MDC). Board members praised Daly for his professionalism and ability to answer questions calmly, even when some were repeated. Chair Warren noted, "He handled all of the questions pretty well... even the ones he'd already answered." The discussion also highlighted the town's approach to outreach, which included posting meeting notices on

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# Zucchini Festival celebrates community

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HOLLAND — What started as a quirky celebration of an abundant summer vegetable has grown into one of the town's most anticipated annual traditions. The Holland Zucchini Festival, held this past weekend at the Holland Community Center, once again drew hundreds of residents and visitors for a day filled with food, crafts, games, live entertainment, and of course, zucchinis of all shapes and sizes.

The festival is jointly organized by the Holland Community Center and the Friends of the Community Center (FoCC). While it serves as a fundraiser, organizers say its real purpose is to bring the community together. "It's fun for all ages, from little kids down to seniors," said one organizer, Kathy Boyer. "It's more than just zucchini... it's about connection."

Inside the center, fes-

tivalgoers browsed vendor booths offering everything from handmade jewelry to organic skincare. Beads by Bev returned as a crowd favorite, while Mother Bear Skincare showcased creams and balms made with homegrown herbs. Children gravitated to Althea's Banded Bracelets, where young crafter Althea demonstrated colorful loom bands, some that change color in the sun. A bustling bake sale featured sweet treats (some zucchini-based, others not), alongside fresh zucchini for sale.

The FoCC raffle table drew steady crowds throughout the day, with dozens of donated prizes up for grabs. Tickets sold briskly at \$1 apiece, with special deals for bulk buyers. "The raffle is always a huge hit," Boyer noted, "and it helps us fund things like veterans' luncheons and community meals."

Across the hall, Sue's Glass offered a peek at glass art projects, while Happy



Two young girls ran through a cloud of foam.

Holland Days highlighted local history. Children and adults alike took a spin at the ever-popular Spin the Wheel game, where small prizes awaited lucky winners.

The grounds outside the community center were equally lively. Booths stretched across the lawn featuring ar-

tisans, local businesses, and community groups. Shoppers browsed Bunny's Boxes, By Delia Penelope's custom paracord accessories, Davison's Photography prints, Gigi's Teas handcrafted herbal blends, and chainsaw carvings by Nick the Carver, whose wood sculptures drew admiring crowds.

Local romance author J.J. Hart was on hand to sign copies of her book Remembering You, while Mt. Spring Pickle Co. offered jars of homemade pickles and salsa. The Friends of Hamilton Reservoir Association shared information about protecting the lake, and the Holland Public Library welcomed families with activities and library pass details.

Children ran joyfully through the foam machine, a highlight each year that left them covered head to toe in bubbles. Nearby, the 4-H Steerage Rock Riders and

Barks A-lot Dog Club entertained with a pony and interactive games. At 1:30 p.m., students from MJA Martial Arts impressed the crowd with a demonstration that included board breaking.

Meanwhile, DJ Lenegy kept the atmosphere upbeat with music throughout the afternoon, while outdoor games such as giant chess and cornhole gave families more ways to enjoy the day.

A highlight of the festival was the World of Wheels showcase, a twist on the traditional car show that welcomed anything on wheels: cars, trucks, motorcycles, tractors, and even special antique entries. Participation awards were handed out later in the afternoon.

Inside, the annual Largest Zucchini Contest pitted gardeners against one another in a friendly competition to see who could bring in the biggest homegrown squash.

For those hungry after all the fun, food vendors lined the walkway. Local favorites included Angry Panda's Asian-fusion dishes, hot dogs served by Boy Scout Troop 163 (an all-girl troop based in Sturbridge), O'Neil's Lemonade, and Udder Delights Ice Cream, offering everything from bomb pops to snow cones.

While the zucchini and festivities take center stage, the event also serves a greater purpose: raising funds for community programming. The Friends of the Community Center recently purchased a much-needed freezer to allow the center to buy food in bulk for senior meals and holiday luncheons. Proceeds also support annual events such as Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas meals, as well as birthday lunches for local seniors.

Beyond the festival, the Friends group organizes additional fundraisers, including an upcoming Music Bingo Night on September 19, which is expected to be another major draw. The group also participates in Wreaths Across America, raising funds through a November pasta dinner to place wreaths on the graves of nearly 200 veterans in Holland's cemetery during a nationwide ceremony each December.

Organizers said this year's event was one of the biggest yet, with 35 vendors, four food trucks, and a strong turnout from the community. "It's getting bigger and better every year," Boyer reflected. "We're grateful for all the support. It's a great day for Holland."



Delia Penelope displayed her handmade paracord bracelets and keychains.



Festival-goers lined up for Udder Delights ice cream.



MJA Martial Arts invited kids to try breaking boards during their demo.



Sturbridge Troop 163, an all-girls Boy Scout troop, participated in the festival.



New England Laser Cutting with Haleigh Chase and owner Autumn Puckett.

Turley Photos by Abigail McCoy



Davison's Photography, he may have just started but he has a large passion for photography and an eye for detail you can see in his prints.



4H brought a pony to the festival, taking a break.



Irene Moylan of Gigi's Teas offered her homemade, homebrewed tea blends.



Romance author J.J. Hart signed and sold books and met readers.



The Holland Fire Department brought a truck for the kids to explore.



Young Jackson scooped up a handful of foam to bring over to his mother.



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## Monson Cultural Picnic on Aug. 30

MONSON—The Monson Cultural Picnic will take place on Saturday, Aug. 30 from 1 to 5 p.m.

The picnic will take place at Veterans Field in Monson, right next to the town offices and Police Station.

There will be a free cook-out, activities for all ages, musical performances and unique vendors.

## Concert to celebrate organ restoration

MONSON – On Sept. 13, First Church of Monson, 5 High Street, will hold a concert to celebrate the Restoration of the Swell Division of the Johnson, Opus 781, 1892 Organ. The recitalist will be Robert Greene, nationally known organist and composer.

The program includes favorite pieces and well-known crowd pleasers that have given Greene joy over the years. He has chosen repertoire that best shows off the capabilities of the historic Johnson Organ. Works will include Toccata and Fugue in D minor, BWV 565; Suite

Gothique, Op. 25 by Leon Boellmann; Sonata in C minor; Opus 65 by Felix Mendelssohn; and original composition by Mr. Greene.

Robert Greene received the Bachelor of Music degree from Oberlin College Conservatory of Music where he majored in Piano Performance and Technology in Music and Related Arts. As a missionary for the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Greene has taught music to indigenous people in the Huasteca region of Mexico.

He received the Master of Arts degree in Theology/

Pastoral Music from Colgate Rochester Divinity School and Eastman School of Music. As a church musician, Greene has served congregations as organist and music director in Florida, New York, Tennessee, and Virginia. He has received awards and commissions for his instrumental and choral compositions and is published by Morning Star Music and Saint James Music Press.

The historic Johnson Organ has recently undergone the Restoration of the Swell Division. The work was undertaken by the firm of Messrs. Czelusniak et Du-

gal, Inc. and included the removal of all wooden racking and expression system components and complete restoration of the Swell Division of the organ.

Dust and dirt had accumulated in the Swell Division due to the 2011 tornado and work done in refurbishing the First Church sanctuary. The entire Swell box had to be emptied, evacuated, cleaned and rebuilt from the toe boards up. The project was begun in January, 2025, and completed in May, 2025. First Church is indebted to the Community Preservation Committee and the voters

of the Town of Monson for underwriting this extensive project for the benefit of the community.

The concert will be preceded by a baked ham dinner at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall followed by the recital at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Dinner and concert tickets of \$20 may be obtained by contacting Gail at 413-267-4818. Concert tickets will be available at the door at a cost of \$5.

The event is sponsored in part by the Monson Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the MA Cultural Council, a state agency.

## Masters of Medicine author to give talk at Keep Museum

MONSON – The Keep Homestead Museum located at 35 Ely Road in Monson, is pleased to present surgeon and best-selling author Dr. Andrew Lam on Sunday, Sept. 7 at 1:30 p.m. for an entertaining and informative talk.

Dr. Lam will share riveting stories from his latest book *The Masters of Medicine* where he discusses the mavericks, moments, and

mistakes that sparked some of medicine's greatest breakthroughs that defined and continue to shape modern medicine. He will also talk about his career balancing medicine and literature.

Andrew Lam, MD is a retina surgeon and Assistant Professor at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. He is the author of *The Masters of Medicine* along with his prior books

*Saving Sight*, *Two Sons of China*, and *Repentance*. Copies of his books will be available for purchase.

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

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

## Church tag sale, craft fair event scheduled for Sept. 6

PALMER – Would you love to have a tag sale or craft sale but just don't have the space in your own yard? Come and join our Community Event. Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church located at 1080 Pleasant St. in Palmer.

You can rent a space and sell your handmade crafts or personal, household goods and other merchandise. Large parking area and lawn for you to sell with other folks in the community.

Or are you searching for unique bargains, one-of-a-kind finds, handmade crafts, or simply an opportunity to connect with your community? Join us for this Tag Sale and Craft Fair for all members of our local community—and be-

yond—to share in a day of fun, fellowship, and fantastic deals.

Spaces for Crafters or those who want to sell their tag sale items are \$25 for a 10 x 10 space that includes 1- 8 ft. Table and 2 chairs set-up for you. Additional tables at \$15. You may provide your own pop up tent. Tables will be set-up and assigned by 7:30 a.m.

Save your space by contacting: [brenda2ndcongo@gmail.com](mailto:brenda2ndcongo@gmail.com) or call 413-324-2077. Please provide name, telephone number, email. We will contact you within 24 hours. Payment for spaces to be made by September 2.

Whether you want to explore unique and creative crafts or are a tag sale enthusiast, you'll find something special waiting for you. From early morn-

ing treasure hunting to afternoon conversations over homemade treats, the event promises a full day of joy for everyone.

The church has a large parking area for vendors and guests as well as a large lawn for displaying an array of gently used items, hidden gems, and wonderful crafts and a concession stand.

Also, don't forget our own local Caboose Thrift Shop will be open as well from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. that day.

Your participation will help the church to continue initiatives supporting the local community and beyond as well as maintaining community spaces used by many youth and adult groups. We hope you will join us as we work to make our community thrive.

## Town awarded Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance grant

PALMER – The Town of Palmer has been awarded \$88,000 from the Division of Ecological Restoration's (DER) Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance Grant Program for final design/engineering and permitting for the replacement of two degraded & undersized culverts on Bacon Road and West Ware Road.

This award will advance the project to the second phase, following field data collection and initial design completed in late 2024-2025, which was also funded through DER's grant program. DER has selected Palmer as a training site, so

this project will continue to serve as a case study, providing training opportunities to surrounding municipalities.

The two constricting culverts are situated in a perennial stream passing under Bacon and West Ware Road. This tributary eventually flows into the Ware River. The replacement of both culverts is a necessary infrastructure improvement anticipated to improve natural stream processes and remove barriers to wildlife movement by complying with modern stream crossing standards.

Replacement will also enhance climate resiliency

by reducing flood risk, which has consistently been an issue upstream and downstream of these structures. The reduction of flooding will eliminate the need for frequent repairs to the culverts, roadways, and associated structures, saving both time and money for the DPW.

Overall, these replacements will significantly increase ecological connectivity within the watershed while also improving road safety in all weather conditions.

For more information on this project, please contact the Planning Department at 413-283-2605.

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# Viewpoints

## SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

### I'm still confused about Medicare Part A and Part B enrollment

Dear Rusty:

I'm 64 and still working full time, and plan to continue working at least until I'm 70 ~ it's a good job, and I enjoy it.

My job comes with health insurance, so I don't really need additional coverage, but I understand I will be required to sign up for Medicare Part A anyway when I turn 65 next year. What I don't understand is Part B: A colleague of mine, who is a little older than I am, said she signed up for Part B because a penalty will be incurred if we wait until we retire from our jobs and actually need the additional insurance. I'm not sure she's right. Can you explain what I should do?

**Signed: Confused About Medicare**

Dear Confused:

We're happy to assist you with understanding this. First, enrolling in Medicare Part A (coverage for inpatient hospitalization service) is mandatory to collect Social Security after age 65. If you do not plan to take your Social Security benefits yet, you can defer enrolling in Part A until you claim Social Security. But Medicare Part A is also free to those eligible for Social Security, so there is little reason not to enroll in Part A at age 65 and, when you claim Social Security, you will be automatically enrolled.

