

Sports

Pioneers beat Ware, even record



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Adonis Dupre goes after the loose ball.



Abees Castillo-Clotter sends a pass away.

Comeback falls short for on opening night

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (0-1-0-0) battled valiantly, but could not overcome an early three-goal hole in a 4-3 loss to the Charlotte Checkers (1-0-0-0) before a sold-out Opening Night crowd of 6,793 inside the MassMutual Center on Saturday night.

The season began with a dose of adversity just 19 seconds into the opening period, as Hunter Skinner and starting goaltender Vadim Zherenko miscommunicated on control of a loose puck, and Charlotte newcomer Jack Studnicka pounced to poke the loose puck into the yawning net to give the Checkers a 1-0 advantage.

The defending Eastern Conference champions then flexed their power play muscles at the 9:04 mark, as Ben Steeves rifled a one-timer over Zherenko’s glove off a slick feed from Ryan McAllister, and the visitors’ lead grew to 2-0.

Before the T-Birds could stop the barrage, Charlotte



added still another when rookie defenseman Ludvig Jansson squeaked one through Zherenko on the short side at 11:28, and the deficit became 3-0.

Despite the tumultuous beginning, Springfield fought back, beginning with Otto Stenberg pursuing a loose puck after being denied on a first attempt on Charlotte goalie Cooper Black. The second-year Swede chopped the second chance past Black, cutting the lead to 3-1 at 14:37.

Just 1:33 later, former Checker Matt Luff continued the momentum shift, arriving at a loose puck at the blue paint after a Skinner shot ricocheted off a teammate in the crease. Luff played through to the whistle and jammed it under the fallen goaltender, and after so much

had gone wrong to begin the night, the T-Birds had clawed to a 3-2 score heading into the second.

Charlotte, however, got right back to their power play excellence to begin the second, with rookie Jack Devine wiring a one-timer over Zherenko’s shoulder at 2:11 of the second, restoring the insurance marker, 4-2.

After six goals in the game’s first 22 minutes, both goaltenders settled down through the duration of the middle stanza, and the 4-2 score carried into the final period.

The third period proved to be tough sledding for both teams to locate offense, but with Zherenko on the bench with 1:23 to play, Juraj Pekarcik unleashed a one-time slapper past Black, cutting the lead back down to one, 4-3. Theo Lindstein also picked up his first AHL point with the primary assist.

Despite the tough beginning of his night, Zherenko showed great resilience in making 32 saves for the night. Black earned the victory with 26 stops in the Charlotte goal crease.

The T-Birds take to the road for the first time in the 2025-26 season next Saturday and Sunday for a pair of contests against the Hershey Bears.

