

# Pitkat gets new ride as he returns to Stafford

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT – Woody Pitkat announced today that he will return to competition in the Open Modified events at Stafford Motor Speedway during the 2024 season. Pitkat will drive the No. 8, a Chassis Pro machine, owned by Mike and Makayla Holmes.

Pitkat will run all of the Open Modified events, including the \$20,000 to win NAPA Spring Sizzler to open the season, April 27-28.

“Mike has been a friend over the years and driving for him in this new car is a great opportunity,” Pitkat said. “The team will remain very similar to our team with Dunleavy Racing, with Cam McDermott as the crew chief and many of our crew members. We’re looking forward to getting back to Stafford, a place I am lucky enough to call home. They have done a great job with their short-track racing program and we’re excited to chase wins in these major events.”

The team may also run additional events in New England if time allows. Pitkat announced last week he will return to Dunleavy Racing to compete for the full Monaco Modified Tri-Track Series schedule driving their No. 88.

Mike Holmes & Son Excavating includes services like septic installation, septic repairs, complete house lots, additions, yard expansions, drainage work, gravel driveways, trucking and more. They also have a 24-hour emergency service available.

“We’re beyond excited to finally be a car owner, especially with having a driver like Woody Pitkat behind the wheel,” Mike Holmes said. “Woody has become a great friend over the years and I’m blessed to have Cam and his wife, Lauren, who have become family to my wife Makayla and I, along with our entire crew. I can’t thank Todd Owen, the Chassis Pro team, and all of our sponsors and crew members enough. We’re looking forward to Stafford and some other races we will have scheduled to chase checkered flags and have a fun year.”

Pitkat is second on the all-time Stafford Motor Speedway wins list with 83 career victories, the most recent in 2023. He’s also a two-time Stafford Late Model champion and a former SK Modified champion at the Connecticut half-mile.

# Railers suffer loss to Lions

TROIS-RIVIÈRES, QC – The Worcester Railers HC (25-25-4-2, 56pts) lost to the Trois-Rivières Lions (23-26-3-3, 52pts) on Saturday afternoon by the final score of 3-1 in front of a crowd of 2,224 at the Colisée Videotron. The Railers head back home to play the Reading Royals for their second school-day game of the year on Wednesday, March 13th at 10:05am.

Trois-Rivières notched the game’s first two goals from Jakov Novak (1-0-1) and Justin Ducharme (1-0-1) to go up 2-0 entering the second. Nicolas Guay (1-0-1) extended the Lions lead to 3-0 with an early goal in the second. Trevor Cosgrove (1-0-1) scored the final goal of the game in the second on the power play as the Railers would go on to lose 3-1 to Trois-Rivières to wrap up the weekend.

Jakov Novak (21st) continued his hot play against the Railers with his 13th point against the team this year. Novak found the puck loose in front on a chaotic play in front of Ceci and proceeded to pat it past him to Put the Lions ahead 1-0. While short-handed, Cory Thomas airmailed a puck from his own corner into the neutral zone. Justin Ducharme (14th) skated past the Railers defense and scooped up the puck en route to scoring blocker side on a breakaway past Ceci to make it 2-0 Trois-Rivières going into the second.

Trois-Rivières picked up in the second where they left off in the first with a goal just 3:57 into the frame. Nicolas Guay (6th) entered the Railers zone on a three-on-one rush with Tyler Hylland and John Parker-Jones. As the puck bounced around the attacking zone, Guay placed a perfect shot bar-down past Ceci for his second goal in two games to make it 3-0 Lions. Worcester went to the power play for the second time off a trip from Nicolas Lariviere. Trevor Cosgrove (7th) hammered a one-timer off a pass from Keeghan Howdeshell and made it 3-1 Railers on the man-advantage. The Lions continued to pressure in the second, but Cole Ceci was strong the rest of the period as Worcester was outshot 13-7 in the second.

Worcester woke up in the third, outshooting the Lions 18-2 in the frame. Worcester tested Strauss Mann heavily in the period, but the Greenwich, CT native was strong in net as he turned all 18 shots aside. He secured the third star of the game for the Lions, along with the win for Trois-Rivieres.

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qualify for the state tournament. The top six finishers in each weight class automatically qualify for states.”

The Division 2 state tournament was held at Algonquin Regional in Northborough the following weekend.

At the end of the first day of the Division 2 state tournament, the Falcons were sitting in seventh place.

Pfaff figured the chances of his team winning the state title was very slim at that point.

“I was just trying to get as many wrestlers as I could to advance to the next day,” he said. “We wound up having seven wrestlers advance.”

While most of the other wrestling teams spent the night at a hotel in the Northborough area, all the Minnechaug wrestlers headed home after the first day of competition.

“Going home gave us an opportunity to regroup,” Pfaff said. “All seven of our wrestlers won their first match of day two and we were able to move up to second place.”