Part B, which is coverage for outpatient healthcare services (doctors, medical tests, etc.), is different. Part B is always optional because there is a premium associated with it (standard premium is \$185/month in 2025), but nearly everyone over age 65 requires healthcare coverage. If, however, you are employed and have "creditable" healthcare coverage from your employer ("creditable" is a group plan with more than 20 participants), then you can defer enrolling in Medicare Part B until your creditable employer coverage ends. And you can do so without incurring a "late enrollment penalty" for enrolling in Part B outside of your Initial Enrollment Period. When your creditable coverage from your employer ends, you will enter an 8-month Medicare "Special Enrollment Period," which permits you to enroll in Part B without penalty.

Thus, as long as

your employer coverage is "creditable," you can defer enrolling in Part B without penalty. FYI, you can also enroll in Part B a couple of months prior to your employer coverage ending, asking that your Part B coverage starts when your employer coverage ends, to avoid any gap in healthcare coverage. Note you will likely need your employer to provide you with proof of creditable coverage when you later enroll in Part B.

A couple of extra thoughts:

If you require prescription drug coverage when your employer coverage ends after age 65, you only have 63 days to acquire that drug coverage without incurring a "Part D" (drug plan) late enrollment penalty. So, if needed, you should not wait to get insurance coverage for prescription drugs after you employer coverage ends.

If you now have a Health Savings Account through your employer, you should discontinue any HSA contributions well before (perhaps as much as six months before) your enrollment in Medicare Part A. That's because Part A is not considered a "high deductible" insurance plan (a "high deductible" plan is a requirement for having a Health Savings Account). If you do not have an HSA, you need not be concerned about this. If you do, we can also provide you with more info on this.

I hope this answers your questions, but we are always here to assist if you need anything further. Contact us at SSAdvisor@amacfoundation.org or at (800-750-2622).

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### Rust is no joke

This time of year I always get a few questions from gardeners who wonder what type of disease is afflicting their treasured hollyhocks. Sadly, it's affecting mine too. Read on for more information on this malady.

Two years ago I planted Hollyhock seeds indoors. The plants grew wonderfully that first year with nice deep green basal foliage.

Being biennial in nature, year two is when they came into their glory with incredibly beautiful pink flowers on towering six to seven foot spikes. Now it's year three – a gift when biennials are concerned.

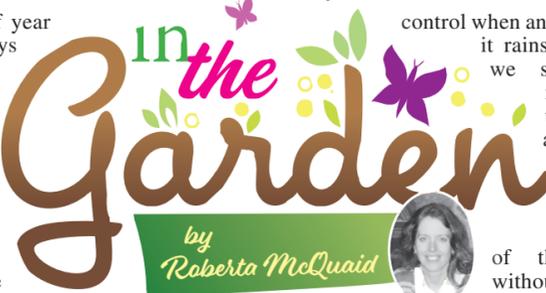
The plants started out fine and then I noticed a few raised orange-brown spots on the leaves. By season's end, the plants are pale in color and covered with the rusty orange spots.

Most of the lower foliage has been destroyed and has dropped to the ground.

My hollyhocks are suffering from a fungal problem by the name of rust. It first appears as waxy orange blisters, known as "pustules" on the undersides of the lower most foliage. On the surface of the leaves small, orange-yellow spots form.

Hollyhock rust rarely kills its host, but it can make plants look quite unsightly. In a severe infestation like mine, premature leaf drop occurs.

Next spring, if I dare to grow hollyhocks again, I'll



control when and how often it rains, but when we supply the moisture timing and application count.

Water around the base of the plants, without it touching the foliage, and do so early in the morning so that leaves have a chance to dry before nightfall.

Apply new bark mulch each spring to cover spores that may be waiting in the soil. And lastly, when planting new seedlings, locate them as far away as possible from previously grown plants even if they didn't have a serious infestation.

Although I've never tried this myself, I have read a few testimonials from gardeners who had luck applying corn meal to their soil in an effort to control soil borne fungal diseases such as rust. Reportedly it stimulates beneficial organisms that feed on pathogens. Two pounds per one hundred square feet is recommended.

Even if it doesn't work, it probably won't hurt!

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have to do it in a different part of my landscape and escape any spores that the soil is harboring.

The best way to control hollyhock rust is to remove infected leaves and discard them in the trash. The quicker you act, the better.

Other members of the hollyhock family (Malvaceae) are prone to this disease as well, so scour your perennial bed for spotted leaves on Lavatera and Malva (Tall Mallow and Musk Mallow) and dispose of them.

A common weed that goes by the name "cheese weed" or "cheeses" is also a Malva and likewise is susceptible. Cut down on the chance of infestation next year by removing all foliage and debris from these plants prior to winter. Even go as far as to remove the bark mulch beneath them to further reduce the spore population.

Proper cultural practices also make a difference in combating hollyhock rust and most plant diseases. First, give perennials adequate space from one another to allow for good air flow.

In the case of hollyhocks, I'd recommend about 18 inches. We can't

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## What D.O. you know about osteopathy?

Nurse practitioners and physician assistants are two types of primary caregivers who help doctors treat more patients efficiently and extend health care into underserved areas. I've discussed both of these roles in previous columns.

Today, I want to talk about another health-care role that we're seeing more often: doctors of osteopathy, also known as osteopathic doctors and osteopaths. I've noticed that D.O.s are showing up more frequently in lists of primary care provid-



By Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN  
Guest Column

your health



ers, and I wondered why that was so. And if you're looking for a new practitioner,

you may find more D.O.s than M.D.s in your network. It's not surprising that

we're seeing more D.O.s. The number of osteopathic doctors has quadrupled in the past three decades, according to the American Osteopathic Association, and they represent 11% of all physicians in the U.S. In addition, more than 40,000 students are enrolled in osteopathic medicine programs, compared to about 100,000 students in traditional medical schools.

Let's look at what osteopathic doctors are, dispel some myths, and see how they differ from medical doctors.

### What is osteopathy?

Osteopathic medicine is a distinctly American form of medicine. In 1874, a Civil War medic by the name of Andrew Taylor Still, dissatisfied with what he saw as shortcomings in medical care, established a philosophy that the body was designed for health and that it could heal itself through manipulation of the musculoskeletal system. He founded the first osteopathic medical school in 1892 in Missouri.

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**HEALTH** | from page 4

Today, osteopaths are fully licensed medical professionals in all 50 states – the U.S. is the only country in the world with two types of medical systems. Their specialties include pediatrics, surgery, radiology, oncology and psychiatry, and they still incorporate some of Still's philosophy of using hands-on techniques as a form of treatment.

**What education do osteopaths have?**

Osteopathic education used to be quite different from that of medical doctors, but that distinction has all but evaporated.

M.D. and D.O. programs, both very rigorous, take about 11 years (or more depending on specialization), and classes are the same: anatomy, biochemistry, physiology and the like. One difference is that about 10% of D.O. coursework focuses on hands-on therapies, described as similar to chiropractic but less aggressive.

**Why is osteopathy growing?**

There are several factors here. Probably the primary one is the realization that good care transcends the treatment of symptoms. People who are interested in a healthier lifestyle and addressing the root causes of illness are drawn to osteopathy.

Another factor, according to a recent New York Times story, is that the number of osteopathic schools continues to grow, with 14 campuses opening in the past five years. The field is also growing in recognition and prestige. The article pointed out that D.O.s oversaw the health of the president during the last three administrations.

The dearth of primary care physicians is an opportunity for osteopathic doctors to fill a void. Osteopathic medicine's focus on preventative care and community health is well suited for addressing the challenges of our aging population and chronic conditions such as diabetes and heart disease.

**How do M.D.s look at D.O.s?**

By and large, medical doctors (also called allopathic doctors) consider osteopathic doctors to be knowledgeable and skilled colleagues, albeit with a slightly different treatment philosophy. I think, though, that traditional medical schools are adopting some of the osteopathic philosophies, especially as they relate to holistic treatment and "whole patient" care, so there are definitely more similarities than differences.

**Should you choose a D.O.?**

There are good and bad osteopaths, just as there are good and bad medical doctors, so I recommend giving them the same scrutiny.

Are they board certified? How long have they been practicing? How are their patient satisfaction scores? Do you feel listened to? It's always good to get recommendations from family members, friends and neighbors.

Studies have found no significant differences between M.D.s and D.O.s when it comes to patient outcomes, lengths of hospital stays, readmission rates or health-care cost. So, I think the main reason to consider seeing a D.O. is if you are looking for a more holistic, patient-centered approach to your health care and would like to have your doctor focus more on prevention than on treating symptoms.

If osteopathy is moving health care in that general direction, it's a plus for all of us.

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**Fall luncheon, card game party Sept. 25**

WILBRAHAM – Fall into Fun at the Luncheon, Card & Game Party sponsored by the Wilbraham Women's Club, Thursday, Sept. 25, at the Saint Cecilia Parish Center located at 42 Main St. in Wilbraham.

Check-in begins at 11:30 a.m. with a delicious luncheon served at noon. Bring friends and come to

play any game of your choice (dominoes, mahjong, bridge, canasta, scrabble, etc.). Donation is \$10 and there will be a raffle for cash prizes. Proceeds help to fund our scholarships and donations to charitable organizations in the area. For reservations, please call Sue Agnew, 596-9480. Hope you will join us for a fun afternoon.

**Bereavement Support Group**

LUDLOW – The next 6 week session of St. Elizabeth Parish, Ludlow, Bereavement Support Group will start on Tuesday, Sept. 9 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. This support group will meet for 6 consecutive Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the Pastoral Center, Zechariah room. For additional information please call Pat at 531-6997.

**Crafters wanted**

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

The cost is a non-refundable \$40 fee for an 8-ft table which will be provided by the church. To reserve a table/s or for more information contact Debbie Martell at 413-547-8739 or Lorraine Bernier at 413-519-7658.

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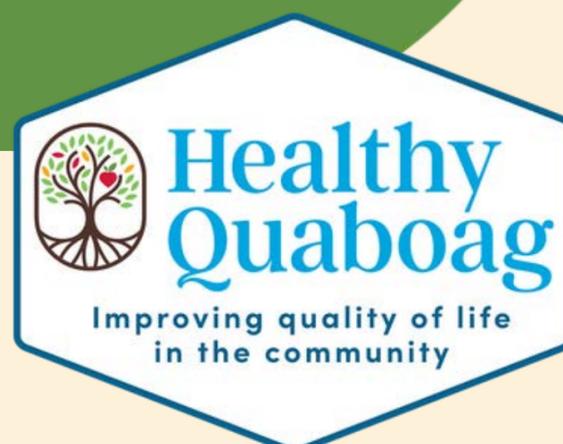


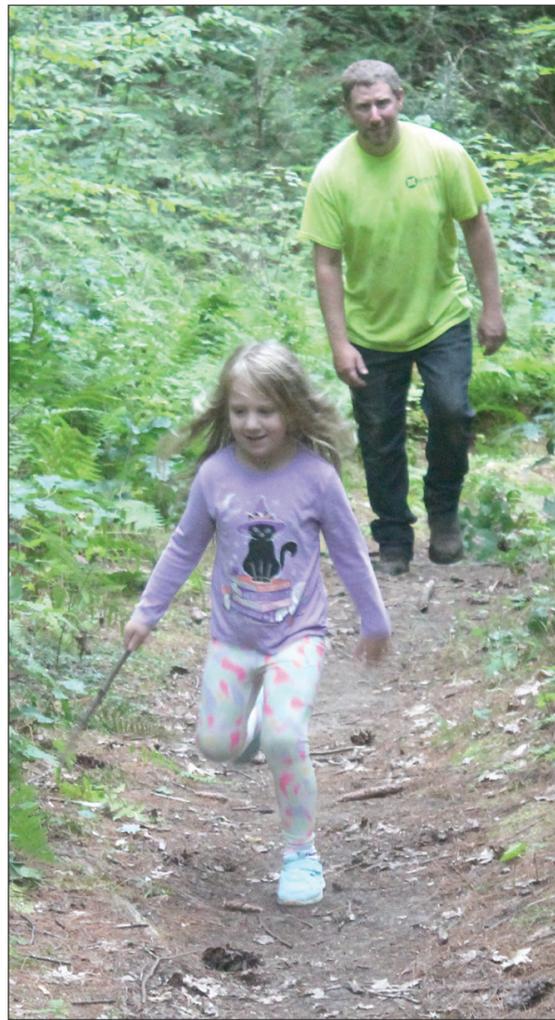
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Turley photos by Abigail McCoy  
Logan Pedder leads the hike as he has done this trail before.

Logan Pedder, Mallory Burden, and Cubmaster Sarah Pedder lead the group along the trail.

Ella Darmochwat, the sister of one of the scouts, runs ahead of her dad on the trail, collecting sticks.