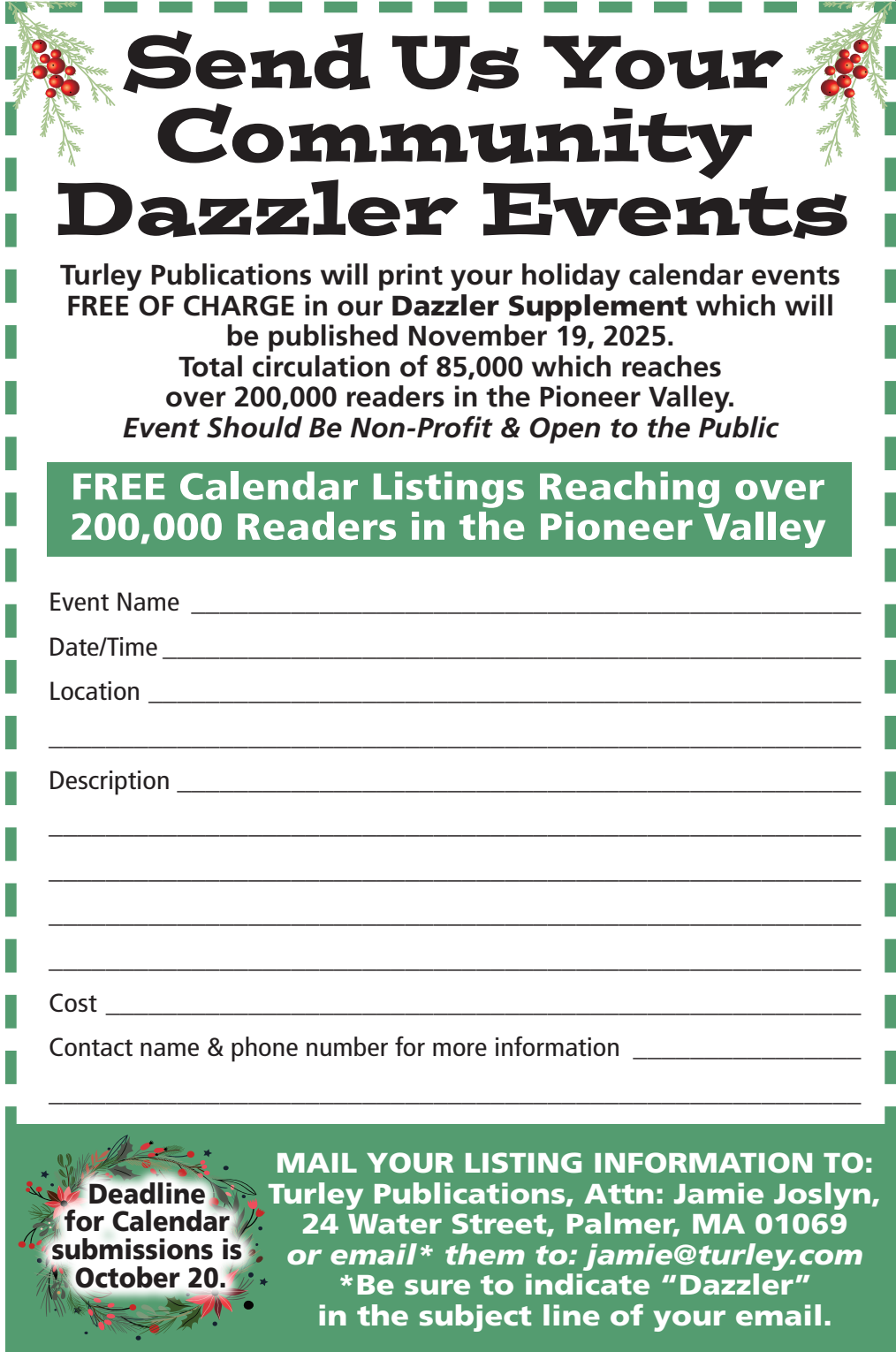


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Candlepin League News

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Bondsville League

WARE – It is week six of the Wednesday night Bondsville League at Roll-A-Way Lanes.

After six weeks of league candlepin bowling, Fire Mountain currently stands in first place with a record of 30-12. Fire Mountain also leads in their six-team division (East Division). Sandri leads in the West Division with a record of 24-18 and is in third place overall.

During week six, Flaming Bowling Balls bowled against Team UMass. In game one, Flaming Bowling Balls defeated Team UMass by a score of 470-450. Don Paulus of Flaming Bowling Balls broke the century mark with a 100 game.

In game two, Team UMass won by a score of 465-416. In game three, Team UMass won the last game by a score of 477-449. Team UMass won total pinfall with a final score of 1392-1335.

Night Hawks bowled against Cannonballs during week six. In game one, Cannonballs won a close game by beating Night Hawks, 482-479. Micah Hinkley of Cannonballs began the match with a 111 and Lee Robinson of Night Hawks began with a 112.

In game two, Cannonballs won again by a score of 480-429. Sally Czarnecki of Cannonballs had a good game with a 111 during her team’s win. In game three, Night Hawks won by a score of 477-436. Dave Smigiel of Night Hawks finished the match with a 113.

The Cannonballs won total pinfall by a final score of 1398-1385.

Slow Burners bowled against Fabulous Four in week six. In game one, Fabulous Four won by a score of 529-447. Paige Stabach of Fabulous Four bowled a 136 and her teammate Kristy Temple bowled a 119.

In game two, Slow Burners won by a score of 515-466. Scott Radisic of Slow Burners bowled a 128 and his teammate Jody

Orszulak bowled 118.

In game three, Fabulous Four won by just one point, 466-465. Shaun Midura of Fabulous Four finished the match with a 109. Stabach had a three-game series of 329. The final score was 1461-1427 in favor of Fabulous Four.

Spare Parts bowled against Zeke’s Freaks in week six. In game one, Zeke’s Freaks defeated Spare Parts by a score of 494-461. Steve Orszulak of Zeke’s Freaks began the match with a 111. Zeke Sicard began the match with a 106.

In game two, Spare Parts won by a score of 509-482. Steven Fennyery of Spare Parts bowled a 107. Orszulak followed up with a 103 and his teammate Pete Ducharme bowled a 124.

In game three, Zeke’s Freaks won the last game by a score of 483-465. The final score was 1459-1435 in favor of Zeke’s Freaks.