After sophomore Kai Ly won the individual state title in the 126 weight class, the Falcons were trail-

ing first place Milford by four and a half points.

“I felt very good after winning the individual state title,” Ly said. “This was a very special season for us.”

Senior Sam Dean entered the finals of the 190 weight class needing at least a major decision (5 points) for the Falcons to capture the state title for the first time.

“I took Sam to the back of the gym to get him warmed up and into the right mindset,” Pfaff said. “We didn’t tell him how many points that we needed to win the state title. I just wanted him to focus on his match. I didn’t want to put any extra pressure on him.”

Dean, who joined the wrestling team as a sophomore, managed to pin his opponent 1:12 into the first period, which sealed the Falcons first state championship title.

“I didn’t realize my match would seal the deal for us,” said Dean, who’s planning to play football at Franklin Pierce next fall. “It just felt awesome when the coaches told me that we had won the state title.”

The other Falcons wrestlers, who competed on day two in the Divi-

sion 2 state tournament, are junior Ezekial Vargas (106 weight class), junior Hunter Gormally (157), sophomore Zayde Faccetti (165), junior Matthew MacPhil (175), and junior Johnny Bermudez (285).

“All of the kids worked very hard, and our depth was a key factor in winning the state title,” Pfaff said. “It’s something that they’ll cherish forever. Everyone was thrilled.”

The only other senior listed on the Minnechaug wrestling roster is Owen Goldberg.

The Falcons wrestling team, who had finished in second place at the state tournament during the past two years, had seven wrestlers compete at the All-State championships at Salem High School.

“To have seven kids qualify for All-States was incredible,” Pfaff said. “We competed against wrestlers from Division 1,2, and 3 in that tournament.”

Dean finished in fifth place and Ly finished fourth in his weight class, which qualified them for the New England Championships.

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it’s entwined with foreign policy.

Immigrants and refugees often are fleeing dire conditions in their home countries. We need to work with those regions to address the issue.

I learned early in my time in Congress that foreign policy wasn’t something most constituents were eager to discuss. I rarely spoke about foreign policy on visits to the district, where people were more likely to want to know about a local dam project or government actions that directly affected them.

Interestingly, I was most likely to get questions about foreign policy when I spoke at high schools. High school students were well prepared for my visits, and they would zero in on foreign policy issues.

With current issues, most Amer-

icans were outraged by Russia’s invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 and inspired by Ukraine’s brave resistance. But, as the war dragged on, it receded from the headlines, and interest in the U.S. has flagged.

Recently, center stage has gone to Hamas’ attack on Israel, which killed 1,200 people, and Israel’s response, which has reportedly killed 25,000 people in Gaza. The Middle East is almost in a category by itself for public attention.

Many Americans feel strongly about Israel’s importance in U.S. foreign policy. Conflicts in the Middle East, and relations between Israel and its neighbors, get more coverage in U.S. news media than news from Asia, Africa or even from Europe.

Wars and conflicts draw news coverage, but other foreign policy issues also matter a lot. Our relationship with China is the most im-

portant bilateral relationship in the world, and problems there can have a global impact.

Climate change is an existential issue that transcends national borders. Trade, terrorism, cybersecurity and global migration require multinational cooperation.

Foreign policy issues may not rise to the top of the public’s concerns, but voters – and politicians – should pay attention to them in this election year.

Lee Hamilton is a Senior Advisor for the Indiana University Center on Representative Government; a Distinguished Scholar at the IU Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies; and a Professor of Practice at the IU O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

# PUBLIC NOTICES

**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. HD24C0064CA  
In the matter of:  
Robbin Joy Lauzon  
CITATION ON PETITION  
TO CHANGE NAME  
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Robbin Joy Lauzon of Wilbraham, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:  
Robbin Joy Vipond  
IMPORTANT NOTICE  
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 3/27/2024.****

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

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: February 27, 2024  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
03/14/2024

**Town of Hampden  
Notice of Public Hearing**  
The Hampden Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 6:30 PM** in the Town House, 625 Main Street, Hampden, MA on the application of Theresa Allen for a Special Permit under Section 6, Use 4.20, Business or Professional Offices or Banks, to operate Champs Fighting and Fitness,

a multi-purpose fitness studio within the Commercial District located at 106 East Longmeadow Road and owned by David J. Henry of 9 Commercial Drive, Hampden, MA. Information related to this application is on file in the Town Clerk’s Office and is available for review by the public during normal business hours.

For the Board,  
Madison Pixley, Chair  
Hampden Planning Board  
03/07, 03/14/2024

**WILBRAHAM  
BOARD OF APPEALS  
PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Wilbraham Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 6:00 PM** on the application of ASD Three Rivers MA Solar, LLC for a special permit (ZBA24-03) under section 10.4 of the

Wilbraham Zoning By-Law to allow removal of approximately 5,000 cubic yards of rock from the construction site on the property owned by ASL Three Rivers Land Holding, LLC located at 285 Three Rivers Road as further specified in the application on file in the Planning Office and posted for public viewing on the Zoning Board of Appeals page of the Town of Wilbraham website at [www.wilbraham-ma.gov/135/Zoning-Board-of-Appeals](http://www.wilbraham-ma.gov/135/Zoning-Board-of-Appeals).