# Cub Scouts explore Dingley Dell Trail during Summer Hike Series

By Abigail McCoy  
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BRIMFIELD – Families from Monson Cub Scout Pack 168 gathered on the Dingley Dell Trail last week for a community hike, continuing the group’s summer tradition of exploring local trails together.

The hike, which began from a gravel lot near 46 Monson Road in Brimfield, lasted about an hour and offered a chance for scouts, siblings, and parents to enjoy the outdoors, strengthen connections, and learn about the region’s natural spaces.

Cubmaster Sarah Pedder, who has led Pack 168 for the past two years and has been involved with the scouts for four, said the hikes are meant to give families a consistent way to enjoy nature while keeping activities accessible.

“We try to do them monthly, and we’ve really been making an effort to do more in the summer,” Pedder explained. “Lately we’ve been aiming for weekly hikes. It makes it easier for families to attend if they’re local, but eventually, I’d love to plan a bigger trip, like up Mount Monadnock, for the older scouts.”

Pack 168, which serves children from kindergarten

through fifth grade, has been organizing hikes for many years. While not every scout was able to attend this week, those who did were eager to set off down the wooded trail. Among them were siblings Ella and Michael Darmochwat, who came with their father.

“We like them...they’re fun,” Young Ella said, when asked about the hikes. “You get to see so many new places.”

Not every trail is as gentle as Dingley Dell, Pedder admitted with a laugh. She recalled that the previous outing,

at Goat Rock Trail in Hampden, had turned out to be more challenging than expected. “I didn’t realize it went right up a mountain,” she said. “We had a great view at the top, but I was glad the younger ones missed that one.”

Despite the occasional surprises, the program has proved popular with families. Hikes not only help scouts work toward badges, but also provide a chance for them to explore nature close to home and develop a comfort with outdoor activity.

The next adventure for Pack 168 will be at Laugh-

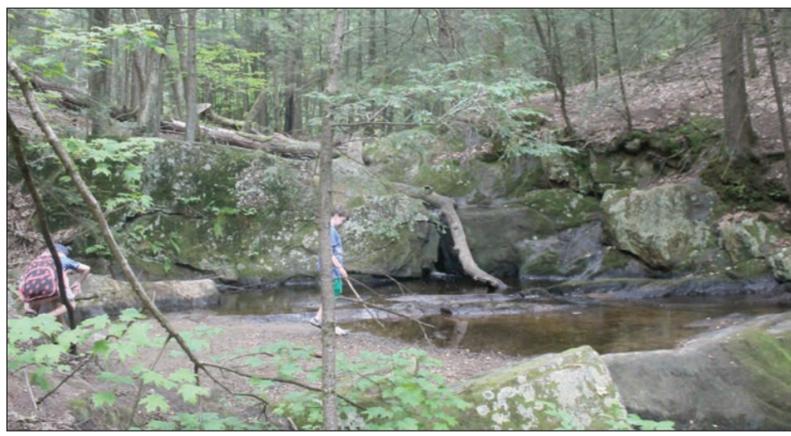
ing Brook in Hampden on Wednesday, August 20 at 5:30 p.m. That trail, about 1.3 miles in total, offers a family-friendly path that features a waterfall in spring and fall.

“It’s a beautiful spot,” Pedder said. “The kids loved it the last time we went... though a few of them slipped by the falls. Everyone was okay, and it just added to the memory.”

Families interested in learning more about upcoming hikes or joining Pack 168 can find details on the group’s Facebook page at Monson Cub Scout Pack 168.



The hiking group mills around the water attraction, this marking the point where the group turned around to head back.



Logan Pedder and Mallory Burden are the first to the waterfall and they take the time to explore.

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# Nipmuc revives tradition with weeklong Mishoon-Building

By Abigail McCoy  
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WALES – For a week in mid-August, the air around Pond #1 at the Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary carried the steady scent of wood smoke. Members of the Nipmuc Nation gathered there from August 15–21 to construct a traditional mishoon, or dugout canoe, through the ancestral practice of controlled burning and carving.

The project marked the eighth time in recent years that Nipmuc community members have created a mishoon, but it was the first to be hosted on the 8,000-acre Norcross property in Brimfield. The canoe itself was made from a massive white pine tree harvested on the sanctuary's land, measuring 24 feet long and 41 inches in diameter.

Andre StrongBearHeart Gaines-Roberson Jr., who served as one of the leaders of the project, described the careful process of choosing the tree. "The size and shape of the tree were critical," he explained. "Length determines how many paddlers it can hold, and diameter affects stability. This one was the largest we've worked with so far, which makes it special." Gaines is a cultural bearer for the Nipmuc Nation and tribal historic preservation officer.

No Loose Braids is a Nipmuc-led organization dedicated to uniting Eastern Woodland Tribal communities through the revitalization of traditional cultural practices. The organization seeks to reconnect Indigenous peoples with ancestral knowledge, strengthen bonds of reciprocity, and restore balance to both community and the Earth. Through teaching original practices, ranging from: brain-tanning hides for drums, buckskin, and blankets to constructing traditional homes (wetush) and burning out dugout canoes (mishoonash); No Loose Braids emphasizes cultural preservation, intergenerational learning, and community empowerment. The group also works to address systemic marginalization by advocating for Tribal rights and engaging in dialogue within colonial institutions, creating opportunities for future generations to participate in cultural and environmental stewardship.

Andre StrongBearHeart Gaines, Jr., an enrolled citizen of the Nipmuc Nation, serves as the founder and creative director of No Loose Braids. A culture bearer, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer,

educator, carpenter, public speaker, and Indigenous activist, Gaines has spent years sharing traditional teachings while guiding community members and being in relation with their sister tribes. His work includes leading Mishoon burns, cultural workshops, social dances, and speaking engagements at Massachusetts schools, colleges, and community organizations. Gaines also sits on the boards of the Nipmuc Community Land Project and the Native Land Conservancy, collaborating with land trusts and municipalities to advance cultural preservation and the LandBack movement. Through his work, Gaines balances traditional values with contemporary life, fostering cultural revitalization, family connections, and community resilience.

The nearly weeklong effort required a fire to be kept burning day and night. Flames were carefully managed in order to hollow out the trunk without splitting or damaging the log. The embers and charred wood were scraped away, gradually forming the canoe's cavity. Participants said the process required patience, precision, and constant attention.

Community members also used the time together for additional traditional practices. Hides were stretched and tanned near the work site, and every part of the tree was put to use in some way. Gaines said this reflected a holistic approach. "We utilized this time together and with this log, the coals, smoke, and ash, to work on multiple projects," he said.

By the final day, the pine tree will have been transformed into a completed canoe: the largest mishoon the Nipmuc have made in their ongoing revitalization work.

For centuries, Nipmuc and other Indigenous communities of the Northeast relied on dugout canoes as essential vessels for travel, fishing, and trade. Traditionally, chestnut and tulip poplar trees were the preferred materials. Tulip poplar bark was often stripped and reused as weather-resistant covering for homes.

The loss of American chestnut to blight and the current threat to white ash from the invasive emerald ash borer have forced adaptations. White pine, the tree chosen for the Norcross project, has become a viable option both for its size and availability.

"Traditionally, we used multiple tree species, but today we also have to think about what's left and what's being threatened," Gaines



Members of the Nipmuc Nation gathered on the first day of the mishoon burn.

Turley photos by Abigail McCoy



A previously completed mishoon rested in the pond alongside some kayaks, showing what the burning log will eventually become.



The mishoon project site, where the canoe gradually took shape.

said. "By using what we have, we not only continue our traditions but also make sure nothing goes to waste."

Participants said the project was not just about producing a vessel, but about cultural preservation and community healing.

Tracy Ramos, who introduced herself by her traditional name, Womansu Muskehtu Muskesuckquash, which means Loving Medicine Eyes, said the event carried deep significance. "We weren't allowed to do these things in public for a long time," she said. "The fact that Norcross not only gave us the space but encouraged us was significant. This was about rebuilding community and showing that we are still here."

She added that the sanctuary's support went beyond symbolism. "A lot of people have good intentions, but action is what matters. Norcross gave us that action," Ramos said.

With the Nipmuc reser-

vation in Grafton consisting of around just four acres, there are few opportunities for the community to gather and practice traditions on their own land. Public events like the mishoon-building offer visibility, education, and a chance for younger generations to learn.

"This was never about teaching the public how to make a canoe," Gaines said. "It was about showing that our community is still alive, still thriving, and still here."

The Brimfield event built on earlier projects. Nipmuc-led mishoon-building has been taking place in Massachusetts since before the COVID-19 pandemic, sometimes in partnership with other tribal nations such as the Mashpee Wampanoag.

"It's important to mention that the Mashpee Wampanoag cultural educator, Darius Combs, was my mishoon teacher. He taught me and now I'm teaching the next generation," Gaines said. The Norcross project was among



Animal hides were stretched and tanned alongside the mishoon burn.



Ashes were shoveled out to keep the fire steady and controlled.

the largest Nipmuc-led efforts in recent years.

One member of the Nipmuc community supporting the project, reflected on the experience of being inside one of the completed canoes. "You feel connected. It gives you a sense of what our ancestors experienced," she said. "It was emotional because for so long we weren't able to do this, and now we can."

Others echoed the feeling that the work provided both grounding and continuity. Gaines noted that the younger generation of Nipmuc participants had been central to the process. "They were the ones holding the flame...literally and figuratively," he said. "It was about passing on traditions, keeping culture alive, and making sure we continue."

By the close of the week, the new mishoon rested beside the smaller canoe built during an earlier project on

the sanctuary's lake. Visitors who came throughout the week witnessed not only the physical creation of the canoe but also the resilience of a culture still practicing its ways despite centuries of disruption.

"We've always been here," Ramos said. "And we have no plans of disappearing."



Trail signs guided visitors toward the mishoon camp.

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## UPCOMING

**AUG. 22**

**FRIDAY NIGHT ROCKS** from 6:30 p.m. To 11:30 p.m. Youth Rocks Networking Portion For Young Musicians To Meet Others. Torie Jock & Damage Control are hosting **FRI-DAY NIGHT ROCKS!** A rock band series occurring at PHCC! Bring your own beverages and your ID's are required. \$10 entry fee and doors open at 6 p.m. Bands for August 22 are Ultraviolet, Take 2, and The Blares! Special Guests: Jonas Clark, Sofia Roman, Max V. Email [toriejockmusic@gmail.com](mailto:toriejockmusic@gmail.com) for more info and for band/vendor/food truck booking.

**SEPT. 13**

**DINNER AND ORGAN RECITAL:** On Saturday, Sept. 13, First Church of Monson, 5 High Street, will hold a dinner and organ recital celebrating the restoration of the Swell Division of the Johnson Organ. Guest organist will be Robert Greene, nationally known composer and organist. The concert will feature works by Bach, Boellmann, and Mendelssohn as well as Greene's original compositions. The baked ham dinner will be served at 5 P.M. followed by the concert at 7 p.m. Tickets for the dinner and concert are \$20.00 available by calling Gail at 413 267 4818. Concert donations of \$5.00 are available at the door. The concert is supported in part by the Monson Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the MA Cultural Council, a state agency.

## ONGOING

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

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

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

4044 or Merry Mombourquette at 283-7577. Follow them on Facebook for more.

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

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# Business

## Monson Savings Bank donates \$2,000 to The Graceful Swan

MONSON – As part of its ongoing commitment to supporting local organizations, Monson Savings Bank proudly donated \$2,000 to The Graceful Swan through its 2025 Community Giving Initiative.

Michael Rouette, Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer of Monson Savings Bank, presented the donation to Shannon Blodgett, President & Director of The Graceful Swan. The contribution will help further the organization's mission to empower dancers facing hardships.

"We are honored to support The Graceful Swan and the incredible work they do," said Michael Rouette. "Their dedication to uplifting and inspiring others aligns perfectly with our values at Monson Savings Bank. We are proud to contribute to their efforts and help make a positive impact in our community."

The Graceful Swan, a Ware based non-profit, was founded in 2022 in memory of Tara Blodgett, who passed away at the age of 38 from glioblastoma. Tara's biggest passion was dance and had been a dancer for more than 30 years. In honor of Tara's love for dance, the mission of The Graceful Swan is to support dance for individuals with personal, medical, or financial hardships. To learn more about The Graceful Swan, please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/gracefulswaninc/>.

Shannon Blodgett expressed her gratitude for the donation, stating, "This generous gift from Monson Sav-

ings Bank will allow us to reach more individuals who can benefit from our services. We are deeply thankful for their support and belief in our mission."