Public Notices

BARRE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provision M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 6, the Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Henry Woods Municipal Building, 40 West Street, Boards’ Office, 3rd Floor, requested by Norma and John McAndrew for a special permit for a noncommercial kennel for property located at 723 South Street, Assessors Map E, Lot 36 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 4464, Page 0373.

All interested parties who wish to comment on this matter should attend the hearing, or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Planning Board.

Floyd Kelley, Chairman
10/09, 10/16/2025

BARRE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
Notice of Public Hearing Pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 5

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 5 (The Zoning Act), that the Planning Board of the Town of Barre will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 7:45 p.m.** in the Henry Woods Municipal Building, 40 West Street, Boards’ Office, Floor 3.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear testimony and comment from interested persons relative to proposed amendments to the Zoning Bylaw for the Town of Barre, said amendments

having been submitted to the Board of Selectmen for inclusion as Articles on the Warrant for consideration and action at a future Town Meeting to be convened at a place and time to be determined by the Select Board. After the Public Hearing the Board will, as required by law, vote its recommendations on the proposed articles and report them to the Town Meeting.

The following proposed Article for the Town Meeting amends the existing Zoning Bylaw as to the regulation of Battery Energy Storage Systems. This is only a summary and may not be the same as the Article on the final Town Meeting Warrant and is inserted herein for convenience and discussion purposes only.

Summary of Proposed Zoning Article:
Article: 140-10.2

A copy of the full text of the proposed Article is on file with the Planning Board for review by interested parties during regular business hours or via e-mail barreboards@townofbarre.com. All persons who wish to comment on this matter should attend the hearing, or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Planning Board, 40 West Street – Suite 5, Barre, MA 01005 or via e-mail barreboards@townofbarre.com.

Floyd Kelley, Chairman
10/9, 10/16/2025

Town of Barre HEARING NOTICE Dog Hearing

In accordance with the provisions of MGL C. 140 s.157 and

Barre Bylaw C. 11 s. 13, a Public Hearing will be held by the Select Board on **Monday, November 3, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.** to determine if 2 dogs at 140 Valley Road, Barre, MA 01005 is a potentially dangerous or dangerous dogs. The meeting will be held at the Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA in the Select Board Meeting Room, first floor, at which time interested parties will have the opportunity to be heard. The meeting room is accessible; persons requiring special accommodations should contact the Select Board’s Office (978) 355-2504 x135 in advance.

For the Select Board
Sandra Hood
Executive Assistant
10/16, 10/23/2025

TOWN OF OAKHAM LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Oakham Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on **October 27, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Selectmen’s Meeting room at the Oakham Town Hall, 2 Coldbrook Road, Oakham, MA to discuss **Petition #31181193** from National Grid to relocate 1 JO Pole on Ware Corner Road.

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He also explained that when the town issues an abatement, currently, it is based off an average of the sewer user’s last three bills.

“It doesn’t go by usage, which is problematic when you do the abatement,” Petraitis said, adding that the town is looking into changing this policy.

The recent \$130 per user increase in the minimum charge further complicates the way an abatement is calculated.

“If we had allowed that abatement, we probably would have had to give every single user an abatement for that fee,” Petraitis said.

In regard to the denial of an abatement request for the St. Clair Avenue property, Petraitis said the homeowner had their sewer tie-in fee of approximately \$4,000-5,000 waived after it was discovered

that the house was not connected to the town’s system.

Petraitis said the issue came to light several winters ago, when a freeze caused the sewer to back up in the homeowner’s house. A scope of the lines showed that the house was not tied in to the sewer system, and further investigation through use of a dye test showed that the sewage was being emptied directly into a storm drain.

He said once the issue was detected, the homeowner was immediately tied in to the system by the Highway and Sewer departments.

“There was no great loss on this customer’s part to North Brookfield,” Petraitis said. “North Brookfield took care of him.”

Petraitis said the homeowner requested a large abatement for their sewer fees after it was found the house was not tied in, but he explained that the homeowner was still utilizing the town’s

infrastructure. This abatement request was recommended by the Sewer Commission but denied by the Board of Selectmen.

“Mass General Law has something that the town can adopt that says if the sewer goes by your house, whether you use it or not, you pay for it,” he explained. “North Brookfield adopted that way back in the day. So therefore, he’s still using our infrastructure and he’s still supposed to pay for it according to Mass General Law.”

In terms of changes being made in the Sewer Department, Petraitis said the board is looking to shift the sewer billing to quarterly invoices. He said this change would be of benefit to both the residents and town, making it easier for sewer users to stay current in their billing.

“We’re going to end up going to quarterly billing because it’s better,” he said.