Both in person and virtual participation are available. To participate virtually go to <https://meet.goto.com/902233709> or call 877-309-2073 (Access Code: 902-233-709).

Edward Kivari Jr.,  
Chairman  
03/07, 03/14/2024

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WILBRAHAM BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

The Wilbraham Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 5:30 PM on the application of Antigone Panidis for a special permit (ZBA24-01) under section 3.4.5.5 of the Wilbraham Zoning By-Law to allow the operation of a medical spa on a portion of the property owned by Executive Home Offices LLC, located at 380 Main Street as further specified in the application on file in the Planning Office and posted for public viewing on the Zoning Board of Appeals page of the Town of Wilbraham website at www.wilbraham-ma.gov/135/Zoning-Board-of-Appeals.

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Edward Kivari Jr., Chairman

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WILBRAHAM BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

The Wilbraham Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 5:45 PM on the application of Christopher Arillotta for a special permit (ZBA24-02) under sections 3.4.5.17 and 3.9.3.3 of the Wilbraham Zoning By-Law to allow an existing food service establishment (The Local Table n Tap) to add a 466± square foot addition to the existing outdoor

patio dining area on the property owned by Maxine N Dunitz Trustee located at 2039 Boston Road as further specified in the application on file in the Planning Office and posted for public viewing on the Zoning Board of Appeals page of the Town of Wilbraham website at www.wilbraham-ma.gov/135/Zoning-Board-of-Appeals.

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Edward Kivari Jr., Chairman

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TOWN OF HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, (MGL CH 131, S 40), it's implementing regulations (310 CMP 10.00) and the Town of Hampden's Wetlands Protection Bylaws, the Hampden Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 6 PM at the Town House, 625 Main Street, Hampden, for a Request for Determination of Applicability, (RDA), submitted by the BSC Group on behalf of Massachusetts Electric Company for the installation of two (2) utility poles with tree removal to permit installation of an overhead electrical utility line along 521-600 Glendale Rd. Additional information relating to this request is on file in the Conservation Commission

office and available for review by the public by contacting the Commission. Anyone interested in or wishing to be heard on the request may appear at the time and place designated.

On Behalf of the Conservation Commission, Judy McKinley-Brewer, Ted Zebert, co-chairs

03/14/2024

PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICATION FOR A NEW LIQUOR LICENSE

The Wilbraham Select Board will hold a public hearing under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 138, Section 15 on Monday, April 1, 2024 at 7:05 PM at the Town Office Building, 240 Springfield Street, Wilbraham, to hear public comment on an application for a new annual Section 15 Wines and Malt Beverages license submitted by The Guilty Grape, LLC dba The Guilty Grape, located at 6 Burt Lane, Suite 103, Wilbraham with Robert Ward Jr as the Manager of Record. Anyone wishing to comment on the application will be heard. This meeting will be conducted in person and virtually (see meeting agenda for details).

WILBRAHAM SELECT BOARD Local Licensing Authority 03/14/2024

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. HD24P0412EA Estate of: Michael Joseph O'Sullivan Date of Death: 12/24/2016 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Jason R O'Sullivan of Springfield, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Jason R O'Sullivan of Springfield, 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 03/29/2024.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the

return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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Date: March 01, 2024 Rosemary A Saccomani Register of Probate 03/14/2024

HAMPDEN WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL FY2025 BUDGET HEARING LEGAL NOTICE

The Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School Committee announces the public hearing on the proposed regional budget for FY2025 is scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2024, 6:30 p.m. at Minnechaug Regional High School IRC, 621 Main St., Wilbraham, MA and via Live Stream on YouTube: https://youtube.com/live/AIXC6RP1TqY?feature=

share For additional information visit: https://www.hwrds.org/03/14/2024

WILBRAHAM PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 5, the Wilbraham Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 5:45PM in the Town Office Building, 240 Springfield Street, to give interested parties the opportunity to comment on a proposed amendment to the Wilbraham Zoning By-Law to adopt regulations for Battery Energy Storage Systems and modify related regulations for Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Energy Systems by amending Sections 1.3, 3.4, and 10.7 and by adding a new Section 10.9. The complete text of the proposed amendments is available for review in the Town Clerk's Office and the Planning Office during normal business hours and posted for public viewing on the Planning Board page of the Town of Wilbraham website at www.wilbraham-ma.gov/123/Planning-Board. All persons interested or wishing to be heard on this matter are urged to attend the public hearing.

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John McCloskey, Chair 03/14, 03/21/2024

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