Monson Savings Bank's Community Giving Initiative is designed to support local nonprofits and community organizations that make a meaningful difference in the areas the Bank serves. Every year, Monson Savings Bank invites the public to vote for their favorite non-profits they would like the Bank to support in the coming year. To learn more about the Monson Savings Bank annual Community Giving Initiative: <https://www.monsonsavings.bank/connect/our-community-giving-initiative.html>.

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## BASKETBALL

### Blue Devils fall to Hampshire

WILBRAHAM – In the semifinals of the Spec Pond Summer Basketball League playoffs, Palmer Blue Devils fell in the semifinals of the 7-8 Boys Division play-offs against Hampshire on Friday, Aug. 8 53-35.

Because the boys division was crowded, the two teams did not meet in the regular season.

Palmer went 8-2 in the regular season. The Blue Devils beat Ludlow in the quarterfinals.



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**Mason Cowher heads down the court.**



**Dominick Venneri strides toward the paint.**



**Seth Peets shoots on the run.**



**Hunter Laviolette takes his shot.**



**Max Wilkerson shoots with pressure coming.**



**Luke Haley makes his way down the court.**

## BASKETBALL

### DeVries brings in President's Award

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

MONSON – A total of 19 student-athletes from Southern New Hampshire University received the Northeast-10 Conference Presidents' Award for Academic Excellence this past spring.

One of the honorees is Monson's Sydnie DeVries, who was the only member of the Penmen women's basketball team to receive the prestigious award this year.

The Presidents' Award was established in 2021 and is given to graduating NE-10 student-athletes who have attained the Latin honor of Magna Cum Laude or better at their institution. The student-athletes also need to participate in at least two seasons of NE-10 competition and are a current student-athlete at the time of graduation.

"It was really special to be selected for the Presidents' Award," DeVries said. "I also received the School of Business Dean's Award, and I was selected as the overall top student in my sports management program as

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## SOCCER

### Short-handed Villa FC captures PVSSL Men's Championship

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW – After being forced to play the final 20 minutes of regulation with only ten players, the chances of winning the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League men's championship title for the second consecutive year didn't look very promising for third-seeded Villa FC.

The defending champions, who were trailing 1-0, managed to tie the match against top-seeded Cap & Hitch of New England with less than a minute remaining in the second half.

The score remained tied during the two 10-minute overtime periods.

During the ninth round of the penalty shootout, Villa goalie Lucas Morales-Fernandez made an outstanding diving save giving his team an exciting 1-1 (9-8 PK's) win over Cap & Hitch at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow earlier this month.

"This is our second championship in a year, and it feels excellent," said Villa player/ coach Mike Lima following the match, which lasted more than two hours. "We're one of the better teams in this league, so everybody always wants to be beat us. We were trailing late in second half, but we were able to battle back."

Lima, who shared the coaching duties with Ruben Sousa, is one of the Villa FC

## SOCCER

### Summer Warriors capture title

WILBRAHAM – On Sunday, Aug. 10, Tantasqua Summer Warriors were big winners as they defeated Play for MJK 20-6 in the finals of the 5-6 A Division in the Spec Pond Summer Basketball League.



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**Maddie Contois goes for a shot.**



**Angela Ren tries to get around an opponent to shoot.**



**Averie Toomey dribbles near the arc.**



**Juliana Fluery sends a pass away.**



**Emi Dougherty shoots in traffic.**

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# Candlepin League News

By Ryan Drago  
Staff Writer  
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## Summer Edition

EAST BROOKFIELD – The Thursday Mixed Summer League at Bogey Lanes has come to an end.

After 14 weeks of league candlepin bowling, the team of Dave Sanborn, Tammy Butler, Steve Burritt, and Keith Butler finished in first place with a record of 75-37. Finishing in second place just one point shy is the team of Karen Olszta, Jackson Loomer, Nate Fontaine and Aaron Fontaine (Team Seven) with a record of 74-38. The team broke the tie with Team Five due to having the highest pinfall during the summer league.

The team of Phil Clough, Aaron Halbedel, Shawn Rackus, and Jordan Waugh (Team Five) finished in third place with a record of 74-38. The Kolb Krew finished in fourth place with a record of 68-44.

In the final week, Mix Ups bowled against the Polar Rollers. In game one, Mix Ups won by a score of 446-429. Patrick Capri of Mix Ups began the match with a 109 to help his team get the victory.

In game two, Mix Ups won again by a score of 428-423. In game three, Mix Ups won with a sweep over Polar Rollers, 450-408. Mix Ups finished in seventh place with a record of 48-64. The final score was 1324-1260 in favor of Mix Ups.

Team Nine bowled against Team Five in the final week. In game one, Team Five defeated Team Nine by a score of 448-441. Phil Clough of Team Five began the match with a 116.

In game two, Team Five won again by a score of 477-444. Aaron Halbedel of Team Five bowled a 119 and his teammate Shawn Rackus bowled a 117. In game three, Team Five won to sweep Team Nine by a score of 456-438. Rackus finished strong with a 120.

The final score was 1381-1323 in favor of Team Five. The individual high series of the match was bowled by Aaron Halbedel with a 330.

The Kolb Krew bowled against The Bowl Busters in the final week. In game one, Bowl Busters won by a score of 426-409. In game two, Kolb Krew bounced back and won 444-413. Drew Kolb bowled a 108 to get the victory for his team.

In game three, Kolb Krew won again by a score of 429-419. The final score was 1282-1258 in favor of Kolb Krew, who finished in fourth place in the summer league on Thursday nights.

The soon to be crowned champions, The Furs, bowled against Glen Echo Rollers. In game one, The Furs won by a score of 464-401. In game two, The Furs won again by a score of 467-407. In game three, The Furs concluded the league by winning the last game, 453-423.

Fall leagues will be starting in September at Bogey Lanes.

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well. It's nice to be recognized not only for my basketball accomplishments, but for also working hard in the classroom."

DeVries, who graduated from Monson High School in 2021, was a Sports Management and Marketing Major in college.

"I was a double major," she said. "I originally wanted to become a coach after I stopped playing basketball. During my freshman year of college, I became interested in the business side of sports. I picked up the Marketing Major in my second year of college. That's when I started to shift my focus to the business side of sports."

DeVries became the fourth player in the history of the Lady Mustangs basketball team to score 1,000 career points during a 57-27 home victory against Sabis on April 7, 2021. The high school basketball season took place during the spring that year due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

The first three girls 1,000 point scorers at Monson High School were Meghan Boyle, Katelyn Metzger, and Angie Arbour. Olivia Charazan, who graduated in June, finished her outstanding high school basketball career as Monson's all-time leading scorer.

DeVries made her first visit to Southern New Hampshire University, which is in Manchester, as a sophomore in high school.

"I visited the school for the first time with my parents (Karen + Paul)," she said. "When we walked into the training room, all the girls stopped what they were doing and said hi to me. Whenever there is a recruit in the building, the current players says hello to them. None of

the other schools that I was looking at did that. It turned out to be the difference maker for me in the end."

Even though DeVries was a senior on the Southern New Hampshire women's basketball team last year, she does have another year of eligibility remaining because she redshirted as a freshman.

"I'm really looking forward to playing basketball for one more season," DeVries said. "We had a very young team last year, but we do have a lot of players returning this year. I'll be sad when my basketball career is finally over. I'm very close with coach (Karen) Pinkos and the entire coaching staff, which made my decision to return for another year very easy. They've always been very supportive of me."

DeVries is in the process of finishing her Masters Degree.

DeVries, who's a forward, didn't play in any games as a college freshman, but she was still able to practice with the basketball team.

"I was practicing against older players which helped me improve my skills," she said. "I also traveled with the team to the away games. Looking back, I'm very glad that I decided to redshirt."

As a sophomore, DeVries played in 29 games. She was a starter in three of those games.

The Penmen lost to Bentley University at home in the NE-10 championship game that season.

"When I was a freshman at Monson, we won the Western Mass. title on my birthday," DeVries said. "The NE-10 championship game was played on the day before my birthday, and it would've been cool if we were able to win another championship on my birthday. It was still a fun experience."

The Penmen have qualified for the NCAA Division 2 tournament in three of the past four years.

"Playing in the NCAA tournament is a lot different than a regular season game," DeVries said. "We hosted the NCAA tournament when I was a freshman."

Prior to the start of her junior season, DeVries was selected as a captain by coach Pinkos, who's entering her 20th season as the Southern New Hampshire women's basketball coach.

"Coach Pinkos allows the players to vote for the captain, but she's the one who makes the ultimate decision," DeVries said. "This is my third year being a captain and I'm one of the team leaders. I really enjoy being in that role."

DeVries, who never once thought about putting her name in the NCAA transfer portal, started all 27 games last season as a senior.

AIC is also a member of the NE-10 conference. A lot of DeVries family and friends are sitting in the bleachers when the Penmen make their annual trip to Springfield.

DeVries spent this past summer living in New York City interning with the New York Mets.

"Interning with the New York Mets has been an incredible experience," said DeVries, who's a Red Sox fan. "I'm working in the season ticketing department. I got to meet with a lot of fans. I give them a ballpark tour and tell them about the different membership options. It was a very good learning experience, and it was a very enjoyable experience for me."

After her college basketball career comes to an end next spring, DeVries would like to work for a professional sports team.

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## Athlete of the Week

### Maddie Contois

Tantasqua High School

Contois was part of a Tantasqua Summer Warriors team that captured a championship in the Spec Pond Summer Basketball League this month.

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players who graduated from Ludlow High School.

The other former Ludlow High School soccer players listed on the Villa FC roster are Kyle Tomas, who received a red card during the 60th minute, Brandon McCarthy and Enzo Botta.

A year ago, Villa FC, who plays their home matches at Minnechaug Regional, defeated Lusitano White in the men's finals. They also took home the championship trophy in 2017 with a 3-2 win over Pros Malaca.

Anthony Basile was selected as this year's MVP award winner. He was also the M.V.P. of the 2017 championship match.

"This is a very special team with a lot of very special players," said Basile, who's from East Longmeadow. "I'm very happy that I'm still able to be a part of it."

Villa FC, who finished the regular season with a 9-1-2 record, advanced into this year's finals after defeating sixth-seeded STCC Alum in a penalty shootout in the quarterfinals, and Lusitano Red, 6-2, in the semifinals.

Cap & Hitch (11-1) joined the prestigious summer league a year ago. They dispatched eighth-seeded Empower Health, 5-0, in the quarterfinals and the White's 6-2 in the semifinals.

"This was just an unbelievable match by both teams. It's tough that someone had to lose," said Cap & Hitch head coach Bennett Walsh. "I've never been involved in a match where they were 18 shots in the penalty shootout. I'm very proud of my guys."

Both teams had chances to take the lead during the first half, which was 40 minutes long.

Cap & Hitch had the first opportunity during the 26th minute.

Ethan Czaporowski, who played soccer at Belchertown High School, weaved around a couple of defenders inside the box before firing a shot that deflected off the crossbar.

Another former Belchertown player listed on the Cap & Hitch roster is Shay O'Neill, who's father, Devin, is the longtime men's soccer coach at Western New England University.

A minute later, Gabriel Ganzer, who plays for Villa, had a breakaway opportunity, but his shot attempt bounced off the left post.

Ganzer, who's a former member of the Western Mass. Pioneers, recorded a hat-trick in last year's finals. He was also selected as the 2024 MVP winner.

This year's championship match was still scoreless at the half.

Cap & Hitch was given a penalty shot by referee Fabio Cardoso following a foul in the box twenty minutes into the second half.

Kamer Nuhui, who graduated from Agawam High School, stepped up to the line and fired a shot into the net past Morales-Fernandez.

During that sequence, Cardoso gave Tomas a red card leaving Villa with only ten players on the field.

Cardoso continued to issue yellow cards like they were parking tickets, which kept the match from getting out of control.

Basile tied the score at 1-1 after putting a shot into the net past goalie Alberto Truoiolo with only a couple seconds remaining in regulation.

"I just saw an opportunity," he said. "I just swung my foot and watched the ball roll to the back of the net. It just felt great."

At the end of the second overtime period, Bryant Keeney had a chance to be the hero for Villa, but his line-drive shot hooked wide.

The nine Villa players that made PK's during the shootout were Andre Morrison, Joao Miranda, Shane Sewell, Andrew Ortiz, Quin Serafino, Mason Perham, Mike Willis, McCarthy, and Ganzer.

The eight PK's made by the Cap & Hitch players were Simba Pelletier, Bennett Walsh Jr., John Senn-McNally, Dominic Cirelli, Connor Weslocki, Czaporowski, O'Neill, and

Nuhui.

Morales-Fernandez finally ended the match by making a save on a shot attempt by Nathan Sanchez.

It was another memorable summer for the members of Villa FC.



Mike Willis, of Ludlow, heads the ball for Villa.



Villa FC captured the PVSSL Men's Championship earlier this month.

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A “Just Dance” setup encouraged movement and laughter, while a craft station offered a quieter creative outlet. Pizza was served for dinner.

“It’s just kind of a chill hang,” Chartrand explained. “Some kids like the structured games, others just want to hang out. We make sure there’s something for everyone.”

The After Hours Library Rave series began in October 2024 with a Halloween party and has since developed a loyal core group of about ten regular attendees, with additional participants depending on the theme. Past events have included a Squid Game-inspired night and other seasonal celebrations.

“This gives kids and teens a place to hang out that is exclusively theirs,” Chartrand said. “No parents allowed. They get to independently explore, enjoy what the library has to offer, and just be themselves.”

Friday’s party drew 14 registrations, with 13 showing up; a strong turnout that reflected the popularity of the program. The next scheduled

After Hours event will take place on October 24, when the library hosts its second annual Halloween party, marking one full year of the series.

“It’s been great to see the variety of themes and how kids respond to them,” Chartrand said. “Some come dressed up, some in pajamas, some in cosplay. It’s all across the map, and that’s what I love to see.”

For more information on upcoming youth programs, visit the Palmer Public Library or check the library’s website and social media.



Olivia Chartrand explained the night’s programs to the teens who attended the “Nowhere to Wear it” party.

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Teens explored the empty library, playing scavenger hunts and games after hours.

## Polish Food sale hosted

INDIAN ORCHARD – DOZYNKI Celebration will be held at Immaculate Conception Church Hall, 25 Parker Street, Indian Orchard on August 23, 2025 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. with Polish Plate Dinner (4 Pierogi, Golabek, Kielbasa, Kapusta and Rye Bread) \$20 per plate, eat in or take out, wine, beer, water and soda available for purchase.

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## Ware Grange Fair to be held Aug. 23

WARE – The Ware Grange Fair will be held on August 23 at the Grange Hall on Rte. 9 in Ware at 297 Belchertown Rd.

This year’s Fair will feature a fun dog show and the Kids’ Corner “Funtastic Fair Festival” family event.

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sic, a barbecue dinner, and an auction.

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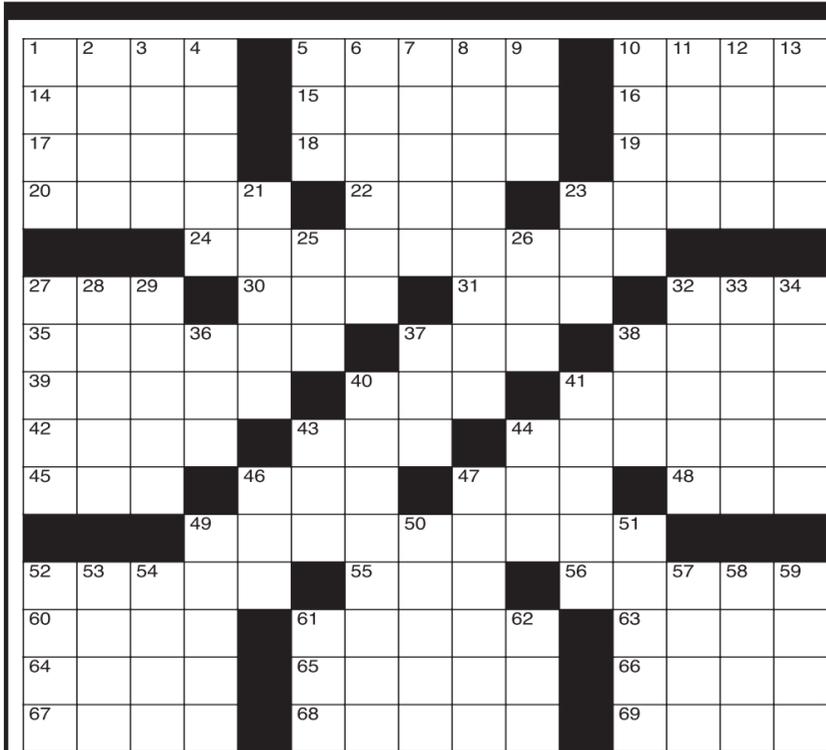
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### Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine awards scholarships to students

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Dr. Martins presented the 2025 George F. Vitek

Scholarship to Ela Dias from Ludlow, who will be attending Quinnipiac University. Dr. Lareau presented the 2025 George F. Vitek Scholarship to Nina Gallagher from Wilbraham, who will be attending Suffolk University. Dr. Kasper presented the 2025 George F. Vitek Scholarship to Victoria Gonzalez from Wilbraham, who will be attending Bowdoin College. Dr. Dewey presented the 2025 George F. Vitek Scholarship to Lillian Knight from Ware, who will be attending the University of Rhode Island. Dr. Malik presented the 2025 George F. Vitek Scholarship to Rachelle Morse from Monson, who will be attending Western New England University.

Congratulations, we wish you all the best.



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### Pathfinder Regional offers meals at no cost for students

PALMER – Pathfinder Regional VTHS participates in the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. As part of this program, all schools offer healthy meals every school day at no cost to the students due to the implementation of the Community Eligibility Provision for school year 2025-2026. Students receive breakfast and lunch at school without having to pay a fee or submit a household application.

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### Registration open at HCC for fall 2025 noncredit classes

HOLYOKE – Registration is now open for noncredit professional development and personal enrichment classes at Holyoke Community College for the fall 2025 semester.

The fall calendar begins Sept. 2, with individual classes running on different schedules throughout the semester. Many are available as single sessions that cost as little as \$49.

Classes for fall include cooking (charcuterie, Mediterranean, Spanish, tapas), wine tasting (organic, Rhone,

California, holiday), sewing (for beginners), sewing (machine), painting (watercolors beginner and intermediate), painting (water soluble oil), drawing for beginners, piano (for pleasure, private lessons), dance fusion, conversational French, conversational Spanish, Spanish for healthcare professionals, hat making, music technology, voiceover coaching, financial literacy, retirement planning, Social Security strategies, Mass-Health overview, medical interpreting, K-12 education

(professional development), EMT Basic Training, real estate licensing, notary public and Quickbooks.

Most classes meet in the Kittredge Center for Business and Workforce Development on the main HCC campus, 303 Homestead Ave. Cooking and wine tasting classes meet at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute, 164 Race St.

To see complete fall course listings and schedules, or to register, please visit [hcc.edu/bcs](http://hcc.edu/bcs). More classes will be added as fall approaches.

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# PHS Athletic Hall of Fame ceremony to be held Oct. 18

PALMER – The Palmer High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is excited to welcome the Class of 2025 Inductees: six individual athletes and three teams.

Congratulations to outstanding athletes **Charlie Lanzetta**, Class of 1964;

**Carl Santos**, Class of 1982; **Joseph Ferry**, Class of 2004; **Halie Laviolette**, Class of 2012; **Ryan McCarthy**, Class of 2017; **Brittany North**, Class of 2017; to the **2010 and 2012 Girls' Basketball Division 2 Western Mass Champions**, and to the **2017 Boys'**

**Basketball Western Mass Division 3 Champions and State Finalists.**

Individual inductees are chosen after the Hall of Fame Committee receives nomination papers for an athlete, deliberates on the credentials, and then votes on the merits. Individual

teams are selected on the basis of achieving a Western Mass Championship and beyond. All individuals and teams must have graduated more than five years ago.

The 2025 Induction Ceremony will be held at Amvets in Three Rivers,

MA on October 18 at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$45/person and can be ordered by contacting Walt Reynolds at (413) 552-9716 or emailing nimpuck77@gmail.com.

Checks should be made out to the Town of Palmer and mailed to PO Box 63 Palmer, MA 01069. Please

order first, before sending the checks, and clearly specify the number of tickets you would like. Tickets MUST be ordered by October 1.

We can't wait to have you join us as we recognize these outstanding athletes and championship teams.



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## PALMER PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2025-2026

# Back-to-School Bus Schedules



**PALMER HIGH SCHOOL**  
*Bus stop times and locations may change*

**Route 1 – 6:45 a.m.** – Start on North Main Street for pickups at Paramount Pizza parking lot, Les' Auto, and Dunkin Donuts - Express to King St for pickup at Country Bank - Express to South Main Street for pickups on S. Main and at Dublin St, Chestnut St, Oak St, Conant St - Express to Breckenridge Street for pickups - Express to stop on River St. - Express to PHS (7:15 a.m.)

**Route 2 – 6:40 a.m.** – Start on Ware Street for pickups to Rondeau Road - Right onto Rondeau Road for pickups - Right onto Olney Road for stops continuing onto Hickory Lane for stop - returning to Ware Street - right on Ware St with pickups to Walmart - Right onto River Street for pickups along River and at Countryside, Lauren, and Gay St. - Express to PHS (7:15 a.m.)

**Route 3 – 6:42 a.m.** – Start on Wilbraham Street for pickups - Right onto Three Rivers Road for pickup at Laurel/Juniper Street - Return to Three Rivers Road to Burlingame Road for pickups - Express to Baptist Hill Road for pickups - Left on Wilbraham St for pickups - Express to Calkins Road for pickups to Palmer Road for pickups = Express to PHS (7:15 a.m.)

**Route 4 – 6:51 a.m.** – Start on Park St for stop at corner of Walnut – Left on Winthrop Street for pickups at corner of Cabot/Alden Streets, Emalda/ Geraldine Street and Berkshire/Geraldine- Continue to Pinney Street for pickup - Express to Thorndike Street for pickups, - Left onto Mt. Dumplin Road for pickups along Mt. Dumplin, left on Memory Lane for stops, Right onto Desimone Dr. for stops - Return to Mt. Dumplin Road for pickups - Express to PHS (7:15 a.m.)

**Route 5 – 6:42 a.m.** – Stop on Rondeau Road at West Ware Road, right on Boston Rd for Stops, continue to Park St for Stops along Park, stops at E. Palmer Park Dr. and XTRA Mart, right on Thorndike St, stop at Converse St, left on High St for stops along High-Express to PHS (7:15 a.m.)

**Route 6 – 6:38 a.m.** – Start on Flynt for stops, left on Smith for stop at French St, right on Beech St for stops, - Left onto Country Lane for pickups - Left onto Peterson Road for pickups - Left on to St. John Street for pickups - Right onto Old Warren Road for pickups at Katie Lane- Express to State St for stops along State St. - Express to PHS (7:15 a.m.)

**Route 7 – 6:28 a.m.** – Start on Flynt St for stops along Flynt, stops at Carter and Whalen. Left on Cedar Hill St. for stops along Cedar Hill, Left on Homestead for stops, Express to Mason St for stop at Fairfield Dr -Express to Fieldstone Dr for stops at Ridge Rd and Old Farm Rd. Left on Old Farm Rd for stops, Left onto Carriage for stops, Left on Mason for stops along Mason, Left on Thompson St for stops along Thompson, Left on Flynt for stops on Flynt. Express to Stimson St for Stops along Stimson. Right onto Gates for stops at Forest Lake Rd. and along Gates St - Express to PHS (7:15 a.m.)

**Route 8 – 6:54 a.m.** – Start on North Street for pickups - Left onto Norbell Street - Left onto Belchertown Road for Stops, - Right onto Chudy Street for stops at Barker St. and Linda St. and along Chudy- Left onto Glenn Street for stops – Express to Ford St. for stop at Central St - Express to Bourne Street for pickups Express to Palmer HS (7:15 a.m.)

**Route 9 – 6:48 a.m.** – Start on South Main/Prospect Street for pickups - Right onto South High Street for pickups - Right onto State Street-Left on Jim Ash Rd. for pickups – Left on Griffin St for pickups along Griffin. Stop at Griffin and Stewart - Right onto High Street for pickups – Left on Maple, Left on Main St. for Pickups at Center St, Spring St., State St, and Crawford St. Right onto Pine St for stops – Left on Fuller Rd. for stop at Ains Manor- Left on Sykes St, Right on Thorndike St. To Pleasant St. - Stop at Pleasant St and Elizabeth St - Express to PHS (7:15 a.m.)

**Route 10 – 6:58 a.m.** – North Main St for Stops at Capitol Cleaners - across from O'Reilly Auto Parts – Left on Thorndike St stop at Foster St, left on Lawrence St, stop at Lawrence Apt - Left on Shearer for stops at Beacon Dr, Longview, Prospect St, and Randall St - Right on North Main for pickups - Stop at corner of Temple Street and Fletcher Street - Express to PHS (7:15 a.m.)

**Route 11 – 7:01 a.m.** – Start at Springfield Street for Stops - Left onto Chilson Road - Left onto Three Rivers Road for stop - Right onto Springfield Street for stops at Anderson Street and Hryniewicz Park - Express to PHS (7:15 a.m.)

**OLD MILL POND**  
*Bus stop times and locations may change*

**Route 1 – 7:57 a.m.** – Thompson St for stops, Right on Mason St becomes Nimpuck St, Right on Rt 20 Park St, Right on Winthrop St for stops, Left on Cabot St, Right on Geraldine St for stop at Berkshire, Left on Berkshire St, Left on Breckenridge St, Left on Park St, Right onto Stone St, Right on South Main St for stops, stops at Strong, Chestnut, Dublin, Continue onto Main St for stop at Sunny Nails, Left on Bridge St for stop at Fern Hill Rd, turnaround, left on Main St, Continue onto N. Main St, stops at Rockview, Shaw, Les's Auto, Capitol Cleaners, express to OMP for Drop off at 8:30 AM

**Route 2 – 7:46 a.m.** –Thorndike Street to Rt. 32 North (Ware St) for stops along Ware St.

Right onto Rondeau Road, Right onto Olney Rd for stops, Loop on Hickory Lane, Left onto Rondeau Road for stops, Right on Ware St for stops, Right on River St, Right on Lauren Dr for stops, Right on Countryside Dr, Right onto River Street for stops along River, and at Gay St. Straight on Center St becomes High St, Right on Commercial St, Right on Main St, Right on Church St for stops at Hill St and Post Office, Left on Main Street for stops, Drop off at OMP at 8:30 AM.

**Route 3 – 7:58 a.m.** – Wilbraham Street (Route 20), Right onto Three Rivers Road, Right on Circle Dr for stops, Right on Laurel Dr, Right on Circle Dr, Right on Three Rivers Rd, Right onto Burlingame Road for stops, to Baptist Hill Road for stops, Left onto Wilbraham Street, Left onto Calkins Road for stops, stop at Overlook, Left on Palmer Road for stops at South St, Right on Bridge St, Right on North St for stops and stop at Norbell, Left onto Norbell Street, Left onto Belchertown Road for stops, Left on Main Street for stops, Express to OMP for drop off at 8:30.

**Route 4 – 7:55 a.m.** – Thorndike St, Right on Converse St for stop at Walnut, Right on Central St for stop at Park, Left on Park St for stop at Maple, Pearl, Buddy's Auto, Left on Breckenridge St, Left on Pinney St for stops, Left on Park St for stops, Left on School St for stops at Pleasant, Right on Pleasant St for stop at Walnut, Right on Thorndike St, Left on Pine Street for stop at King, Left on King St for stop at Highland, Left on Highland St for stop at Cute Kids, Knox, Left on Knox St, Right on Pine Street, Left on Thorndike St for stops on Thorndike and at Forest Hill, Left on High Street, Right on Commercial St for stops, Express to OMP for 8:30 Arrival

**Route 5 – 7:40 a.m.** – Start on corner of Breckenridge at Ware St Picking up along Breckenridge St - left on Park Street for stops at Girly's Grill, and East Palmer Park, express to Dunhamtown Palmer Rd and loop back on Park St to stop at 114, Right on Nimpunk, Right on Mason for stop, to +9 Rd for stops , Right on Robinson for stops, continue to Thompson St to Beauregard, Left onto Old Farm Dr for Stops, Right onto Carriage Dr for stops, Right on Field Stone for Stops Left on Old Farm for Stops, Left on Beauregard Dr, Right on Thompson Rd, Right on Mason for stops at Fairfield, Express to Homestead St for stops at Pioneer and along Homestead, Right on Cedar Hill, Right on Flynt, Stops along Flint and at Whalen and at Carter, Left on Ware St to High St, Stops at Vicardiv Ave, and along High St. Express to OMP for 8:30 Arrival

**Route 6 – 7:43 a.m.** – Old Warren for stops along Old Warren and at Katie Lane, To West Warren Road, stop at Corner of Rondeau and Old Warren, To St Johns St for stops, To Peterson Road for stops, Right on Country Lane for stops, Right on Beach, Left on Smith St for Stops, Right on Flynt St for Stops, Left on Ware St for stop at Varcardiv, Right onto High St for stop at River St, Left on Center St for stops, Continue on High St for stops along High, Harvey and at Michael. Express to OMP for 8:30 Arrival

**Route 7 – 8:04 a.m.** – Stimson Street for stops along Stimson, Right onto Gates for Stops along Gates, Express to Foster for stops along Foster and at Emery, Right on State St. for stops along state and at Pleasant, Left onto S. Main, Right onto Main St for stops along Main and at Coache, Right on Ruggles for stop at Wilson, Right on Oak St for stop at Pleasant, Right onto Charles Street for stops, Express to OMP for 8:30 Arrival.

**Route 8 – 7:58 a.m.** – Pleasant St for stops at Summer St, Elizabeth St, continue to Thorndike St for stops, right onto Palmer Rd and Right onto South High for Stops along South High, express to Pine St for stops, left on Fuller for stops, right on Sykes to Bourne for stops, left on Main St to Springfield St, stops at Learning factory, Express to Ford St for stop at Ford and Central, left on Palmer Road for stop at Skyline Terrace, express to OMP for 8:30 Arrival

**Route 9 – 7:55 a.m.** – Stop at Sykes St and Fuller St, Right on Prospect St for stops, Left on Advance, Right on Forest for stop at Oak, Left on Hillside for Stops, Right on State St for stops, Left on Jim Ash Rd for stops, Left on Griffin for stop at corner of Griffin and Stewart, Left on High St for stops along High St, Right on State St. for stop, Right on Main St for stops along Main and at Spring and Center St, Express to High St for stop at Center and High, Right on Spring, Left on Main St for stops at Riverbend, Bond St, and along Main, 8:30 arrival at OMP.

**Route 10 – 8:07 a.m.** – Mt Dumplin Rd, left on Memory Ln for stops at Desimone, right on Desimone for stops, left on Mt Dumplin for stops along Mt Dumplin and at Meadowbrook, left on N. Main St for stops along N. Main and at Temple, Orchard, Roosevelt and Searle St. Express to Main St for stop at Larivier St, Right on Front St for stop at Kelley, Right on Maple for stop at Maple St, Express to OMP for 8:30 Arrival

**Route 11 7:52 a.m.** – Springfield St for Stops along Springfield St, Left on Chilson, Left on Three Rivers Rd for stops along Three Rivers Road, Right on Springfield St for Stops along Springfled St and at New Hampshire and Anderson St, Left on Bridge St, Left on Chudy St for stops along Chudy and at Linda St, Left on Glen St for Stops, Left on Barker for stop at Barker and Sibley St, Express to Sylvia St for stops, Express to Shearer St for stops along Shearer and at Prospect St, Longview St and Beacon Dr, Right on Lawrence St for Stops, Express to OMP for 8:30 Arrival.



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Motorcycles lined up as the bikers joined in on the day's festivities. Turley photos by Abigail McCoy

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"The idea for the car show came about during a brainstorming session," explained John Dean, a longtime Mason and one of the organizers. "We realized we could turn a small strip of road into a mini festival, raise money for charities, and provide a place for people to enjoy cars and connect with the community. It's been growing every year, and we hope to continue this tradition for many years to come."

Visitors to the event also enjoyed an array of food trucks and live music, creating a festival-like atmosphere for families and car enthusiasts alike. "It's not just about the cars," said Dylan Moore, another organizer. "It's a community event. People come to enjoy the day, meet friends, and support worthwhile causes."

The Monson Masons, officially known as Thomas St. Spring Lodge, bring a storied history to the event. Chartered in 1796, the lodge is one of the oldest fraternal organizations in the area and was named in honor of Isaiah Thomas, a prominent Worcester printer and Grand Master of Masons in New England. Thomas was the first man in the region to print and distribute copies of the Declaration of Independence.

Over the centuries, the lodge has undergone several mergers, including with Day-sp Lodge in 2022 and Eden Lodge in 2023, consolidating the fraternal organizations into a single, accessible facility in Monson. Masons are drawn from all walks of life, regard-

less of race or religion, and the organization emphasizes community service, education, and personal growth.

"Masonry is about refining oneself, much like the tools and stones used in ancient construction," said Ryan Maslak, a lodge historian. "The mallets, squares, and compasses you see around the lodge are symbolic of shaping rough stones into something strong and useful. It's a metaphor for personal development, guided by virtue and community service."

The lodge actively participates in charitable activities beyond the car show, from scholarships for local students to fundraising for Shriners' hospitals and other community-focused projects.

With the Fourth Annual Car Show successfully concluded, organizers are already looking forward to next year. "We'll absolutely be back for a fifth annual event," said John Dunn, one of the Masons' representatives. "It's an annual tradition we plan to continue for as long as cars and our community members want to participate. The event brings people together, celebrates history and craftsmanship, and supports causes that make a real difference."

For attendees, the show offered more than just shiny vehicles and tasty food; it was a chance to witness the enduring spirit of a town that values community, charity, and tradition. Between the roar of engines and the laughter of families, the Fourth Annual Monson Car Show once again proved that Monson knows how to put on a show that's about more than cars; it's about people coming together for a shared purpose.



Cookies by Ray, a local Monson business, was among food vendors.



Inside the Monson Polish Club, a raffle table gave attendees a chance to win prizes.



Charlie and Sally Hollister's 1991 Chevrolet Camaro Z28 Convertible.



Taco Teasers, served up food for hungry visitors.



Live music added energy to the event, keeping the atmosphere upbeat.

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All photos will be returned.

Please submit your photo no later than Monday, October 13, 2025.

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ny specializing in interactive crime-solving games.

The event marked the library's second annual murder mystery party. "We did one last year, and everyone had such a great time that we knew we wanted to do it again," Thomas explained. While last year's story differed, this year's participants faced a completely new challenge, keeping even the host in suspense. "I actually don't know the solution myself. I'll be finding out a long with the

The locked box that players needed to solve in order to progress.



kids," Thomas said, emphasizing the collaborative and exploratory nature of the game.

The event attracted nine registered participants, and to set the mood, organizers played soothing music in the background, adding a touch of sophistication to the mystery-solving atmosphere. Participants were encouraged to approach the scenario as private investigators, tasked with uncovering the identity of Nicky's killer.

The game box contained all materials necessary to unravel the case, including a



A fake newspaper clipping provided some critical background information.

game manual, dossiers on seven suspects, newspaper clippings, auction house reports and blueprints, a locked box of items, and detailed instructions on accessing additional online evidence. Players were guided to investigate the murder by analyzing motive, means, and opportunity, and could submit their final suspect via a digital messaging system for immediate feedback.

The mystery itself, crafted by writers Eleanor Haney, Derrick Smith, and Bonnie Burton, centered on a high-stakes crime at an auction

house. According to the game materials, Nicky, a skilled thief, was found dead following a botched heist. Participants examined autopsy reports, crime scene details, and suspect dossiers to determine who among the crew was responsible. Each clue required careful consideration, from the method of murder to the timeline and location of the crime.

Vincent Wagner, a character in the story, provided players with a personal account of the events leading up to Nicky's death. Vincent, Nicky's brother, detailed the circumstances of the heist, his family background, and the importance of solving the case without involving law enforcement. Players were tasked with piecing together complex evidence, such as toolkits, empty casings, and surveillance findings, to identify the perpetrator.

The interactive nature of the game allowed participants to think critically, communicate effectively, and collaborate with teammates,



Sarah Thomas read the prompt to the group and guided participants through the story.



Each person reviewed case papers, searching for hidden clues.

Turley photos by Abigail McCoy

offering both entertainment and a problem-solving challenge. "It's about helping the kids think through the investigation while having fun," Thomas said.

The Monson Free Library's murder mystery party highlighted the community's appetite for unique, hands-on educational experiences. With

plans to continue the event annually, the library hopes to attract more participants and expand its offerings for young detectives-in-training.

Thomas congratulated the young detectives saying, "The kids solved the mystery with about 10 minutes to spare! We ended up as a team needing a hint, but once we

got it, we were able to piece the rest of the clues together." As the afternoon wrapped up, the budding investigators were left with the satisfaction of having explored every clue, weighed every suspect, and engaged in an experience that combined critical thinking, teamwork, and a touch of theatrical suspense.

# Dakin Humane Society receives grant for license plate program

SPRINGFIELD – Dakin Humane Society is happy to announce that they are a recipient of a 2025 grant in the amount of \$14,500 from the Massachusetts "I'm Animal Friendly" license plate program.

The grant will support low-cost spay/neuter services offered at Dakin's Community Spay/Neuter Clinic, one of the largest in New England, which has conducted more than 134,000 surgeries since its 2009 opening.

Jinx, a 2-year-old tabby who lives in Holyoke, recently benefited from the MAC grant. His person Alisha turned to Dakin for help with his neuter surgery at the recommendation of her friends.

"My son first brought

Jinx to us from Illinois, and now we're all very attached to him," she stated. "Jinx is doing great, and he's still a bit feisty, as always. We really appreciate the support we got in helping our boy."

"We're incredibly grateful for our long-standing partnership with the Massachusetts Animal Coalition," said Meg Talbert, executive director at Dakin. "Thanks to their continued generosity, pets like Jinx are able to receive high-quality care at our Community Spay/Neuter Clinic. It means they can return home to their families healthier and happier, without the risk of unplanned litters or preventable health issues. The 'I'm Animal Friendly' license plate program doesn't just

support our mission to deliver effective, innovative services that improve the lives of animals in need and the people who care about them - it truly saves lives."

The "I'm Animal Friendly" license plates are a program of the Massachusetts Animal Coalition. Funds are granted annually to organiza-

tions that demonstrate a need for funding and provide low-cost spay/neuter services. Through this year MAC has awarded almost \$3,300,000 to many deserving organizations.

About MAC and "I'm Animal Friendly" program

The Massachusetts Animal Coalition is a statewide,

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# Obituary

## Richard John Coville

BELCHERTOWN – Richard “Rick” Coville of Belchertown passed away peacefully with his loving family by his side on August 10, 2025. Rick was the youngest of three and grew up in Palmer, with his two sisters. As a youth, he played football for the Palmer Cowboys. He graduated from Palmer High School in 1993, where he played football and hockey and then went on to work as an apprentice plumber. Rick continued to excel at his craft as a plumber and was also skilled in all HVAC capacities. Rick was very hardworking and always willing to take on any job with great knowledge and dedication. He loved working for his current employer, DF Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors in Belchertown, MA, where he has many friends. His strong work ethic and unwavering humor will be greatly missed by his team.

Rick was predeceased by his grandparents, Mary and Richard Coville, Sr; Elaine and Donald Brunelle; his father, Richard Coville, Jr; and step-father, Robert Hafner. Rick is survived by his two children, Alexis Eve Coville and Ayden Joseph Coville; his mother, Melodie Hafner of Belchertown; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Jennifer and Kevin Lynch of Wilbraham; Kimberly and Kyle Cote of Warren; his stepbrother, Gregory Haf-



ner of Las Vegas, NV; his nephew, Matthew Dreisch; his nieces, Mackenzie Fagan and Molly Lynch; and many aunts, uncles and cousins, locally and in California.

Rick is loved by many for his humor, his quick-witted nature, and his personable demeanor. He made every occasion more fun. Rick was also very generous with a heart of gold and would help anyone in need.

Rick was a devoted Red Sox baseball fan his whole life. He also loved football and was a fan of the Green Bay Packers. His favorite pastime was playing golf. He always loved spending his leisure time on the golf course. He was an amateur chef at home with a natural talent for cooking. For many summers, Rick and his sisters took their children on an annual beach trip, and he would be up early each morning to cook breakfast for everyone. He loved his family and took pride in caring for his children.

Rick will always be remembered for making people laugh and for making life so much more enjoyable. He is loved for so many reasons and is greatly missed by his family with profound sadness. The family is keeping final plans private.

There will be a “Celebration of Life” event to honor Rick’s memory in October. Further information to follow.

## Pierre L. Poirier, 74

Pierre L. Poirier, 74, passed away peacefully at his home on August 18, 2025, after a courageous battle with cancer. Born in Moncton, NB, Canada, Pierre was



the third eldest child to Rene and Andrea (Melanson) Poirier. During his working career, he was employed at the former Stanadyne for over 20 years as a quality engineer and eventually retired from Deringer Ney. In his leisure time, Pierre enjoyed gardening, cooking, and local travel. He loved to entertain family and friends and was most famous for his “Bug Bashes” (lobster parties). He will be dearly missed by his wife of 55 years, Donna M. (Charron) Poirier along with his beloved siblings, Robert (Cindy) Poirier of Westfield, Louis (Jane) Poirier of Feeding Hills, John (Jennifer) Poirier of Hoboken, GA, Suzanne (Dale) Hancock of Lud-

low, and Annette (James) Bishop of Enfield, CT along with sister-in-law, Carol Poirier of Frederick, MD, brother-in-laws, Earl Wheeler of Agawam, Randy Hawk of

Belchertown and many nephews and nieces. Pierre was predeceased by his parents, and siblings, P. Michael Poirier, and Francine Hawk. A special thank you to the team at Sister Caritas Cancer Center, especially Jessica and Rachel, as well as Dana Farber and Baystate Hospice.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, August 23 from 9-11 a.m. at the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home with a service beginning at 11 a.m. Burial will follow in St. Anne’s Cemetery. Donations in Pierre’s memory may be made to the Gift of Light Program-Patient Services Fund at Sister Caritas Cancer Center, 271 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104.

## James D. Royce

MONSON – James D. Royce, born on April 12, 1942, in Monson, Massachusetts, to Mayne D. Royce and Esther (Butterworth) Royce, passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 17, 2025, surrounded by loved ones. He spent his early years in Monson and graduated from Monson High School in 1960. Shortly after, he proudly served in the United States Air Force from 1960 to 1964.



In 1965, while working at Al’s Exxon, James met the love of his life, Barbara Coolong. They were married in 1970 and built a life filled with love, laughter, and family.

James is survived by his two children: Amy (Royce) Chasse and her husband Carl, along with their daughter Renee; and James Royce and his wife Kate, with their daughter Julia. He also leaves behind his cherished grand-dog, Sammy. James is also survived by his brothers David Royce, and Rodney Royce, as well as David’s children, Matt and Meaghan, and nephews Nick and Joel Royce.

He was predeceased by his parents, his brother Michael Royce, sisters-in-law Margaret and Carol Royce, his Aunt Helen Bettinger, Uncle Harold Bettinger, Cousin Everett Bettinger, and his brother-in-law Ray Blanchette, his golfing partner.

Known affectionately as “Jimmy,” he found joy in the simple pleasures of life-camping in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, solving jigsaw and word puzzles, spending time in Eastport, Maine, dining out, playing bingo with Barbara, golf - both playing and watching it on TV, reading books (sometimes two at a time), the New York Yankees, hiking and biking in the White Mountains, and especially anything related to trains. He loved

building train layouts, watching train shows, following trains on the road, and traveling by rail. Jim loved to travel; he and Barbara traveled to Canada, the Caribbean, out west to South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Montana, and Idaho, spring training in Florida to see the New York Yankees, and the most recent trip to Fort Madison, Iowa to watch trains. His musical tastes ranged from country to classical, often falling asleep to soothing melodies.

James dedicated over three decades of service to Zero Manufacturing, where he worked from 1965 until his retirement in 2001.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Littleton Regional Healthcare and Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center for their compassionate care during James’s final hours. Their kindness and support meant the world to both James and his family.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Lombard Funeral Home, 3 Bridge St., Monson. Visiting hours will be held Thursday, August 21, 2025 from 5-7 p.m. Gathering of family and friends will begin at 9:30 a.m. Friday, August 22, 2025 at Lombard Funeral Home with a funeral procession for a Funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. in St. Patrick’s Church. Burial with Military Honors will follow at Bethany Cemetery both in Monson. In lieu of flowers memorial donations in Jim’s name may be made to St. Jude Children’s Hospital, PO Box 1000, Dept 142, Memphis TN 38101-9908 or to Shriners Hospital for Children 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104.

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### DEATH NOTICES

**Coville, Richard John**  
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**Poirier, Pierre L.,**  
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Services August 23, 2025  
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**Royce, James D.**  
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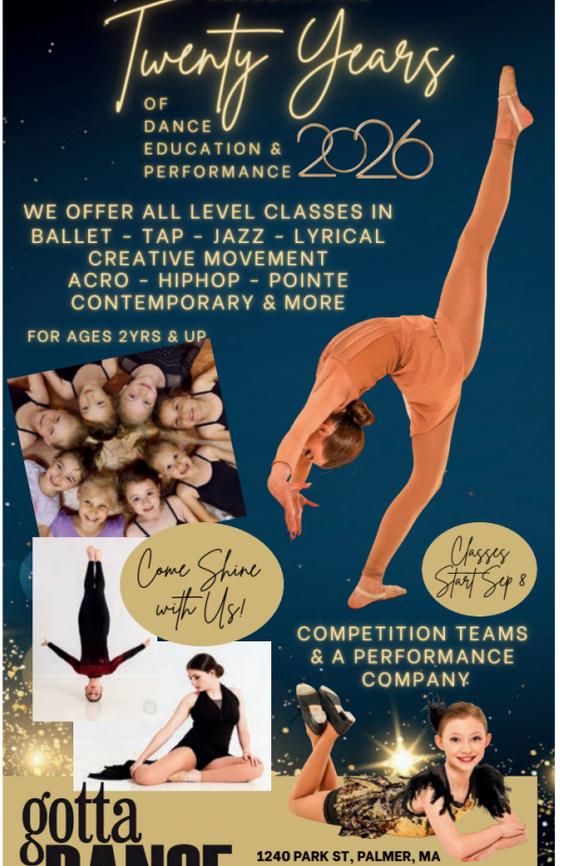
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the town website, Facebook, and through shared posts, ensuring residents had multiple ways to stay informed.

**Appointments and Committee Updates**

A significant portion of the meeting focused on appointments across various town committees. Election workers and tellers were approved through August 15, 2026, though appointments for Nicole Morrell and Tammy Goulet-Warren required separate votes due to potential conflicts of interest. Both appointments were approved following recusals by related board members.

Other committee appointments were equally extensive:

- Memorial Hall Renovation Committee: Mary Watson and Robert Lamb (terms ending 2027-2028).
- Tax Assistance Committee: Sherry Robertson and Christopher Haley.
- Keep Homestead Museum Board: Deborah Harris and Maria Hatton.
- Flint Park/Keep Museum Trail Committee: Valerie Bogart Baldwin, Nathan Dykes, Jesse Green, Marianne Meacham, Tim Pascal.
- Monson Historical Committee: Robert Lamb.
- Scholarship Committee: Amanda Hall.

These appointments reflect ongoing efforts to maintain strong civic participation and ensure that key community projects, from historical preservation to public service initiatives, continue uninterrupted.

**Superintendent Paul Foster Introduces Vision for Monson Schools**

Newly appointed Superintendent of Schools Paul Foster, who has been in his

role for roughly seven weeks, took the opportunity to introduce himself to the board and outline his vision for Monson Public Schools. Foster has been actively meeting with department heads, town leaders, and community members, emphasizing long-term financial planning and the goal of making school environments where students are motivated and excited to learn. He praised the dedication of educators who have spent entire careers serving the town. "My deep passion is I want kids to love school and be excited to come back the next day," Foster said. Board members welcomed him warmly, noting they look forward to receiving regular updates on school programs, student achievement, and budgeting matters.

**Town receives donations**

Two notable requests for community funding were presented under the "Gifts to the Town" agenda item.

Monson Community Cupboard: Karen Davis requested \$4,000 to support start-up costs for a new food pantry designed to operate like a store, allowing residents to choose items with dignity rather than relying on traditional donation methods. Located in a house undergoing final preparations, the pantry has been a volunteer-driven effort. The board approved the funding unanimously. Davis said, "It will be a welcoming place where people shop with dignity." The initiative represents a meaningful approach to addressing food insecurity while maintaining respect and agency for residents in need.

Public Safety Day: Lt. Nicholas Gasparini requested \$4,000 to fund the annual Public Safety Day, scheduled for October 4, 2025. The free community event,

featuring police, fire, and Massachusetts State Police air wing participation, includes interactive activities such as obstacle courses and inflatable attractions. Gasparini emphasized fiscal responsibility, noting, "It's free to the public, and everything we don't use goes back to the town." The board approved the request unanimously, reinforcing its commitment to fostering safe, educational, and engaging experiences for residents.

**Police Chief Appointment: A New Chapter for Monson Law Enforcement**

With Chief Kozlowski retiring this fall, the board interviewed Lt. Nicholas Gasparini for the role of Police Chief. Gasparini shared his vision for maintaining strong community relations, balancing budget constraints with department needs, and ensuring effective delegation. His appointment received widespread support from the police union, fire department, and other town officials, including an endorsement from Chief Kozlowski. The board voted unanimously to appoint Gasparini as Chief, contingent on contract negotiations. Gasparini stated, "Success for me would be a thriving, fully staffed department that earns the community's trust." Residents can expect continuity in leadership and ongoing community policing initiatives under his guidance.

Bunion Road Bridge Project: Persistent Challenges

Highway Surveyor Ben Murphy and Conservation/Land Use Agent Tony Liana provided an update on the Bunion Road Bridge, which faces structural and flooding challenges with a current weight limit of 15 tons. Several potential solutions, including: culvert re-

placement, rerouting, and flood storage creation; were dismissed due to cost, land ownership, and engineering constraints. Murphy reassured residents, "We're not giving up... there's going to be an answer at some point." The board plans to meet with MVP representatives to discuss smaller-scale flood mitigation measures, reflecting ongoing dedication to solving long-term infrastructure issues.

**Opioid Abatement Settlement Funds: Supporting Residents**

Town Administrator and Health Department staff introduced a new mini-grant program funded by state opioid lawsuit settlements. Approximately \$177,000 is available to support qualifying projects, including prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and education initiatives. The program also offers funeral expense reimbursement to families affected by opioid-related deaths, retroactive to October 2022. Town Administrator Jennifer Wolowicz noted, "This is a way to provide support at one of the hardest moments a family can face."

**Special Town Meeting Scheduled**

A Special Town Meeting was scheduled for October 27, 2025, and the warrant officially opened, signaling upcoming opportunities for residents to engage directly in town governance.

**Correspondence and Community Engagement**

The board reviewed a variety of correspondence, including a liquor license request for an August 22 library event, DEP permits, and letters regarding the May 12 Town Meeting outcomes, including the expansion vote for the Select Board.

**Monson Police Logs**

*Fire log for the Monson Fire Department for the week of Aug. 4 to Aug. 17, 2025. The department responded to 48 EMS calls and 10 Fire calls.*

**Monday, August 4**  
5:28 p.m. - The department responded to 211 Butler Road for the alarms sounding. The department returned to service at 6:12 p.m.

**Tuesday, August 5**  
10:54 a.m. - The department responded to 4 Circle Drive for the public assist. The department returned to service at 11:06 a.m.

**Saturday, August 9**  
7:13 p.m. - The department responded to the area of Bunyan Road for the smoke investigation. The department returned to service at 7:42 p.m.

**Sunday August 10**  
9:34 a.m. - The department responded to 15 Bethany Road for the illegal burn. The department returned to service at 9:46 a.m.  
2:44 p.m. - The department responded to the intersection of Main Street and

Chestnut Street for the two-car motor vehicle crash. The department returned to service at 2:55 p.m.

**Tuesday, August 12**  
6:04 p.m. - The Department responded to Wilbraham Road for the commercial fire alarm. The Department returned back in service at 6:14 p.m.

**Wednesday, August 13**  
9 a.m. - The Department responded to Longview Drive for alarms sounding. The Department returned back in service at 9:16 a.m.

**Thursday, August 14**  
12:43 p.m. - The Department responded to Woodridge Road for alarms sounding. The Department returned back in service at 1:10 p.m.

2:47 p.m. - The Department responded to Palmer Road for an MVA with wires down. The Department returned back in service at 3:12 p.m.

4:16 p.m. - The Department responded to Bumstead Road for odor investigation. The Department returned back in service at 4:54 p.m.

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The Wilbraham Housing Authority seeks highly qualified applicants for the position of Executive Director. Responsibilities include the administration of 69 Chapter 667 Elderly housing units and 9 Chapter 705 Family housing units. The Executive Director reports to a five-member Board of Commissioners. Work schedule shall be a minimum of 22 hours per week during normal business hours, flexible as needed. The estimated salary range \$46,177.00 To \$54,326.00 is based on the Executive Office of Housing & Livable Communities' Executive Director Salary Schedule. The ideal candidate must have two years' experience in a housing, community development, public administration or a closely related field. Knowledge of the principles and practices of housing management, finances and maintenance systems in public or private housing. Excellent written and verbal communication skills required. Willingness to work with people of various socio-economic backgrounds. Must be bondable. Certification as a Public Housing Manager from an approved organization desired, and may be substituted as a property manager or similar classification by a nationally recognized housing or real estate organization such as an EOHLC-approved Massachusetts Public Housing Administrator Certification Program or HUD. Two-year full time post-secondary education in a related field may substitute for up to one year of experience. Applications will be accepted until 12pm, August 29, 2025. Please submit cover letter, resume and contact information for 3 references to: **Mr. Peter Manolakis, Chairman Executive Director Search Committee, Wilbraham Housing Authority, 88 Stony Hill Road, Wilbraham, MA 01095. Contact: Peter Manolakis (413) 519-8195**  
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## HELP WANTED

**The Town of Huntington** is seeking a **part-time Town Hall Floater/Select-board Administrative Assistant/Assistant Town Clerk.** \$20-\$22 per hour based on experience. 15 hours per week. Application and complete job description are available online at [www.huntingtonma.us](http://www.huntingtonma.us) or by emailing [admin@huntingtonma.us](mailto:admin@huntingtonma.us). Position is open until filled.  
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# Public notices

**Wales**

**Conservation Commission**

In accordance with the Wetland Protection Act, Chapter 131, Section 40, a Public Hearing will be held by the Wales Conservation Commission on **August 28th, 2025**, at the Wales Senior Center (Old Stafford Rd. Wales, MA) at 6:00 PM, for a Request of Determination Applicability filed by Robert & Linda Tofolowsky for the property located at 18 Cordially Colony, Wales, MA 0108, installation of a 14x30 shed. For more information regarding this application contact conservation@townofwales.net and visit our website for any updates. 08/21/2025

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

The Bondsville Fire and Water District is requesting Bids for the construction of the State Street Bondsville Water Storage Tank, Contract No. 07740.01.

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the office of the Bondsville Fire and Water District, 3174 Main Street, P.O. Box 179, Bondsville, MA 01009 until **Friday, September 19 2025 at 1:00 PM** local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project consists of constructing and installing a 600,000-gallon capacity precast, prestressed, wire wound, concrete water storage tank off Jim Ash Road in Palmer, Massachusetts, with associated piping and appurtenances, a Tideflex mixing system, site clearing, paved access road, and other site work.

Owner anticipates that the Project's total bid price will be approximately \$3,000,000.00. The Project has an expected duration of 415 days.

Neither the Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office of Tata & Howard, Inc. located at 201 Boston Post Road West, Marlborough, MA 01752

Prospective bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM. Bidding Documents may also be examined at the Bondsville Fire and Water District office located at 3174 Main Street, Bondsville, MA 01009.

Bidding Documents may be obtained electronically from Tata & Howard, Inc. by contacting Donatien Djero, at ddjero@tataandhoward.com. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Failure to acknowledge addenda issued during bidding shall designate a bid as non-responsive.

A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on Thursday, September 4, 2025, at 1:00 PM at the Bondsville Fire and Water District, located at 3174 Main Street, Bondsville, MA 01009. A site visit will be conducted immediately following the pre-bid conference. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is strongly encouraged but not mandatory.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This project is subject to the Build of America, Buy America Act (BABAA) requirements under Title IX of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Pub. L. 117-58, §§ 70901-70953.

Absent an approved waiver, all iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in this project must be produced in the United States.

**BONDSDVILLE FIRE AND WATER DISTRICT**  
08/21/2025

**NOTICE OF TIER CLASSIFICATION Diesel Truck Spill**

**1-90 Eastbound, MM 66.7 Palmer, Massachusetts 01069 Release Tracking Number 1-50663**

A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000. To evaluate the release, a Phase I Initial Site Investigation was performed pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0480. The Site has been classified as Tier I pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0500. On August 18, 2025, Grocery Haulers, Inc. filed a Tier I Classification Submittal with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). To obtain more information on this disposal site, please contact William J. Fabbri, President / Principal Hydrogeologist and Licensed Site Professional, WJF GeoConsultants, Inc., 2789 Boston Road, Wilbraham, Massachusetts at (413) 233-4220. The Tier Classification Submittal and the disposal site file can be viewed at MassDEP website using Release Tracking Number (RTN) 1-50663 at: <https://eeasonline.eea.state.ma.us/portal#!/search/wastesite> or at Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup, 436 Dwight Street, Springfield, Massachusetts 01103, 413-784-1100. Additional public involvement opportunities are available under 310 CMR 40.1403(9) and 310 CMR 40.1404. 08/21/2025

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS Probate and Family Court Department HAMPDEN, Division**

**Docket No. HD25P0544PM**

To all persons interested in the estate of Stephanie Handzel, of Palmer in said County, a person under Conservatorship, single.

A petition has been presented to said Court for license to sell at private sale - certain real estate of said Stephanie Handzel, for her maintenance.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at 50 State Street, Springfield, MA, before 10:00 a.m. on the **8th** day of **September 2025**, the return day of this petition.

Witness, BARBARA M. HYLAND, Esquire, First Justice of said Court this fourteenth day of August 2025.

**Rosemary A. Saccomani,**  
Register  
08/21/2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758**

**Docket No. HD25P1704EA**

**Estate of: KAREN EDA HARTMAN Date of Death: 04/26/2025 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL**

**ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **HEATHER M HARTMAN of WALES, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **HEATHER M HARTMAN of WALES, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/19/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

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

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

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: August 18, 2025

**Rosemary A Saccomani,**  
Register of Probate  
08/21/2025

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT HAMPDEN, Div.**

**Probate & Family Court Dept. HD25E0025PP**

*To Diana M Landry, of Fiskdale, Worcester County, and to all other persons interested.*

A petition has been presented to said Court by John J. Budy, of Brimfield, Hampden County, representing that they hold as Joint Tenants with Right of Survivorship in an undivided part or share of land lying in Brimfield, in the County of Hampden, setting forth that they desire that all of said land may be sold at private sale or public auction for not less than Three Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand (\$395,000.00) Dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof after full adjudication of the equitable claims contained in said petition and supplemental memorandum filed

with the Court.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney, should file a written appearance in said Court at **Springfield** before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the **twenty-third day of September 2025**, the return day of this citation.

Witness, **BARBARA M. HYLAND**, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this 23rd day of July 2025.

**Rosemary A. Saccomani,**  
Register  
08/21, 08/29, 09/04/2025

**TOWN OF PALMER PUBLIC HEARING SEPTEMBER 3, 2025 2:00 PM**

**4417 MAIN ST. PALMER, MA 01069**

Notice is hereby given and public hearing to be held, as provided by law, IS HEREBY ORDERED:

That Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC. be and they are hereby granted joint or identical locations for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures to, as requested in petition of said companies as follows:

All construction under this order shall be in accordance with the following conditions:

Poles shall be of sound timber and reasonable straight and shall be set substantially at the points indicated upon the plan marked-Main St-Palmer (Bondsville)-Massachusetts.

Main St-National Grid to install 1 JO Pole on Main St. (Bondsville) beginning at a point approximately 50' feet southwest of the centerline of the intersection of Main St (Bondsville) and Depot St. Install new Pole 0-50 on Main St in Palmer (Bondsville).

Also, for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes. 08/21, 08/28/2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division Docket No. HD25P1571EA**

**Estate of: Robert Lyod Matthews Sr. Date of Death: 06/06/2025**

**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Robert L. Matthews Jr. of Palmer, MA.**

**Robert L. Matthews Jr. of Palmer, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or

restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 08/21/2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD25P1621GD**

**In the interests of Madison Marie McDonald of Monson, MA Minor**

**NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor**

**NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**

**1. Hearing Date/Time:**

A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **08/06/2025** by **Theresa Polaski** of Monson, MA will be held **09/09/2025 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing**. Located: **Hampden Probate & Family 50 State St. Springfield, MA 01102.**

**2. Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and

Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

**3. Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

**4. Counsel for Parents:** If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

**5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

Date: August 6, 2025

**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
08/21/2025

**Notice of Public Auction**

In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts enforcement of Warehousemen's Lien, MGL 106, 7-210

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the person herein after named and to all whom it may concern. The contents of leased units are subject to our lien for non-payment of rent and other charges. You are denied access to that unit and warehouse.

**You can redeem such goods on or before Friday Sept 19th 10AM.** The goods you have stored after this time will be sold at auction to the highest bidder. The sale will take place at: **140 Bethany Rd, Monson, MA 01057 phone number 617-515-9886 on Friday Sept 19, 2025.** The facility/auctioneer reserves the right to cancel a sale at any time for any reason.

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08/21, 08/28/2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD25P1622GD**

**In the interests of Scarlett Rose Poloski of Monson, MA Minor**

**NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor**

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